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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  
11.00am - Funeral -  
Charmaine Halfhyde

**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  
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**Principal:** Krystine Hocking

**9 June 2024**

**TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading:** Genesis 3:9-15  
**Psalms Response:** Ps: 129  
**Second Reading:** Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The prince of this world will now be cast out,  
and when I am lifted up from the earth  
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!  
**Gospel:** Mark 3:20-35

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Kerry BAILEY, Agatha CHAVES, Jalila DAWOOD, Cesar GABALES, Joshua LEE, Diana MASTRAMICO, John MCGOVERN, Matthew PALSER, Karen RANKIN, Daniel ZAMMIT

**Recently Deceased:** Emma VASSALLO

**Anniversaries:** Aurea DELOS SANTOS,  
Fr John GALLIVAN (*our first Parish Priest*),  
Reuel OLINARES, Felice SALLUZZO,  
Joel SANCHEZ

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

**Being vulnerable before God**

When people hear the word 'myth', they often think 'fiction' or 'untrue'. However, in ancient times, myths – stories rich in symbols, expressions, and characters that were easily recognisable and familiar to audiences – were the primary way for people to ponder and talk about events and experiences that were important to them, but beyond their understanding.

In the Jewish-Christian tradition, the Book of Genesis uses a mythic story to portray the origin of sin. In today's first reading, we're invited to imagine a garden where there's complete harmony between man and woman, between humans and nature, and between humans and God. Peace and union are the hallmarks of this garden.

However, eating from the tree that gives full knowledge is forbidden. Despite God's warning, the woman and man know better! Tempted and seduced by the serpent, the woman eats the forbidden fruit and shares it with the man who also eats. Both think they can act independently of God and follow their own desires without proper discernment. Both fail to grasp the reality that human beings must live within limits.

Their eyes are opened, but rather than becoming like God, they become estranged and naked, fully exposed and vulnerable; which neither can handle. Afraid of God and ashamed of themselves, they sew fig leaves together to hide from each other and from God. Concealment, cover-up and discord are now the hallmarks of this garden.

This mythic story teaches us a fundamental truth about sin: that our lives and relationships become fractured and disconnected, and we're unable to face ourselves, God and others honestly and openly.

Thankfully, God doesn't abandon humanity in its shame and sinfulness. God takes the initiative and is portrayed walking in the garden seeking and searching for the fearful and hiding couple, who are unable to face the consequences of their choices. God asks, "Where are you?" It's not a threat, but a question from someone who cares deeply.

Like so many of us, rather than accept their fault, the woman and man look for excuses and try to justify themselves by blaming each other. The man blames: "the woman you (God) gave me." Of course, he doesn't blame the woman alone; he also indirectly blames God who had generously blessed him with a partner. On the other hand, the woman blames: "the serpent that tempted me." Neither of them says, I'm sorry, I'm wrong, it's my fault or please forgive me.

God created humanity with a capacity for freedom and self-determination, and at times we make wrong choices and poor decisions. By acknowledging our mistakes and wrong doing we maturely take the first step in accepting responsibility for our lives and choices, rather than blaming God or others.

Wherever we find ourselves in life and whatever struggles we're carrying, God is with us. Listen attentively to God's personal and loving question to each one of us today: "Where are you?"

David J Hore CSsR  
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### Clergy Conference

For your information. Between **Monday 10th – 14th June**, Deacon Stephen and I will be attending the annual Melbourne Clergy Conference. This is an opportunity for prayer, study and reflection for nearly all the priests and deacons of Melbourne with the Archbishop. Weekday Mass will continue uninterrupted.

### A Local Community Initiative to Consider

[GUIH.ORG](http://GUIH.ORG) (Give Until It Hurts), ACNC #87650878103, is a registered Charity organisation in Australia. Our main focus is Homelessness Outreach, supporting people experiencing family domestic violence, unsupported youth, refugees and people experiencing challenges. During this winter season we will be providing a hot meal for locals every Friday from Goonawarra Neighbourhood House. We are also wanting to share some Winter Clothes and pantry items. We are seeking your generous contribution towards this. Winter clothes can be used clothes but in a good condition. Donations can be placed in a box that will be left in the **church foyer** for the next 3 three weeks. For any enquiries, including helping the group, please text Garnet (GUIH) on 0435 661917.

### Hire of Parish Hall

Just a reminder that our function hall is open to host various gatherings for our parish family and the wider community. Whether its a funeral, baptism, firstly communion, confirmation celebration 21st birthdays, birthdays, dinner dances and weddings and other occasions except 18th birthdays due to insurance regulations. Our hall is here to accommodate you. We offer ample off street parking, fully equipped kitchen, a baby changing room, and round tables seating up to 150 people. No permit for alcohol is required. If you would like to see the hall in person, please contact Cathie on 0405380560 to schedule a walk through. We can also provide catering services for functions or you welcome to bring your own caterer.

### Invitation to Principal's Farewell Mass and Morning Tea

Parishioners are invited to attend Noelene Hussey's - St Anne's School Principal, Farewell Mass on **Thursday 27th June** at 9.30am and afterwards at the Parish Centre for Morning Tea.

### St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Many thanks to all those who contributed generously, as usual, to our Annual SVDP Winter Appeal. \$1706.45 was collected and will be used by our SVDP Sunbury Conference to help those in our community who are struggling. Fr Denis Stanley

### Melbourne Vicar General's appointment as Bishop of Cairns

It is with great joy that the Archdiocese of Melbourne shares the news of Pope Francis' appointment of the Very Rev Joseph (Joe) John Caddy AM, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, as the new Bishop of Cairns in Far North Queensland.

In accepting his appointment, Fr Joe expressed his gratitude to the Holy Father: *'I am deeply humbled by this appointment and wish to express my deepest thanks to all the Clergy and faithful of Melbourne, with whom I have shared all of my priestly ministry. It has been an absolute privilege for me to minister with you.'*

*'I also offer my personal thanks for the support and encouragement of Archbishop Peter Comensoli over these past five years as his Vicar General and Episcopal Vicar for Social Services.'*

Archbishop Comensoli noted with joy the episcopal responsibility Bishop-elect Joe Caddy has been called to. *'Although there is a sense of sadness in his leaving Melbourne, I wish to assure his new flock that they are receiving a great gift, a man of deep prayer and service. My prayers are with Fr Joe and God's good people of Cairns.'*

### 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.

### 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. 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.

### Thanks giving envelopes

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

### Evergreens

Will be going to the Immigration Museum on **Tuesday 11th June**. Call Joe on 0477677248 for info and transport.

**Religious shop:** Please remember our Store, full range of religious items are available.

### From the Parish Coordinating Team (PCT)

**What have we done?** If you'd like a copy of the suggestions presented by parishioners to the 2023 Parish Assembly which **the PCT has actioned over the past year**, please help yourself to a printout available from the Help Desk in the church foyer. These actioned items, now completed, are clearly set out under six theme headings - Inclusion of those on the Margins, Communication, Hospitality, Eco spirituality, Adult Faith Formation and Youth and Families. **Youth:** We think that reaching out to students in our schools in as many enjoyable ways as possible, will engender feelings of belonging to each other and to the parish. With this in mind parishioners mingled with Salesian students last week at a school Mass in which the kindness of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was highly visible. Students this year have chosen Vinnies as the charity to support with their Winter Appeal. For further news on what these young people are doing, watch this space!

### You are invited to Encounter + an event for High School Students:

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne with special guest Emmanuel Worship present: Encounter + **Date, Time & Location:** Friday, 14 June 2024 - 6.00pm - 9.00pm, Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne Vic 3002. **Register Now:** 9926 5761 or [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au) closing date Tuesday 11th June 9pm. **What to Expect:** Get ready for an epic evening just for high school students! Encounter+ is your chance to encounter Jesus through adoration and worship led by Emmanuel Worship. Plus, there's reconciliation, fellowship, food, and, of course, a whole lot of fun. Bring a Friend. This is the perfect event to invite a friend and meet new people from all over Melbourne. **Note:** Parents/guardians will be required to 'sign in' and 'sign out' their children. Dinner is provided.