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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
Wednesday 9.30am
Friday 9.15am - OLMC Church
9.30am - St Anne's Church
12.15pm - St Anne's Church

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
St Anne's School: 8746 6800
Principal: Noelene Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

19 JUNE 2022

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20
Psalm Response: Ps 109:1-4
You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek

Second Reading: I Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel Acclamation: John 6:51-52

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Nancy ALLEN Val CARR Vicki CASSAR Wasana FERNANDO Anna FINDEIS Frank HEENAN Paul HOCKING Agnes HOGAN John KIMPTON Jo KLOSS Timothy KOREN Madeline McClymont Bob POWLES Chris REILLY Beverley & Brian RIPPE Noel STONE Marie SULLIVAN Clive SUMNERS Craig WESTWOOD Doris WILLIAMSON

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Eddie GRECH Gerard MAHONY Michael O'CONNOR

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

THEY ALL ATE AS MUCH AS THEY WANTED

We are what we eat

'Take and eat, this is my body.' These familiar words express our faith that God comes to us as life and nourishment. In the ordinary ritual of sharing food and drink, we are drawn into the presence of God.

This faith is found in the writings of the New Testament when the disciples discovered an ongoing presence of Jesus in their midst. 'He's alive!' is the joyful message of Easter. In their small gatherings as they shared their stories of Jesus, and broke bread together, they knew Jesus was still with them.

What we now call Eucharist, they called 'The Lord's supper' for Jesus remained with them as host, as surely as he once was host in their many shared meals.

In Paul's letter, we have the earliest description of the Last Supper and the Institution narrative, since this letter was written around 56 CE, many years before Mark's Gospel took its final written form.

At this Last Supper Jesus gave to the bread and wine the meaning of his actions the following day. Disciples, by participating in eating the bread and drinking the wine, participated in the meaning of Jesus' death. The solemn ritual transcends the present moment to draw into it both past and future. This is what a ritual, or memorial is. It is not nostalgic remembering of an event in the past; it is a means of participating now in the significance of a past event, and appropriating this for one's self.

The bread and wine symbolise a body given and blood poured out, and these symbols then make accessible for all Christians what Jesus did.

Jesus names this ritual a new covenant, which needs to be understood against the background of Israel's great covenant at Mount Sinai. A covenant is one of many terms used to describe Israel's sense of belonging in a special relationship to God. Prior to Sinai, covenants had been experienced by Abraham and other ancestors, but at Sinai, all the people were involved.

At this time, the covenant was sealed with the pouring out of the blood of sacrificial animals – half poured on the altar to represent God, and half sprinkled on the people. Since blood represented the life-force, this sharing in blood, was a symbolic way of saying that the people now participate in the very life of God.

In taking bread and wine and saying these solemn words, Jesus transforms this ancient ceremony and, now, the guarantee that we participate in the life of God is Jesus' own life.

Stories such as the one we hear in today's Gospel link the post-Easter experience of the Lord's presence with their memory of other meals during the ministry of Jesus. This meal with the multitude, anticipates his later meal on the eve of his death and the ongoing meals in the Christian communities. Notice in the Gospel that the disciples are told to feed the crowd and to distribute the blessed bread. The action of these disciples continues in our communities today.

In celebrating this feast we not only give thanks for the presence of Christ in the bread and wine, we also celebrate that being nourished by the life of Jesus we become the living body of Christ. As Paul states, 'Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.' (1Corinthians 12:27)

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Congratulations

Associate Professor Chris Hogan (Dr Hogan as we know him) this week, was awarded an **OAM** in the Queen's Birthday Awards. Dr Hogan has cared for many in our community as a local General Practitioner over years of service. He continues to support our Parish community, particularly on the **Finance and Development Committee**. We congratulate and applaud Dr Hogan on the well-deserved acknowledgement of his service to others and work and study in his profession.

Evergreens

The next social afternoon will be **21 June at 12.30 pm**. Please bring a friend and a plate to share. If you are 60+ you are an Evergreen Senior.

Also we will be going to a private screening of **Elvis Presley's** movie at Readings Cinema on **12 July 10.00am**. Cost **\$13**

Followed by **lunch at Itahlia**.

More info or transport call Joe 0477 677 248

School Age Baptisms

In August we will celebrate the baptism of older primary school children. Any enquiries are welcome at the parish office.

Meetings this week

Tue 21 June	12noon	Sunbury Ministers - St Anne's
Tue 21 June	6.30pm	Confirmation Info & Rego - Parish Centre
	7.00pm	Child Safeguarding - Parish Centre

Australian Plenary Council

The second Assembly of the Plenary Council will take place in Sydney from 3 to 9 July. There will be 277 members, advisors (including Fr Frank Moloney SDB), observers and support staff. Each day, some portions of the sessions will be live-streamed. This month members will meet each Tuesday evening online. The Council's theme is listening, discernment and dialogue to bring us to being more "Christ-centred, missionary Church in Australia". The President of the Council is Archbishop Timothy Costello SDB elected in 2018. He is a former teacher at our Salesian College and he consecrated the new altar in St Anne's Church in 2010.

Parish Dinner Dance

As part of our Parish Feast Day celebration a dinner dance is being organised for **Saturday 16 July at 7pm in the Parish Centre**. \$20 per person. Book via www.trybooking.com/bzueo. For all enquiries contact: Denise - 0400 826 508 / Dwain - 0417 406 996.

Celebrating our family of faith

This year marks 175 years since the Diocese of Melbourne was established. Our family of faith has much to celebrate since our beginnings in 1847! Archbishop Peter A Comensoli is inviting everyone to come together on **Sunday 26 June 2022 at 11am** for a special Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, which will feature specially commissioned music performed by our various ethnic communities. That weekend also marks the conclusion of the 10th World Meeting of Families, and so following the Mass, make sure to stick around for lots of food, fun and festivities around the Cathedral grounds!

Feast of the Sacred Heart

On next **Friday 24 June**, there will be three Masses to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred heart, each attended by one of our three schools - 9.15am at OLMC Church, 9.30am and 12.15pm at St Anne's Church.

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

Nixon COAD
Slater HALLIWELL
Harper LIVINGSTON
Kai SUTHERLAND

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



Sunbury Winter Shelter

GUIH.ORG Charity is collecting items to be distributed to the homeless people in Sunbury through the 'Winter Night Shelter' project. Apart from Sunbury, GUIH.ORG also reaches out to the homeless in CBD. This Winter we will be distributing all the items collected in our church for the 'Winter Shelter Program' only. Please only donate the items listed on the flyer. We are not accepting used items. Thank you for your donations and contributions.

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

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.

Bible Study Reflection

The Bible Study Reflection will resume after the winter months. You're invited to reflect on scripture together in the warmer times ahead. Please check the parish newsletter later in the year for information.

Online Prayer Service for Refugee Week

You are invited to join the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace for an online prayer service on World Refugee Day. Registration to attend the prayer service which will be broadcast live at **6 pm AEST on 20 June** is now open. The two Offices have also combined to produce resources to encourage the celebration of Refugee Week 19-25 June. Register for the online prayer service here <https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers>

Second Collection: "Your Financial Support enables us to **Baptise around 120, provide First Eucharist for around 128 and Confirmation for 110 people each year. Thank you"**

World Meeting of Families

The 10th Meeting of Families will take place in Rome from June 22-26. This event presents a special occasion of prayer and worship offered for the support, healing and strengthening of families and pro-family values. Resources can be found at: <http://www.family.catholic.org.au>

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