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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

21 APRIL 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Apostles 4:8-12
Psalms Response: Ps:117:1,8-9,21-23
26,28-29
Second Reading: 1 St John 3:1-2
Gospel Acclamation: Luke 24:32
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!
Gospel: John 10:11-18

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Santina LENARDI
Domenico LOPRETI

Anniversaries:

Marisa & Francesco CARLETTI
Eveleen REDDAN, Tom & Rose REDDAN
John WRIGHT

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

The Good Shepherd's Promise

This week's readings highlight how knowing Christ can change people. The first reading shows how the Resurrection and the presence of the Holy Spirit transformed Peter. Now, he heals as Jesus did and preaches as Jesus preached.

In Peter, we see living proof of what is further explained in the second reading. Through faith in Christ, we come to participate in the relationship of love and communion that the Son has with the Father: "we are God's children now."

Knowing the Father in this way as children of God gives us access to a whole new way of living, and means being transformed into becoming more and more like him. We come to know and participate in God's way of being.

When Peter heals and preaches, he does so because Jesus lives in him, transforming Peter in his own likeness. Like Peter, we live as co-heirs, through Jesus, to the promises of God. What belongs to Jesus as the Son, namely his capacity to know the Father's heart and to do the Father's will, is also promised to us.

Becoming like God does not mean that we lose our individuality or freedom. Instead, we become more our true ourselves, each of us according to the grace and the gifts we have been given.

This is the life for which God created us: to be persons, different and diverse, each uniquely gifted, and, through love, bound together with Jesus, gathered together into one flock with one shepherd.

Like a good shepherd, Jesus has faced and overcome the mortal danger posed to his flock by the power of sin and death, against which they have no other escape. In laying down his life for his sheep, he proves that he is the true guardian, protector and carer of his flock, the Good Shepherd.

Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus claims power for himself and for all who love him over whatever impediments or difficulties befall us on our journey to the fullness of life and union with God. He assures us: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep . . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again." Jesus' power to take his life back up again is the power that restores us to new life and relationship with God.

Jesus opens up for humanity a whole new way of living. Whatever the hatreds, conflicts and divisions that arise between people, Jesus invites us into one fold, the flock of the Good Shepherd. He calls us to lives of faith, hope and love, under his protection and in relationship with him as the Good Shepherd.

There is no other power or god or ideology in the world that can promise this same hope for the human race that the Good Shepherd promises. Let us follow him.

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

Anzac Day 2024 Sunbury

The President and Members of the Sunbury RSL sub-branch invite you to attend our Commemoration Service and Wreath Laying Ceremonies on **ANZAC DAY, Thursday 25 April 2024**.

This year the RSL will be conducting a Dawn Service commencing at 6.00am. The Dawn service will be followed by a gunfire breakfast. This will be followed by the Commemoration Service at 10.30am.

We will offer our Parish Mass for Anzac Day at 9.30am.

Thank you

To Bruce Wallace for painting the Parish Hall Meeting Room. It is looking smart and fresh.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

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

St Andrew's Uniting Church

Are hosting Kay's Fashion Parade on **Thursday May 2 @ 1.30pm** in St Andrew's Uniting Church. Cost \$5 includes door prize and afternoon tea. Enquiries 0423 277 450.

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.

Evergreens Social afternoon on **Tuesday 30 April** at 12.00 noon in the Parish Hall. All welcome to bring a friend, bring a plate or lunch, a cuppa provided, a chat and share a smile. inquiries and transport call Joe on 0477 677 248.

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

Eloise BOYLE, Noah BRINCAT, Jasper CARTER, Xander, Ayla, Caleb, Owen DEVENNEY, Chase IRELAND, Charlee LO BOSCO



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.

Parish Bingo

Our weekly Parish bingo session "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday at Sunbury Bowling Club every Thursday 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):

1. What did the PCT do in 2023?

We worked on implementing parishioners' suggestions raised at the Parish Assembly in February around six themes so in terms of the theme of **Adult Faith Formation** we:

- answered Pope Francis' call to relate our faith more closely to gospel values. "**Christ-like relationships of friendship and faith, valuing one another and sharing our gifts for the good of all**" is our Parish Vision. Our Parish Vision was displayed more prominently - standing banners, church bulletins, and parish letterhead,
- supported the Liturgy Team's small-group discussions that prepared parishioners for Lent, and another in Advent for Christmas,
- supported devotional prayer services such as group rosaries and Stations of the Cross. We discontinued evening Bible study after the slow take up as winter set in,
- encouraged groups that had lapsed over the pandemic to re-start,
- strengthened relationships with other Christians in Sunbury as we supported each other on Shrove Tuesday, Good Friday, World Day of Prayer, and at interfaith gatherings such as working together for the Sunbury Winter Shelter.

The Annual General Meeting 2024 of Sunbury Winter Shelter voted to place the SWS accommodation program in recess. Please note, the SWS as an organisation is not in recess and ongoing outreach assistance will be provided for the homeless in 2024.

First Aid and Defibrillator Training Saturday, May 18th and May 25th 9am to 4 pm.

There has been a good response to this invitation but we are putting out a call for more trainees to cover 8.30 masses. Please call the Parish Office 9744 1060 if you are interested.