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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 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
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

14 APRIL 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalm Response: Ps:4:2, 4, 7, 9
Second Reading: 1 St John 2:1-5
Gospel Acclamation: Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when you
speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Frances NATLACEN
June RICHARDS

Anniversaries: Fr Phil CROSBY
Amanda LONSDALE, Spiro ZAHRA

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

What has the Church got to say about...

People sometimes wonder what I do all week after Mass on Sunday. Well, to give one example, I recently decided it was time to read all the recent Church documents that had been accumulating on my desk and that I am supposed to read and know about. Certainly, people expect that I should know about them and have something intelligent to say if they ask questions. Other people have no idea or interest about all these documents.

Yes some of which are very theological and others much more practical, like the documents on Safeguarding of children and young people and on euthanasia, but all of them, even the very theological ones, shape how I think and therefore act. So here is the list of what I have been reading.

First the documents from Rome. Now, take a deep breath and repeat after me, *Dignitas infinita* (On human Dignity), *Gestis verbisque* (On the Validity of the Sacraments), *Fiducia Supplicans* (On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings).

Then the documents from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. *Integrity In Our Common Mission: A National Code of Conduct for those exercising pastoral ministry in the diocese of the Catholic Church in Australia* and *To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope*, a guide for priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics considering euthanasia.

Next, two new documents from the Melbourne Archdiocese on Safeguarding. *Safeguarding Children and Young People (SCYP) Framework version 2* and *Safeguarding Children and Young people: Code of Conduct*.

Some of these documents have got into the media and others have not, but all are a witness to the serious thinking that the church gathers up and puts into print to teach, direct when needed or contribute to discussion on issues that relate either to the inner life of the church or its relationship to the thinking of the world in which we live. The bits and pieces that the media latch onto in some of these documents are not always comprehensive or give a fair overview and understanding of what they are trying to say. They often look for what is controversial and lose sight of the whole document in a balanced way. The only way to deal with this, if you read about such things in the media, is to read the document yourself. They are all on the internet and easy to find.

Indeed, when anyone begins a conversation with me about something they have read about a church document in the media, the first thing I will say is, "Have you read the whole document?" There is a challenge!

The church's teachers – bishops and theologians and experts, both priests and lay people – internationally and locally – give serious thought and care – to putting words to our faith and helping the church live in the world. But these documents have to be received, that is welcomed, understood, read critically and put into action, especially those on Safeguarding of children and young people. There is much wisdom here. Many are not concerned about such things or might joke, "I'm too old for all that!". Although I do not think you can be too old to be worried about the safeguarding of children and young people. But everyone needs to be aware that such thinking and concern is part of the life of our community – the pilgrim people of God.
Fr Denis Stanley, PP

REMINDER: Please return the Project Compassion boxes before 1 May so funds can be sent to Caritas Australia for distribution. Thankyou

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.

Good Shepherd Sunday 2024

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

Easter House Blessings

In some cultures, there is a custom of the Blessing of Homes during the Easter Season with Holy Water blessed at the Easter Vigil. If you would like to invite Fr Jossy, Fr Denis or Deacon Stephen to bless your home during this Easter Season, please contact the Parish Office 9744 1060 to arrange an appointment.

Wanted! Screen Operators

While thanking those who are presently operating A/V 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.

Information Session for the Permanent Diaconate

Are you being called to serve?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

Come & See

An Information session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on Saturday 4 May 2024, 10.00am - 11.45am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.

For More Information

The Vocations website for the Archdiocese is available. The links below are a source of additional information.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTSO>

Watch: Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for deacons and video <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Visit: Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage. <https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>

Read More: (Brochure) <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate 03 9412 3357

Email: diaconate@cam.org.au

OSPREY First Eucharist Information Evening

and registration, is being held on Monday 15 April at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall, situated behind the Parish Office. This meeting is for those children who attend government schools only. Those who are interested in enrolling their children into this program, need to attend this meeting.

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

Poppy KORONEOS

Elliot & Lucas JACKSON

Ivy LEE



Rite of Election for Confirmation Candidates

This year the Parish candidates for Confirmation will receive the sacrament at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Pentecost Sunday 19 May**. At all the Masses on 20/21 April, our candidates for confirmation will participate in the Rite of Election and our commitment to pray for them.

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

Our weekly Parish bingo session "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday at Sunbury Bowling Club eyes down at 7.30pm. \$1000 guaranteed last game prize. Upcoming special event - BINGO BONANZA **Saturday 11th May** with games of \$10,000, \$3,000, \$2,000, \$500, \$200 and minimum \$150. Seats selling fast.

To reserve a place come along any Thursday and pay a deposit.

Get a few friends together and come along and join in the fun whilst supporting your Parish - you will be made most welcome.

Enquiries to Gary 0419 301760 or Graeme 0417 503 527

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

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

www.trybooking.com/COHHN

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

From Your Parish Coordinating Team (PCT):

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.

Parishioners interested in joining these training sessions especially those who regularly attend 8.30am Mass should contact the Parish Office 9744 1060.