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MASS TIMES: ALL AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday	5.30pm - Sunday Mass
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	10.30am
	11.45am - Baptisms
Tuesday	11.30am - Funeral - Patricia Gutterson
Wednesday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am-10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
Pastoral Assoc: Sr Jose Noy RSJ
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Principal: Noelene Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
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22 MAY 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Psalm Response: 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words, and my
Father will love them and we will come to
them.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:23-29

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Nancy ALLEN Val CARR Vicki
CASSAR Anna FINDEIS Frank HEENAN
Paul HOCKING John KIMPTON Bob
POWLES Chris REILLY Beverley & Brian
RIPPE Anne SAUNDERS Noel STONE Ma-
rie SULLIVAN Clive SUMNERS Matthew
WARBURTON Doris WILLIAMSON

Recently Deceased: Claudette ARM-
STRONG Patricia GUTTERSON Rubina
LAKEY

Anniversaries: Robert ANDERSON Lillian
ANDERSON Fr Thomas CONSIDINE Mar-
garet DOWLING Shawn TAYLOR

Parish Vision: Christlike relationships of friendship and faith, valuing
one another and sharing our gifts for the good of all

GOD'S HOME IS IN OUR HEARTS

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target.

This idea is far distant from Jesus' teaching in today's gospel where he says: "If anyone loves me and keeps my words, my Father and I will make our home with that person. "It is not in outer space, but in inner space that Divine love will make a home.

THE TIME OF ABSENCE

Our gospel today is part of the Last Supper discourse continuing from last Sunday's reading. Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure to his Passion and death: "I am going away and shall return. "He will return at his Resurrection. He will then depart again at his Ascension and return at the end of time.

During this time of absence, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to be the Advocate of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit performs a dual purpose—firstly, to carry on the teaching; and secondly, to continue to remind the believers of all that Jesus said and did on earth. The return of the Holy Spirit continues in the world today—inspiring and teaching those open to hearing and keeping alive the memory of Jesus, his teaching and his compassion.

GOD THE HOMEMAKER

The best homes are places where we relax because we are ourselves, we are known and we know the others with whom we live. Home is our earthly place where we don't get away with much and our vulnerability can be on display. Christian homes are particularly hospitable places where Christ dwells in them to the degree that dignity, love and forgiveness are present.

This is the world in which God enters our lives. God wants us to be relaxed and vulnerable in God's presence.

Believers who truly love Jesus have his assurance that he and the Father have made their 'home' within them - the most beautiful and intimate expression of divine indwelling in John's Gospel. The divine 'community' of the love of Father and Son makes itself 'at home' within the hearts of believers and the Christian community as a whole. Not only should believers come to be at home with God; God wants to be at home with them. What turns a house into a home is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. Jesus created a sacred meal for us - heavenly bread and spiritual drink. "Take, eat, this is My Body" - we take into ourselves in Holy Communion the Real Presence of the Risen Lord. Our Lord makes his home with us.

THE GIFT OF AN ADVOCATE

To compensate for the loss of Jesus' ministry on earth of teaching and encouraging, the believers will have the presence of the Holy Spirit as an Advocate. A legal advocate is a powerful, respected friend who stands by you in times of trouble - like a legal attorney in court. The Holy Spirit will remind us of Jesus' teaching and also adapt this teaching to new situations and circumstances with their challenges and risks.

The Spirit is God on our side, our advocate, as we face the trials and troubles of our times - with Covid 19, outbreaks of the flu, war in Ukraine, rising costs of living, etc. Jesus leaves us peace. This is more than a wish, it is a blessing that includes all the benefits of the Resurrection.

PTO

Our Prayerful Sympathy

We offer to the family of Patricia Gutterson who entered eternal life aged 81 years this month. Born in Castlemaine, Patricia had three sons, Craig, Brad and Cameron. After living in Sacred Heart Parish, Preston, Patricia moved to our parish in 2000 to be near her son. Her Funeral will be held on Tuesday at 11.30am concluding at Castlemaine Cemetery.

Closure of Gap Road Rail Crossing

To adapt to the closure from 30 May, we shall celebrate weekday Masses at 9.30am to cope with the increased traffic in Macedon Street and Riddell Road.

World Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Christians from the Sunbury Churches are invited to a Prayer Service at the Sunbury Baptist Church, 207 Gap Road on **Thursday 26 May** at 7.30pm.

Parish Child Safeguarding Committee

Will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday 24 May** at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Laudato Si—"Praise be to You" Week

The encyclical of Pope Francis in 2015 on how we might take better care of our common home going into the future. Pope Francis is building on the teaching of other Popes. Pope Paul VI in 1971 wrote that the unchecked exploitation of nature will risk destroying it. In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI wrote that creation is a gift to be used, but it must be used wisely and with an eye to future generations.

Pope Francis wrote the Church does not presume to settle scientific questions. He discusses the pollution of air and oceans; the scarcity of fresh drinking water in poorer countries, consumerism, global inequality, etc.

175th Anniversary of the Melbourne Diocese

In 1847, the Diocese of Melbourne was established with Bishop James Goold as the founding bishop aged 35 years.

Bishop Goold served as a bishop for 39 years in Melbourne building many churches and schools with the great architect William Wardell who was the architect of our church from 1864 to its completion in 1874.

.... Kevin McIntosh

RCIA

Saturday evening, **June 4 at 5.30pm** Mass we will proudly again present the two young ladies who have elected to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and our community. We will celebrate a baptism and the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. All are welcome to join with them at a cuppa after Mass.

We congratulate and pray for Amy and Zeddy as they continue their preparation for the Sacraments.

OSPREY

Children and their families who attend our Sunbury Government schools, who wish to receive their First Eucharist are invited to phone the parish office (97441060) or email (sunbury@cam.org.au)

A registration meeting is planned for **Tuesday May 31 at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre**

ACN Appeal

"Aid to the Church in Need" (an international Pontifical Appeal) has launched an emergency appeal to support the Catholic Church in the Ukraine. This appeal will aid the work of the priests and religious who support the financial and spiritual needs of the people of Ukraine by working across the parishes, orphanages, homes for the elderly and refugees. The appeal will be held **June 4 & 5**.

Thank you for your support.

Second Collection – Sharing our Gifts. "Your support enables us to provide liturgies and pastoral support to **15,000** people across our Catholic Parish. Thank you."

Congratulations

To Fr Kevin who celebrates his 52 years of his ordination on Monday 23 May. We thank him for his generous spirit and caring support of our community.

Years 1&2 Mass

The children and their families have attended a Family Faith Night recently. They have been invited to a Family Mass on **Sunday May 29 at 10.30am**. We welcome our younger parishioners and look forward to celebrating Mass with them.

Sunbury Winter Shelter

Will be operating in a different format. We will be offering a hot meal every night of the week from a marquee that will be set up near the fountain on the Village Green (5.30-10pm approximately). There will be a chance for people to charge their phones, chat around a fire and have a warm meal. We will be able to provide contacts for support services, blankets, beanies, breakfast supplies etc.

Evergreens

Social afternoon **Tuesday 24 May at 12-30 pm**. In the Parish Centre. Please bring a friend and a plate to share.

Detective Charlie Bezzina will be the guest speaker at the Sunbury Football Social club in Clarke Oval on **Thursday 2 June 9-45am 12-00pm** He served in Victoria Police for 38 years and continues to work tirelessly to support the Victoria Police Blue Ribbon Foundation for police who die serving the community. **Please be generous with your Donations.** To book for more info or transport call Joe Spiteri 0477 677 248 ASAP.

National Reconciliation Week

The Pernaperna Women's Group are hosting a Morning Tea on **Saturday 28 May at 10.30am** in the Sunbury Neighbourhood House. Please see flyer on the noticeboard for more information.

Parish Bingo

Our Parish bingo session "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday, eyes down at **7.30pm** at the Sunbury Bowling Club. Get a group together and come along and join the fun.

Enquiries: Gary Plummer 0419301760

Annual Mass Count

During the month of May, our parish and the Archdiocese of Melbourne conduct a count of all people attending Mass. Our collectors will be counting all those at Mass throughout May.

Parishioners who are Sick

Each of our parishioners are a treasured member of our community. You are very welcome to contact the parish office with information of our parishioners who may be sick or isolated. One of the Pastoral Team can make contact, establish what they may need: a visit, Communion or just a chat. No further action is taken without their permission.

Bible Study Reflection

All are invited to a fortnightly Bible Study/Reflection Group. The next session will be held in St Anne's church on **Friday June 3 at 7pm**. Bibles and resources will be provided.

Annual Open Day

Is an occasion for those considering a vocation to priesthood. The seminary will be open on **Saturday 28 May**. Further enquiries please contact Fr Kevin.

Young Adults meet Bishop Terry

On Sunday 29 May at 5pm, young adults are invited to join our regional bishop at Good Shepherd Parish, Gladstone Park in a Mass, a dinner and conversation. For enquiries please call 0411 057 080.