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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  
**Wednesday** 9.30am - Mass  
11.00am—Funeral  
Kathleen Dellosa  
**Thursday** 9.30am - Mass  
**Friday** 9.30am - Mass

**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  
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**Principal:** Julie Freeman  
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**Principal:** Krystine Hocking

**31 March 2024**

**SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**First Reading:** Apostles 10:34, 37-43  
**Psalm Response:** Ps:117:1-2,16-17,22-23  
**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4  
**Gospel Acclamation:** 1 Corinthians 5:7-8  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Kerry BAILEY, Jalila DAWOOD,  
Cesar GABALES, Joshua LEE,  
Diana MASTRAMICO, John MCGOVERN,  
Matthew PALSER,

**Recently Deceased:** Caroline DE LATTE

**Anniversaries:** Austin & Leonie D'MONTE,  
Margaret DILLON, Kath DOOLAN, Terrence  
FARIA, Ronald SCHNELLBECK, Joyce  
SWEENEY.

**Next Sunday: Morning Tea will be provided by**  
**the Evergreens after 8.30am Mass.**  
**All welcome. Please bring a plate to share.**

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

*Pope Francis is a fine preacher. Here is an example of his preaching from the Easter Vigil 2023. Let this be an Easter word not just for Easter but something to treasure and ponder often.*

The Gospel tells us that the women went "to see the tomb" (Mt 28:1). They think that they will find Jesus in the place of death and that everything is over, forever. Sometimes we too may think that the joy of our encounter with Jesus is something belonging to the past, whereas the present consists mostly of sealed tombs: tombs of disappointment, bitterness and distrust, of the dismay of thinking that "nothing more can be done", "things will never change", "better to live for today", since "there is no certainty about tomorrow". If we are prey to sorrow, burdened by sadness, laid low by sin, embittered by failure or troubled by some problem, we also know the bitter taste of weariness and the absence of joy.

At times, we may simply feel weary about our daily routine, tired of taking risks in a cold, hard world where only the clever and the strong seem to get ahead. At other times, we may feel helpless and discouraged before the power of evil, the conflicts that tear relationships apart, the attitudes of calculation and indifference that seem to prevail in society, the cancer of corruption – there is a great deal of it, the spread of injustice, the icy winds of war. Then too, we may have come face to face with death, because it robbed us of the presence of our loved ones or because we brushed up against it in illness or a serious setback. Then it is easy to yield to disillusionment, once the wellspring of hope has dried up. In these or similar situations – each of us knows our own plights, our paths come to a halt before a row of tombs, and we stand there, filled with sorrow and regret, alone and powerless, repeating the question, "Why?" That chain of "why"...

The women at Easter, however, do not stand frozen before the tomb; rather, the Gospel tells us, "*they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples*". They bring the news that will change life and history forever: Christ is risen! At the same time, they remember to convey the Lord's summons to the disciples to go to Galilee, for there they will see him. Let us ask ourselves today, brothers and sisters: what does it mean to go to Galilee? This is very beautiful, to *return to the origins*, for it was precisely in Galilee that *everything began*. There the Lord had met and first called the disciples. So, to go to Galilee means to return to the grace of the beginnings, to regain the memory that regenerates hope, the "memory of the future" bestowed on us by the Risen One.

This, then, is what the Pasch of the Lord accomplishes: it motivates us to move forward, to leave behind our sense of defeat, to roll away the stone of the tombs in which we often imprison our hope, and to look with confidence to the future, for Christ is risen and has changed the direction of history. Yet, to do this, the Pasch of the Lord takes us back to the grace of our own past; it brings us back to Galilee, where our love story with Jesus began, where the first call took place. In other words, it asks us to relive that moment, that situation, that experience in which we met the Lord, experienced his love and received a radiantly new way of seeing ourselves, the world around us and the mystery of life itself.

Remember your own Galilee and walk towards it, for it is the "place" where you came to know Jesus personally, where he stopped being just another personage from a distant past, but a *living person*: not some distant God but the God who is at your side, who more than anyone else knows you and loves you. Brother, sister, remember Galilee, your Galilee, and your call.

### Paschal Greetings

We can be tempted to treat Easter as a day to be celebrated and left behind to move on to the next thing in our calendar. That is the danger of greeting each other with a simple "Happy Easter". This has no dynamism or depth or looking to the future for an event that gives a foundation for our entire life and even more, of eternal life. So, I will extend to you and your families a prayerful greeting that Easter will keep blessing you every day. We are an Easter people and "Alleluia" is our song.

On your behalf I would like to thank the members of our Parish Liturgy Group who helped prepare the Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. This gathers in the skills and generosity of the Office staff, Lectors, Special Ministers, musicians, florist, preparing slides, sacristans and helping hands and creative minds to prepare the church.

These Liturgies that celebrate the heart of our faith do not prepare themselves. Remember that Jesus himself sent Peter and John off to prepare the Passover. "Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.'" Luke 22:8  
Fr Denis, Fr Jossy and Deacon Stephen

### 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

### Divine Mercy Sunday at St Patrick's Cathedral

St Patrick's Cathedral will hold a special celebration this year for Divine Mercy Sunday. All welcome! Schedule Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotional prayer and Rosary: 2pm, Confessions: 2-3.15pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3pm, Holy mass: 3.15pm. For more information contact Roselyn Coquet on 0422 134 523.

**Knights of the Southern Cross** – next meeting **Wednesday 3rd April** at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Fostering a Christian Way of life.

**Baptism Preparation Meeting** – **Wednesday 3rd April** at 7.30pm in St Anne's Church.

### **Palms Australia: Mission: Transform Lives theirs and yours**

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty? Come to Palms' Discovery information session at Sacred Heart Oakleigh on **22 April**. Meet our director Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about assignments abroad.

**Venue:** Sacred Heart PRIMARY School

**Address:** 2 Mora Ave, Oakleigh

**Date:** Monday 22nd April 2024

**Time:** 5.30pm to 6.30pm

**Caritas Australia** would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. **Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

**Please return the Project Compassion boxes at your earliest convenience so funds can be sent to Caritas Australia for distribution.**

### 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

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.

### **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**.

### **A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU...**

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!! . **Please check our website for more details**

**Date: 12-14 April, 2024** in Melbourne. **BOOK NOW**

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183**

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