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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  
**Thursday** **NO 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  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel School:** 9740 7344  
**Principal:** Julie Freeman  
**Holy Trinity School:** 8746 6464  
**Principal:** Krystine Hocking

**7 APRIL 2024**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**First Reading:** Apostles 4:32-35  
**Psalm Response:** Ps:117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24  
**Second Reading:** 1 St John 5:1-6  
**Gospel Acclamation:** John 20:29  
Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you  
have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but  
still believe!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 20:19-31

**LET US PRAY FOR**

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

**Recently Deceased:** Milka Badrov,  
Frank McTIGUE

**Anniversaries:** Francis ARIANS,  
Carmen, Frank & Charles FLORES,  
Kathleen KILGARIFF, Michael KILGARIFF,  
Brian RILEY, Rogelio RIVEIRA,

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

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives us a picture of how the first Christians lived in community. Firstly, the community was faithful to prayer and worship. The celebration of the Eucharist was at the heart of their life, uniting them in worship and service.

Secondly, the community was a place of love, care and nurture. In an atmosphere of welcome and inclusion, people were able to grow, and respond to God's presence and action in their lives.

Thirdly, the community had a deep sense of sharing, especially with those who had little. There was no amassing of resources or property for exclusive personal use. The community lived simply and without extravagance.

A parish is a good example of a Christian community. Drawn together around the table of the Lord, people of every nation, culture and language gather to support and sustain each other in faith, hope and love. As one people we worship, pray, give thanks and partake in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Nurtured and nourished, we are sent to bring Christ to the world and to live a life of service.

Within the life of a parish, other, smaller communities (groups) of witness, sharing and togetherness also exist. For example: liturgy and music, social justice, bereavement and hospitality, St Vincent de Paul Society, parish council and many others.

We're not created to be alone. We created to "be with" other people in a spirit of love and support, valuing the unique gifts of each person, striving together to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God and with the world. Thomas was absent from his community when Jesus came and stood among the disciples. He struggled with his doubt alone. Only when he rejoined his community and encountered the Risen Christ, was he able to make his profession of faith – "My Lord and my God!"

Today, let's celebrate our faith community as an essential part of our Christian life.

David J Hore CSsR  
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**REMINDER: Please return the Project Compassion boxes at your earliest convenience so funds can be sent to Caritas Australia for distribution.**

**Thank you for supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection** as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through this Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in the land where Jesus walked. Through the generosity of our parishioners \$1941.20 was raised this year.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Mass next **Thursday 11 April** has been cancelled, due to a clergy workshop that Fr Denis and Fr Jossy are required to attend.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for April 2024**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**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

**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

**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 183 676** or Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

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

Aubrielle CASCIO,  
Hunter VITI



**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**

Are having dinner at the Ball Court hotel on Thursday 18 April at 5.00 pm. followed by the movie below.

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

**Gisborne Singers - First concerts for 2024**

Featuring the distinguished soprano soloist, Merlyn Quaife and the Macedon Ranges Chamber Orchestra, the unique program includes Mozart (*Exsultate Jubilate*, *Laudate Dominum*, *Regina Coeli*), Haydn (*Te Deum*) and Handel (*Zadock the Priest*).

**Concert Details:**

**Sunday 28 April 2024** at 2.30pm, Our Lady of the Rosary, Kyneton (*afternoon tea provided*)

[www.trybooking.com/COHHD](http://www.trybooking.com/COHHD)

**Sunday 5 May 2024** at 2.30pm, St Mary's, Sunbury

[www.trybooking.com/COHHN](http://www.trybooking.com/COHHN)

Tickets \$55 full, \$45 concession, under 12 free.

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

1. **Vacancies** Do you have a passion to enhance the faith journeys of our parishioners, and a desire to work collaboratively in a team environment? Why not apply to fill one of 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 the parish priest and PCT representatives. **CLOSING DATE Friday 12th April.**

2. **New Dates** for First Aid and Defibrillator training in the Parish Centre. **Saturday, May 18th and May 25th** 9.30 am to no later than 4.00 pm

Lunch is BYO

Tea/coffee will be provided.

Please bring ID, pen and a book for notes.