



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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LITURGY TIMES: ALL AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday	5.30pm - Sunday Mass
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	10.30am
	12noon & 2.00pm - Baptisms
Wednesday	9.30am
	2.30 Mass - Riddell Gardens Aged Care
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
St Anne's School: 8746 6800
Principal: Noeline Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

21 August July 2022

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21
Psalm Response: Psalm 116
Go out to all the world and tell the Good News
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Nancy ALLEN Val CARR Wasana FERNANDO Nikki GEORGIADIS Chris HALL Kathleen JOHNSON Aileen JOHNSTON Moira KELLY Jo KLOSS Bianca PELLY Bob POWLES Jocelyn RAMOS Brian RIPPE Clive SUMNERS Sr Anne TUCK Barbara WALTERS Doris WILLIAMSON

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Harold KERWICK Griffith GONSALAVEZ Marie LAMOURY Peter McELENNEY Patrick MANARITI Tom MILLETT James O'BRIEN Sheila O'BRIEN Warren SAUNDERS

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

WHO WILL BE SAVED?

In today's Gospel, Jesus is now on a journey south to Jerusalem, preaching about the reign of God and he is asked a question: "will there only be a few saved?" We sometimes ask: "will I go to heaven?"

THE COMPASSIONATE JESUS

The gospel of Luke portrays Jesus as focussing his Ministry on those considered the least in society. In Luke, the birth of Jesus is witnessed by lowly shepherds, as opposed to the regal wise men in Matthew's version. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, it is the Samaritan outsider who responds with compassion. The Lost (Prodigal) Son is welcomed back with great rejoicing. These stories are found only in Luke.

Our gospel concludes today: "Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last". (Luke 13:30) Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to the status in the kingdom of God, where the 'first will be those who accept Jesus' message, their faith and who act compassionately towards others.

GOD'S WAY OF SALVATION

The earliest Christians saw the Jews as the Chosen people, given every opportunity for salvation. However, Jesus did not act as they hoped as the Messiah and so rejected him and persecuted Christians, expelling them from the synagogues. At different times, we Catholics have been hostile to other religions, other denominations and the secular world.

At Second Vatican Council, (1962-1965) the bishops produced "the Declaration on the relationship of the Church to non-Christian religions". The document teaches God has a relationship with all people who in turn relate to God. While Jesus is the way to the Father, God can work in an infinite number of ways to assist people to salvation. It is Church teaching now that our relationship to all people who share the best of our values must be characterised by acceptance, collaboration, dialogue and charity.

UNIVERSAL INVITATION

The chief point of today's gospel is revealed where Jesus observes; "people from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places in the feast in the Kingdom of God". (Luke 13:29)

Our Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116) highlights the inclusiveness of God's plan for the world "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News." God is bound to all peoples and nations in steadfast love. We are to overcome all divisions in the human family which is destroyed by war and self-interested factions. We are to make friends, not enemies, at all levels—national, social, ecclesial and personal.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT

Jesus, at this section of Luke's gospel is on his way to Jerusalem and is facing increasing opposition, eventual denial and rejection. Jesus has made his decision - he knows the stakes are high; he will not flee or flinch. He has

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chosen the narrow door.

Maybe you have the experience of issuing an invitation and getting the reply: "Can I let you know later? In other words "I am interested if nothing better comes along" - a half-hearted response.

The reign of God calls for more than such a response. It calls for a clear commitment, 'yes' or 'no'. God is inviting all to take part in God's desire for a world of wholeness, justice and peace. Now is the time to make the choice and not put the decision off till later.

The parable leaves the choice of salvation to each person not to Jesus. It is as if Jesus is saying to us, "You have the invitation, do you want it?" Conversion of heart is not something we can afford to put off indefinitely.

...Kevin McIntosh

Evergreens

Next Social afternoon 23rd August 12-30 pm.

Please bring a friend and a plate to share. If you are 60+ you are an Evergreen Senior.

Evergreens and U3A are again joining for a Coach Tour to Westgarthtown, 1850 German / Wendish settlement. Followed by **Lunch at Excelsior Hotel.** Wednesday, 7 September 2022 – leaving from: Bowling Club Sunbury Carpark. 9:15 AM – 3:00 PM. Capacity: only 40. Cost: \$30 (includes coach fare and tour). **Money due before 23rd August 2022. Posters in Foyer. For more info call Joseph Spiteri 0477 677 248 ASA Possible.**

Altar Servers

"Development Opportunity – We are recruiting Altar Servers. Girls and Boys who have received their first Eucharist and are at least 10 years of age. We can arrange training to fit in with your availability. Call Michael on 0417332186"

YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT

FIRST AID & DEFIBRILLATOR

For quicker and easier access, the Defibrillator and the First Aid box have both been moved into the Church foyer. Thank you to Joe Spiteri for managing the relocation work.

AIR PURIFIERS

Air purifiers are now installed in St Anne's Church. These appliances are designed to remove pollutants, allergens, and toxins from the air resulting in a safer environment.

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, we can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need!

Salesian College

Applications for enrolments in **2024** from students currently in Year 5 close this month.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome this Sunday:

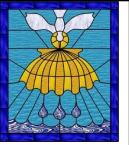
Elizabeth AMBERLEY

Travis MCLEAN

Francesca & Riccardo PENZO-KAJEWSKI

Benjamin SANTOS-VENDRAMINI

Ava, Chloe & Mervin BRIGHTON



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 0419 301 760

In line with the Victoria Government guidelines, we recommend the wearing of face masks in Church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Is recommencing at 5.30pm Saturday Mass and 10.30am Sunday Mass where the children of primary school age can hear the Word of God at their level and reflect on what the Holy Spirit is teaching.

Legion of Mary

Promotes the sanctification of its members and others. Duties include: assisting parishioners to attend Mass by driving them to and from the church, assisting Holy Rosary after Mass on weekdays, joining the choir, attending funerals, visiting nursing homes and home visits all with the permission of the parish. More members are needed. Please contact James 0450 270 959, Cath 0428 842 521, Katherine 0406 251 685 for more information if you are interested.

Meetings this Week

Tue 23 August 12noon Sunbury Ministers - St Andrews
2pm Combined Churches of Sunbury -

St Andrews

7pm Child Safeguarding Committee -

St Anne's

Fri 26 August Priests Remuneration Fund - Zoom

Permanent Deacons

Pope Francis last year prayed for vocations "that deacons, faithful in their service to Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church".

Permanent deacons live their vocation in and with their family. An information session will be held on Saturday 3 September at 10am at Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Men, married or single, between the age of 30-60 years are invited. Contact office of Permanent Diaconae - 9412 3357, or watch <https://youtube.be/q2RLNDbtTSO>.

Family Mass

Dates and times will be in next weekends newsletter.