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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 1.30pm - Funeral-Rubina Lakey
Wednesday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am-10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
Pastoral Assoc: Sr Jose Noy RSJ
Pastoral Co-ord: Lyn Plummer
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Principal: Noelene Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

29 MAY 2022

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm Response: 46:2-3,6-7,8-9
God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a
blaze of trumpets for the Lord.
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19, 20
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with
you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

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: Rosina MASTRAMICO
Fr John READMAN

Anniversaries: Dominic FOSCHIA Irene
HAMILTON Antonio RIVERA

**Our parish is committed to the Safety,
Wellbeing and Dignity of all, including
children and vulnerable adults.**

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

I suspect that the image that the ascension evokes is that of Jesus boarding a space ship: 'five, four, three, two, one - we have lift-off to planet Heaven!' The problem with this image is that Jesus did not 'go' anywhere - he remained with us, but in a different way.

Ascension does not mark the end of Jesus' presence. It simply marks the change in how he is present and how he acts. 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' Jesus said, 'there am I in the midst of them' (Matthew 18:20) Dianne Bergant (Professor of Bible Studies Chicago)

THE ASCENSION THE END AND THE BEGINNING

Today, our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and our gospel reading according to Luke are by the same author - St Luke. Today's feast is a pivotal time - the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of the Christian community.

The Ascension celebrates Jesus returning to God and his glorification at God's right hand. It is a further dimension of the Easter experience that Jesus has triumphed over evil and death and his humanity is now within the Godhead as described in the gospel: "Now as he blesses them, Jesus withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven".

The Ascension also celebrates the experience of the early Christian communities. They gathered to celebrate the Lord's Supper (Eucharist) knowing he was still a presence in their midst. They have a new certainty of faith and an enthusiasm for spreading the Gospel message. After Jesus goes to heaven, the disciples are not downcast but full of joy. This is the beginning of the Church's mission.

A NEW STAGE IN SALVATION HISTORY

The beginning and continuing mission of the Church is to be in the power of the Holy Spirit, its members believing in his risen presence, eating at the Eucharistic table and proclaiming the good news to all nations, to the ends of the earth.

Jesus blessed the disciples as he ascended, commissioning them to preach repentance and forgiveness to all the nations. Such a mission is still relevant today with major tensions, and war between nations.

WELCOME TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Today, students in Years 1 and 2 at our three schools and their families will come to celebrate at 10.30am Mass during which six students will lead us in the Prayers of the Faithful and all students will sing the hymn "One Family".

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We offer to the family of Rubina Lakey who entered eternal life aged 93 years on 20 May. Born in North Melbourne, Rubina boarded at Kilbreda Brigidine College Mentone before training as a nurse and midwife. In 1950, she married Patrick who as an Australian soldier was caught in the fall of Singapore and endured three and a half years as a POW on the Burma Railway. Rubina and Patrick came to our Parish in 1950 where they had eleven children in 16 years. Both were in the first group of Vinies in Sunbury. Patrick died in 1975 leaving Rubina as a sole parent. Rubina was an active member of the Sunbury community being involved in children's sport, Probus and University of the Third Age. She lived on her farm until five months ago when she entered aged care.

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Sr Jose ministered to her at home in recent years. Her Funeral is on Tuesday at 1.30pm.

We offer to Peter Readman whose brother John aged 95 years entered eternal life on 25 May. John ordained a priest in 1956 after studying at Corpus Christi College Werribee. He was director of Catholic Education in Gippsland from 1959 to 1977. Later he was a parish priest. His funeral is on Friday at Craigieburn.

Vinnies 'super kitchen' to feed 400,00.

St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria has opened an innovative new kitchen with state-of-the-art cooking facilities able to produce 60 litres of soup or pasta servings in minutes to feed vulnerable people in Melbourne. The new inner City Soup Van hub, based in Kensington, will be serving hot food throughout the coming winter to people in need in the CBD and on the streets of the inner-city to answer an increase in demand due to rising costs of living.

No excuse for War

Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin has condemned any justification of the war in Ukraine on the basis of Christian values. On 2 May, he said: 'every war, as an act of aggression, is an action against human life and is therefore a sacrilegious act. Consequently, no justification can be found in the word of God, which is always the word of life, not of death.'

Cardinal Parolin was taught by Father Gerald O'Collins SJ, born in Albert Park and later a leading professor in Rome.

Enrolments for 2023

Over nine days in May, about 90 families have brought their child to meet the principal and Fr Kevin at the Parish Office. These are families who shall have their first child at our three schools. Letters of acceptance will be posted next month.

Meetings this Week

Tues 31 May	6.30pm	Osprey FE Info & Registration
	7.00pm	Parish Child Safeguarding - Parish Centre
Wed 1 June	12.30pm	Diocesan Child Safety
	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting - St Anne's
	7.30pm	Knights of the Southern Cross - Parish Centre
Thu 2 June	2.00pm	Parish Finance & Development - St Anne's

...Kevin McIntosh

Change of weekday Mass times

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

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**

The following children from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:

Alyssa CAMERON,
Billy HIGGINS,
Cody MCGILL,
Logan NEWITT,
Ariana PINO,
Lincoln VENEMA

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



Sunbury Winter Shelter

We pray that the Sunbury Winter Shelter can offer a bed, food and fellowship to the homeless this winter. May our Lord and his Mother Mary help us to search our hearts to volunteer for overnight shifts weekly or fortnightly at any of the Shelter venues this year.

Evergreens

Lunch will be at the Royal Hotel on **Tuesday 7 June** at 12noon.

Please bring a friend. To book or for more info or transport call Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248.

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.

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

This weekend marks the end of the Annual Mass Count. A big thankyou goes out to all our counters who have supplied us with the attendances over the previous weekends in 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.

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."

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.