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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
Tuesday 11.00am - Funeral -
Josephine Calleja
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

30 June 2024

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
Psalms Response: Ps:29:2,4-6,11-13
Second Reading: Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Kerry BAILEY, Agatha CHAVES,
Tony CREED, Jalila DAWOOD,
John DELLAMARTA, Paul FANNING,
Cesar GABALES, Joshua LEE,
Diana MASTRAMICO, John MCGOVERN, Mat-
thew PALSER, Karen RANKIN,
Dawn WESTWOOD, Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Josephine CALLEJA
Gregorio OCAMPO

Anniversaries: Harry BORECKI,
Margaret CALLEJA, John KIMPTON,
Margot RILEY, Danica VIDOVIC

Special Collection - Next Weekend
Overseas Humanitarian Project - LAP

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

Today we continue with readings from Mark's gospel. Earlier in this chapter, Jesus has demonstrated his divine mastery over destructive forces of nature (in calming the sea) and over a legion of demons who were afflicting a man (in the exorcism of a deeply troubled person).

Mark brings his account of the miracles which Jesus worked to a climax in one of Mark's most striking stories. His accounts of Jesus' miracles culminate in the healing of two women, both of whom are restored to new life, wholeness and holiness because of the *touch* of Jesus. Here Jesus demonstrates his divine mastery—and the power of the Kingdom and of his Lordship—over disease and even death.

Notice how Mark intertwines two miracle stories here, sandwiching one story within another: the healing of the woman with a haemorrhage who touches Jesus' clothing, and the raising of the Jairus' daughter. Both the woman (we don't know her name) and Jairus demonstrate great faith and trust in Jesus.

Given the growing tension between Jesus and the synagogue officials, it is remarkable that Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, had the courage and the humility to approach Jesus and to beg Jesus to come and save his daughter who was dying. The daughter was desperately ill and Jairus was clearly desperate for her. Jesus immediately sets out for Jairus' home, with the crowd accompanying them, pressing in on them.

In that pressing crowd, the unnamed woman, who has suffered for years with a haemorrhage, sees and takes the opportunity to come close to Jesus and she boldly dares to touch him, confident that touching him will heal her. And it does. She knows immediately that she is healed. He senses that power has gone out of him and calls on whoever it was who touched him to come forward.

In fear and trembling, she confesses. But, instead of chastising her, he praises her, affectionately addressing her as "Daughter," and commending her: "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." The word 'touch' appears four times in this story of the healing of the woman with the haemorrhage.

Meanwhile, back to the story of Jairus, people from Jairus's home arrive, announcing that Jairus' daughter has died. It is, they think, too late to do anything. But Jesus says: "Do not fear; only believe." Just keep on believing! They head to Jairus' home. Jesus takes the young woman by the hand, and she is restored to life. With great affection, Jesus speaks to her, telling her to get up, and telling her parents to give her something to eat. Again, we notice that Jesus restores the young woman to life by *touching* her.

In both of these miracles, Jesus' touch brings new life, wellness, wholeness, and holiness. See how he responds with care and compassion to those who seek his help. He does for us too.

Let us pray, as Jesus' disciples asked of him on another occasion: "Lord, increase our faith!"

Anne Hunt
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Overseas Humanitarian Project – Collection Next Weekend (6th/7th July)

The special collection next weekend will be for the LAP Team who care for children living with HIV/AIDS in the very poorest slum areas of Jakarta in Indonesia. At each Mass there will be a speaker. If you are unable to attend Mass on that weekend and would like to assist LAP with their work you can make a donation directly to the parish account established specifically for contributions to LAP. Just contact the Parish Office who will be pleased to help you set this up. For all those attending 8:30 Mass, we invite you to join us for **Morning Tea** after Mass. Thank you for your wonderful generosity over the past ten years.
Parish LAP Fundraising Team.

Changing of the Guard

Karen Morris, our Parish Secretary has worked faithfully and generously for our parish for many years. She has played a key role in the daily life and building up of our Parish. The time has come for her to retire and take up other tasks especially within her family. We thank her profoundly. Let her know your thanks.

We will organise a suitable farewell.

Therefore we are seeking a new Secretary for working 18 hours per week, on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays. They will be sharing the position with Chris Chidlow, Bookkeeper and Secretary.

The full job description and details about an application can be found at this link:

Parish Secretary, Our Lady of Mt Carmel | Melbourne Catholic

Please consider or pass this on to someone you think may be suitable for this key position in our parish.

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.

Thank you to Joe Spiteri - New Safeguarding Noticeboard

Many thanks to Joe for assembling the new Safeguarding Information Board in the Gathering Space. We now have a dedicated noticeboard for safeguarding information. This is a simple but important initiative. Fr Denis Stanley.

Children's Liturgy

Calling for Children's liturgy assistance. If you feel you can help spread the word to the young people in our Parish please come forward. Children's Liturgy runs at **5.30 pm Saturdays** and **10.30 am Mass on Sundays**. Please contact the parish office for details. We also like to ask our parishioners if they have any Children's religious story books or colouring books they might like to donate to those who are too young to fully participate in Children's liturgy? We would like to be able to provide something for those, the youngest of our parishioners to be engaged in.

Knights of the Southern Cross

Next Meeting - **Friday 5 July**, 10.15 in the Parish Centre.

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

William CONNELL, Scarlett KELLY, Johnny LYNG



Congratulations

To Val and Tony Hallifax, we extend our prayerful best wishes on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Surrounded by their family and many years of memories, may their celebration of 60 years together be joyful and full of love. *"...for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish"*.
From the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

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. 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.

Evergreens

Evergreens are going to Morning Melodies and Buffet Lunch at Watergardens Hotel on the **18th July**, for \$32. Car pooling meeting at St Anne's 9.00am. Call Joe to book as soon as possible 0477 677 248. Books out early.

Religious Shop. St Patrick Rosary beads, Gifts for Baby, First Communion cards, Enameled Crucifixes, medals, children books, Rosary beads as gifts, Key rings, Statues. KJV. Bible, Catechism, Special Preloved items cheap. Inquiries Joe on 0477 677 248.

Altar Servers

"My children do not get anything from coming to Mass!!

ALTAR SERVERS do because they help with the celebration.

Young people 10 years and older who have received first Eucharist are welcome to join the team.

Enquiries to Michael 0417332186"

From the Parish Coordinating Team (PCT)

Youth Group In response to many parishioners calling for a youth group to be set up in the parish, the PCT is calling for **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** in assisting Liam Daniels as volunteer helpers. The ages of this group of young people would range from 12 to 18. If this opportunity to volunteer sounds like you, please leave your expression of interest and contact details with Karen or Chris in the Parish Office, 9744 1060.

Help with Food

Please pass on the information below to vulnerable people in Sunbury who may cross your path:

MEALS

Mon: Sunbury Neighbourhood Kitchen dinner and food assistance, all year except public and school holidays. Memorial Hall, 5.00-6.30pm

Tues: Goonawarra Neighbourhood House tasty odds and ends,

10.00am to closing. **Wed:** St Andrew's Uniting/SWS winter lunch

11.30am-2.00pm **Fri:** Salvos' lunch midday all year. Anderson Road

12.00-2.00pm **Fri:** Give Until It Hurts Charity winter dinner. Goonawarra Neighbourhood House 5.00-7.00pm

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Doorways - 9.30am -2.00 Mon and Wed

Goonawarra Neighbourhood House - 10.30am-12.00pm Thurs

\$5 donation. Sunbury Winter Shelter - Call 0497 216 118

Vinnies - Mon, Wed, Fri ,home visits. Call 1800 305 330