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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
Kizhakkethalackal
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

26 MAY 2024

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: Deut 4:32-34,39-40
Psalms Response: 32:4-6,9,18-20,22
Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17
Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19. 20
Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Leanne LUMSDEN,
Jakov ZELENBABA

Anniversaries:

Robert & Lillian ANDERSON, Fr Thomas CON-
SIDINE, Sydney & Esme FARIA,
Domenic FOSCHIA, Irene HAMILTON, Shawn
TAYLOR, Nellie TYQUIN

SPECIAL COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND
VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

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

Loneliness, real aloneness is a scourge in contemporary society. The fear of being cut off, quarantined from normal human contact, is felt to be dehumanising.

It is dehumanising, and the reason lies in today's feast day. We are made in the image and likeness of God. So, our image of God will greatly affect the way in which we conceive of being fully human.

If we think of God as solitary, totally One, then we may think of the best human being as being a person totally autonomous, self-sufficient, not dependent on others. If we think of God as loving relationship, continuous communion, then clearly the ideal human being is one who lives in relationship with others, living in a companionable manner.

So what is the truth of the matter? What does God 'look' like?

A teacher asked the Grade Threes to paint something of their own choosing. All the children got busy about their task. As the teacher walked around she noticed Johnny was particularly focused. 'What are you painting?' 'I'm painting God.' In a rather haughty tone the teacher sniffed 'Well that must be difficult because no-one knows what God looks like.' To which Johnny confidently replied, 'But they will when I'm finished!'

Over the millennia many civilisations and great religious systems have tried to sketch a picture of God. In particular, figures like Moses and Isaiah amongst the Jewish people had responded well to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. And yet, their portrait of God was incomplete. No-one knew what God really looked like.

It is as though Jesus of Nazareth burst on the scene 2000 years ago to proclaim 'Well, they will when I'm finished!'

During his ministry Jesus had accentuated some of the characteristics of God: forgiveness, compassion, hospitality. But the striking feature was his sense of intimate union with the One whom he called 'Abba', Father. So much so, that he claimed that if one saw him one saw the Father. He also had a very close relationship with the Holy Spirit.

The 'full picture' had emerged as the way in which we Christians had to paint God – truly a communion of loving relationships, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: 'Trinity' for short.

This insight into the nature of God is important for human beings for two reasons.

First, it satisfies the natural human yearning to know the truth about everything, even when we approach the border of what can be comprehended. Secondly, if we think of God as loving relationship, continuous communion, then clearly the ideal human being is one who lives in relationship with others, living in a companionable manner.

And this has eternal implications. If a person deliberately and constantly chooses to live a self-centred life then the danger is that they will end up at death unable and unwilling to choose relationship with God and others.

When we live wholeheartedly with as much self-giving as is possible, with as much un-selfishness as is possible, we are closest to Divine Life, and in fact are already living with a dimension of Heavenly existence.

At our Baptisms, sacramentally we were made participants in that Divine Life when, in fulfilment of Our Lord's command, water was poured over us in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We remind ourselves of that threefold Name every time we enter the church, dip our hand in the holy water and bless ourselves, 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

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Notice To All Men

The Knights of the Southern Cross are sponsoring a “**MENS BREAKFAST**” on **Saturday 22nd June** in St Annes Parish Centre commencing at 8.30 am. We are fortunate to have Associate Professor Dr. Chris Hogan to give a presentation on MEN,S HEALTH. Your life is in your hands so do not miss this opportunity to learn how to keep yourself from the surgeons knife. Please phone or text John Stafford on 0411 151 663 to book your attendance, admission fee \$10-00, limited seating available.

Evergreens Social afternoon is on **28th May** at 12.00pm. All welcome bring a friend. Call Joe on 0477677248 for info and transport.

Feast of Sacred Heart

Will be celebrated on **Friday 7th June**. All are invited to attend 9.30am Mass with St Anne's School, followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Prayer. Fr Denis Stanley

Appeal from OLMC Historical Committee

The Historical Committee have recently received two grants to purchase display cabinets for the purpose of securely displaying the historic items relating to our parish. Both cabinets have now been delivered but to our dismay the mannequin cabinet would not fit through the door. This meant it had to be rebuilt on site at an additional cost of \$330. With only \$113 left from our grant we are now \$217 over budget. We would be grateful for any donations towards the extra cost. Any donations could be forwarded to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Confirmation 2024 St Patrick's Cathedral

Last Sunday, 120 young people from our Parish were Confirmed in St Patrick's Cathedral. Many thanks to the teachers, catechist and parents who prepared the candidates and worked creatively and organizationally to prepare the Liturgy - especially the music - and all the small details that made things happen.

A word of thanks to our Parish Office staff who also assisted with printing and liaison with the Cathedral.

It was most appropriate, as Bishop Terry Curtin mentioned, that the young people from our Parish were Confirmed on Pentecost Sunday. Fr Denis Stanley PP

Thank you

On behalf of the parish we thank Adrian Skillecorn who has expertly repaired the brick pathway at the entrance of the church so that it is now safer for everyone. I thank him for his skill and hard work. It is very much appreciated. Fr Denis Stanley PP

Thanks giving envelopes

If anyone needs help or advice about this change please speak with Glenn Morris, from the Finance Committee. Please note you can continue to provide cash on the collection plates.

Direct Debit Forms, I each for Church Account and Presbytery Account will be available from the Parish Office or the Sacristy.

Thank you. Fr. Denis Stanley PP

Parish Bingo

Our weekly Parish bingo session "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday at Sunbury Bowling Club every week at 7.30pm. \$1000 guaranteed last game prize. 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.

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptised in our parish this weekend:
Jasper PATERRA, Ilaria PINOLET



Osprey Sacrament of Reconciliation 2024

An Information and Registration Evening will be held for those students attending government schools, on **Monday 3 June** at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre. All those interested in this sacrament need to attend this evening.

Piety Store

Is there anybody wanting a Sunday Missal in leatherette for \$40. We also have 2 Sunday Missals in Paper back for \$15, Hard cover is \$30. I am willing to order at cost price. Gifts for Baby, Enameled Crucifixes, medals, Children books, Rosary beads as gifts, Key rings, Statues. KJV. Bible, Catechism, All at cost, for special items & inquiries Joe on 0477 677 248.

From the Parish Coordinating Team (PCT)

The PCT was truly challenged by ideas that parishioners raised at the Parish Assembly around the theme of Youth and Families. While the number of baptisms remains high, the participation of families in parish life is a concerning challenge. Today we bring you a summary of what was achieved in 2023 regarding the final of the six assembly themes.

Youth and Families

An increasing number of children are attending Children's Liturgy. Thank you, parents and our enthusiastic "Sunday School" teachers.

Osprey, the Sacramental Preparation program for students in non Catholic schools, was again led by Sinead Foran.

Children are involved in music at the 10.30 Mass thanks to Maree, Kevin and Nelson.

There are young people committed to serving on the altar who are being trained and recognised, thanks to Michael McConville's unstinting efforts with this ministry.

There has been collaboration with younger adults/teachers as youth involvement in the parish is considered.

The involvement of school students engaged with the themes of Outreach and Caring for Creation was highlighted and supported in the Newsletter. For example, Salesian College's social justice group, Sacred Earth, promoted sustainability in a project supporting Sunbury Winter Shelter; sustainability initiatives were undertaken at St Anne's Primary School; Holy Trinity's generous gifts to Vinnies' Christmas Appeal of food and movie vouchers to the value of \$1,000; OLMC's generous stationery and Christmas gifts via Vinnies' Christmas Appeal.

In 2024 we will continue the above and Reach out to all Catholic schools in Sunbury with invitations to meet the church community in as many enjoyable ways as possible, both social and prayerful, to engender feelings of belonging.

Support the establishment of a parish youth group. This program will include music, prayer, presentations and social events.

First-Aid Training

The second and final part of the First-Aid training will take place, 9am to 4pm this Saturday, 25th May in the Parish Centre. Sixteen parishioners, now fully trained in the use of a defibrillator, completed a most rewarding and enjoyable day last weekend.