



**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH**  
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Our parish is committed to the Safety, Wellbeing and Dignity of all, including children and vulnerable adults.

**LITURGY TIMES: AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH**

**Saturday** 5.30pm - Sunday Mass  
**Sunday** 8.30am  
**Sunday** 10.30am  
11.45am - Baptism  
**Monday** 9.30am - Mass  
1.00pm - Funeral Prayers -  
David Simpson  
**Tuesday** 9.30am - Mass  
**Wednesday** 9.30am - Mass  
**SEE HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE**

**RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday 10am - 10.30am St Anne's Church**

**Parish Priest:** Rev Denis Stanley  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Jossy  
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**Deacon:** Rev Stephen Fernandes  
**Pastoral Assoc:** Sr Jose Noy RSJ  
**Safeguarding Officer:** Elena Rodrigues  
**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

**24 March 2024**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7  
**Psalm Response:** Ps: 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Philippians 2:8-9  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!

**Gospel:** Mark 15:1-39

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Kerry BAILEY, Jalila DAWOOD,  
Cesar GABALES, Val HALLIFAX,  
Joshua LEE, Diana MASTRAMICO,  
Sue MAYBANK, John MCGOVERN,  
Matthew PALSER, Liz POSTLE,

**Recently Deceased:** Tony SAMMUT,  
David SIMPSON

**Anniversaries:** Vincenzo DAVID,  
Kathleen HANLEY, Felisa HIPOLITO, Michael  
O'CONNOR, Lance O'CONNOR, Mary & Alec  
TAYLOR

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

**A Palm Sunday thought...**

Why do we read the Passion account on Palm Sunday? The expectation is often that Palm Sunday should focus on the joyfulness of the Triumphal Entry by Jesus into Jerusalem and that reading the Passion story should happen on Good Friday.

The history is clear: BOTH the Palms Procession (with its reading) AND the Passion are associated with the Sunday prior to Easter Day. Put it this way, the Passion read on the last Sunday in Lent at the beginning of Holy Week can be seen more like an overture to an opera. An overture contains all the musical themes that you will hear later in the opera. Christ enters Jerusalem triumphantly as king, but the melody of his kingship will be fully played in the Passion; the Cross is his throne.

Besides, leaving out the Passion Reading on the Sixth Sunday in Lent, and reading only the entry into Jerusalem with palms, is part of a tendency to turn liturgy into an historical re-enactment. Yes we can use our imaginations to be present in the biblical stories, but liturgy, and the liturgical year, are much, much more than play acting. Something deeper and involving is going on.

Yes, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection in liturgy – but we do so not simply to re-enact past events – the purpose of liturgy is that we might be incorporated more and more into these events; the purpose of liturgy is not to have Christ die over and over again in our imagination; the purpose of liturgy is that **we** die and rise again a bit more each time – individually and together. That is why the liturgy asks of us full, active and conscious participation. We are not watching a play, all are actors.

**The Liturgy: place of encounter with Christ**

*From the very beginning the Church had grasped, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, that that which was visible in Jesus, that which could be seen with the eyes and touched with the hands, his words and his gestures, the concreteness of the incarnate Word — everything of Him had passed into the celebration of the sacraments. Para 9.*

*Here lies all the powerful beauty of the liturgy. If the resurrection were for us a concept, an idea, a thought; if the Risen One were for us the recollection of the recollection of others, however authoritative, as, for example, of the Apostles; if there were not given also to us the possibility of a true encounter with Him, that would be to declare the newness of the Word made flesh to have been all used up. Instead, the Incarnation, in addition to being the only always new event that history knows, is also the very method that the Holy Trinity has chosen to open to us the way of communion. Christian faith is either an encounter with Him alive, or it does not exist. Para 10.*

Pope Francis. On the Liturgical Formation of the People of God. 2022  
Fr Denis Stanley PP

### Holy Week Masses - Attention

To mark the importance of Holy Week, Mass will be offered on **Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th** of Holy Week at 9.30am. There will be **No Mass** on Thursday morning. The Triduum or the Great Three Days begin with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7.00pm**.

### From Your Parish Coordinating Team (PCT):

Revised dates for First Aid and Defibrillator training: Saturdays 18th and 25th May in the Parish Centre 9.30am - 4.00pm. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in this training and have not given your name before.

Two vacancies on the Parish Coordinating Team (PCT): Role descriptions and application forms are available from the Help Desk in the foyer. Completed forms may be left in the Parish Office following which meetings will be arranged with Fr Denis and PCT representatives. Closing date: **Friday 12th April**.

### Combined Churches of Sunbury AGM

Alongside the regular meeting of the Christian ministers of Sunbury, the Combined Churches of Sunbury group meet regularly to, as their purposes of Association say, *"to serve the community of Sunbury in collaboration with the Ministers group, organize and present Christian events such as the Carol Service, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Good Friday Service and be a Christian outreach and witness."* At the most recent meeting on Tuesday last, Shaun Featherston, from the Salvation Army was elected President and myself as Vice President. Gwen Hutcheson, from St Mary's Anglican Church, was re-elected Secretary – just as well because she works very hard in the service of the Christian community of Sunbury. Della Oswald, one of our long time and respected parishioners, has been on the Combined Churches group from the beginning. She has recently had to step down so has been made a Life Member of the group as a sign of the deep appreciation of her contribution to Jesus' simple, but profound prayer, *"Father may they be one"*, for the sake of the people of our community. We could do with one or two Catholics on the group... Fr Denis PP

### Wanted! Screen Operators

As we know St Anne's Church has two screens which provide the words of the liturgy, hymns and announcements. People find this useful and, of course, there is no need for hymn books or printed Orders of Service. This is only possible with an operator to connect the church laptop to the screens and run the slides during the course of the Liturgy. While thanking those who are presently doing that for us at each of the Masses, we need to share this ministry with others and ensure that each Mass has a rostered operator. If you have a passion for enabling a good experience of the liturgy, that enables people to enter into prayer and song with ease and freedom (remember what happens when the things go wrong with the screen!) and has a little knowledge about how to connect a computer and screen, please speak with Fr Denis or Fr Jossy. Fr Denis Stanley

### Good Friday Collection - Please remember.

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on good Friday, 29 March. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes and orphanages, the maintenance of over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are struggling.

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptised in our parish this weekend:

Arlo & Hudson BUMFORD, Matteo GRASSO, Asher MATTHIES.



### Religious shop

**Divine Mercy Novena starts Good Friday CARDS AVAILABLE AT SHOP FOR free.**

**Special** direct from the Vatican 8mm Pearl Rosary beads with the John Paul crucifix. **Other NEW items** "How to Pray the Rosary" on laminated card with Rosary beads for \$1. Gifts for Baby, Enameled Crucifixes, medals, Children books, Rosary beads as gifts, Key rings, Statues. KJV. Bible, Catechism, for special items & inquiries Joe on 0477 677 248.

### Evergreens

**Evergreens Social afternoon on Tuesday 26 March** at 12.00 pm in St Anne Hall. All welcome to bring a friend, bring a plate or lunch, a cuppa provided, a chat and share a smile. Everybody is Welcome. inquiries Joe on 0477 677 248.

For those who remember **Sunbury Music Festival** 50 years ago. The Library is showing the movie on **Thursday 18 April**.

**Tickets are FREE** but booking is required as soon as possible. For booking and inquiries Joe on 0477 677 248.

### Parish Bingo

It's all happening at our Parish Bingo session - "Major Bingo". We continue every Thursday evening eyes down 7.30 pm at Sunbury Bowling Club. Big events on the horizon - **EASTER BINGO Thursday 28 April** with a \$2000 last game prize and plenty of fun and give aways.

**Saturday 11 May "BINGO BONANZA"** with \$10,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, \$500, \$200 and \$150 game prizes \$125 entry - lay-by available. Get a few friends together and come along and join in the fun while supporting the Parish. You will be made most welcome. Enquiries Graeme 0417 503 527 or Gary 0419 301 760.

### HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE - 2024

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Sunbury

#### PALM SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday March 23rd, 5.30pm

Sunday March 24th, 8.30am & 10.30am

#### HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday March 28th, 7.00pm

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 29th March

9.00am - Way of the Cross

OLMC Church grounds

10.00am - Ecumenical Good Friday Service

St Anne's Catholic Church

3.00pm - Passion of the Lord

St Anne's Church

#### EASTER VIGIL

Saturday March 30th, 7.30pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday March 31st, 8.30am

Sunday March 31st, 10.30am