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

LITURGY TIMES: ALL AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday 5.30pm - Sunday Mass
Sunday 8.30am
Sunday 10.30am
11.45am - Baptisms
Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday 1.45pm - Funeral - Ryan Thompson
Friday 9.30am
Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
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2 October 2022

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4
Psalm Response: Psalm 94:1-2,6-9

**If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14
Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is
the word given to you, the Good News.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 17:5-9

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Nancy ALLEN Val CARR Wasana
FERNANDO Nikki GEORGIADIS Chris
HALL Kathleen JOHNSON Aileen
JOHNSTON Moira KELLY Jo KLOSS
Fr Brendan LANE John LUSTISTICA John
O'MEARA Bob POWLES Yvonne ROSARIO
Brian RIPPE Edna SAID Clive SUMNERS Sr
Anne TUCK Barbara WALTERS Doris WIL-
LIAMSON

Recently Deceased: Bishop Hilton DEAKIN
Frances BURKE Fr Laurie MOATE SDB Ben
NILSSON Jocelyn RAMOS Ryan THOMP-
SON Colin SINGH

Anniversaries: Alice RIBEYRO Jennifer
RILEY

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

HOMILY

Today's Gospel highlights what a different world Jesus and the earliest Christians lived in by comparison with us today. Jesus and Luke's community unquestionably believed in slavery. In all the Gospels Jesus regularly draws on the image of a slave to make points about duty, respect or responsibility. In other passages Jesus and St Paul advocate for the just treatment of slaves or servants, but it was an institution in their world that they never questioned. They never told the slaves to make a bid for freedom. They never told Christian slave owners to set their slaves free.

Like society generally, the Church, for most of its history, followed this line. Much to our shame, when the tide rightly turned against slavery in the 18th and 19th centuries, the Church was, generally, very slow to be converted to the emancipation movement and take a stand against the colonialism and racism that slavery enshrined.

Our movement on the question of slavery is a wonderful study in the development of doctrine. Not all social realities that Jesus assumed in his day continue to be relevant to our world. It took Society 1800 years, and the Church a bit longer still, to see slavery for what it is – an assault on the children of God – both servant and master. It shows how we have to keep carefully discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit and God's guidance in the light of new thinking.

The image of the slave in today's Gospel is invoked to underline our response to God's goodness. Our work for God is seen to be totally disproportionate to the gifts we have been given. Holding, as we do, that life, creation, all talents, gifts, and, in our case, security and peace are fruits of God's love, Jesus is right to highlight which side of the ledger is more generous.

To serve God in the world, in response to his invitation, is a privilege. We share in his creativity, compassion, hospitality and care. And often, through us, others come to know God and judge if Christian faith is sincere. As respondents to many surveys tell us, they may like who Jesus is and his teaching in the Gospel, but the stumbling block for their joining us is the way they see that faith lived out in the Church.

Many of us, however, struggle heroically to serve God as best we can. Our faith gives purpose and meaning to our work in the world. As difficult as it can be to love others and live peacefully, we know this is God's desire and intention for the world. Every act of kindness that we perform extends God's kingdom, nothing is too small, nothing is insignificant. If all of us lived out Christian teaching, the world would be transformed overnight. It is not that our virtues and values have been found wanting, it's more that they are not fully tried out.

May this Eucharist, then, give us a sense of the dignity we have by being called as servants or slaves, friends and family of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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Marriage Encounter Weekend

"Live Your Best Life in Love"

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

22- 23 October 2022 at St John Bosco, Niddrie

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

The Gift of the Spirit

This six week course will explore the Gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It will be held on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm and Friday mornings after the morning Mass, commencing on **October 27 & 28**. It is an inspiring and practical series to help participants encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith. The topics covered in the six sessions are:- 1. The Father's Loving Plan, 2. The Joy Of The Gospel, 3. The Gift Of The Spirit, 4. Unwrapping God's Gift, 5. Encountering God's Spirit, 6. Living In The Spirit.

It will be presented on DVD by well-known international speakers; David Payne, Michelle Moran, Charles Whitehead and Jenny Baker.

To celebrate Victorian Seniors Festival

Me and Me Mates Folk Show (Sunbury library)

Come along and listen to some fantastic Australian songs! All ages welcome, G-rated songs and yarns for the whole family to enjoy.

Booking with Joe 0477 677 248 or library on line By Monday 3 October. **Wednesday 5 October at 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm**

Ageing with Attitude! With Monica Dullard (Sunbury Library)

There is something for everyone in this hilarious comedy, side splitting seniors' show. Get yourself a ticket. Bookings Joe 0477 677 248 or library on line by Monday 3 October.

Thursday 6 October at 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Computers for Seniors (Sunbury) - Friday class. Beginners computer class for seniors interested in computers and not sure where to start? Join us to learn more about computers and the internet. Devices provided, small group class. Free but bookings are required. For more information or for help to make a booking, please call 9356 6970. **Next date: Friday, 7 October 10:00am to Friday, 16 December at 12:00pm.**

Evergreens movie is a **Ticket to Paradise, Wednesday 12 October**. Cost \$13. **Be at cinema at 10:00am for 10.30am start.** Pay Joe for ticket. Lunch will be at Ithalia. We need 50 people to say they are coming to run the movie.

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT:

Our parishioners have been generously supporting the LAP team in Jakarta over the past nine years as they continue their critical work caring for the poverty-stricken HIV AIDS children.

Could we please, once again, ask for your support for the forthcoming fundraising collection at all Masses on the weekend of the **15/16 October?**

Please also join us for morning tea in the foyer after 8:30 Mass

Thank you,

OLMC LAP Fundraising Team.

PLEASE NOTE: Weekday Masses will resume on Wednesday 5 October.

The following child from our parish will be Baptised this Sunday: Levi KEANE

We joyfully welcome him to our parish.



Mother Teresa of Kolkata and Princess Diana

Both became friends in the last five years of their lives before they entered eternal life 25 years ago in September 1997. They first met in Rome in February 1992 where they talked privately for one hour after which Diana said: "Today something really profound touched my life. I went to Mother Teresa's home and found the direction I've been searching for all these years."

Later, Mother Teresa gave Diana a pair of Rosary Beads which were later buried with her. Their last meeting was in New York in June 1997. On 31 August Diana was killed in a car crash and a week later Mother Teresa died of heart failure in Kolkata.

.... Kevin McIntosh

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process whereby those who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith have the opportunity to explore and grow in this faith. Enquiry meetings are being planned. Anyone who may be interested or you know of someone who is curious about our faith please encourage them to call and leave a message at the Parish Office 9744 1060.

Piety Stall – News

Some new items have been purchased for the Piety Stall. These include items as gifts for the children celebrating their Sacrament of Confirmation in October. Please support the Piety Stall.

2023 Columban Calendars are now available for sale in the Piety Stall for \$10 each. These beautiful Art calendars make great gifts.

125th Anniversary of Consecration - St Patrick's Cathedral

As we celebrate our 175th Anniversary year as a diocese—we also mark a significant milestone for our Cathedral. Archbishop Comensoli warmly invites you to join him for Mass to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's -

Thursday 27 October 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, commencing at 1pm. This is a beautiful opportunity to come together in the house of the Lord—built by the faithful and generous people from every part of our Archdiocese and home for all. Mass will be followed by the Launch of the **Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App**. An initiative of the Mary Glowrey Museum. Invitation is on the Noticeboard in the foyer.

Meetings this week

Tue 4 Oct 7.00pm Confirmation Reconciliation - St Anne's

Wed 5 Oct 7.30pm Baptism Preparation Meeting - St Anne's

7.30pm Knights of the Southern Cross -Parish Centre

**"Your financial support enables us to provide Pastoral Support to 2 aged care facilities and, our aged and infirm parishioners in their homes.
Thank you."**