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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 - Augustin
Thursday 9.30am - Mass - John the Baptist
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:
St Anne's School: 8746 6800
Principal:
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

25 AUGUST 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18
Psalms Response: Ps: 33:2-3, 16-23
Second Reading: Eph 5:21-32
Gospel Acclamation: See John 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:60-69

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Agatha CHAVES, John DELLAMARTA,
George DOWLING, Paul FANNING,
Cesar GABALES, Diana MASTRAMICO,
Anastasia MORTER, Emilia POTROVSKY,
Karen RANKIN, Maria RODDA,
Dawn WESTWOOD, Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Renato BUENCONSEJO,
Fr. Gerald O'COLLINS., Maria TURULA.

Anniversaries: Mario AIOSSA,
Vincenza CALLEJA, Margaret Bernadette
CUTAJAR, Cameron FRANCESCO,
Cassandra O'KEEFE, Tiago RODRIGUES,
Stefan TURULA and Emannual ZAMMIT

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

Wrestling with those words from Ephesians: An introduction

"How can you take these words seriously?" This question in the Gospel is actually a complaint about Jesus' claim that he is food and drink, but it serves as a comment on the passage from Ephesians heard before the Gospel. Talk about words hard to endure!

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the saviour of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her ... husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.

"Does it shake your faith?" It probably shakes many of us. Subordination and reverence, first of all, are not prominent nouns in our contemporary dictionary of privileged words.

More troublesome yet, "wives should be submissive to their husbands." This sounds like fingernails on a blackboard. Feels like sandpaper on wounds. Tastes like abuse. Smells like patriarchy. Submission has been the problem. Why pose it as a solution?

Clearly there is a hierarchical context for Paul's words to the Ephesians. Christ is compared to the husband, the church to the wife. The man is the head; the woman the body. This analogy has been acclaimed by some, who want to legitimate the privileged imaging of the male for Christ. But it has been roundly condemned by others, who see it as a devaluation of women. Both positions need careful examining, but what is the real theme of the Ephesians text? "Subordination" and "reverence" are its context. All the rest is application. We must all defer to and revere one another. Then Paul provides applications that may or may not be historically bound.

But it is subordination we have trouble with, "submission." It sticks in the craw. Why should any of us have to submit to another or put someone else first? What is worse, Paul seems to commend obedience only to the woman. He tells the wives to be submissive. What about the men?

Well, what about them? This is what Paul says: Give yourself up for her. Love your spouse as your own body, your very self. If husbands were to hold such an attitude, it would subvert all dominance and hierarchy. Paul's is a radical statement of equality, albeit in his own contemporary context. It is self-destroying to abuse, hurt, degrade the spouse.

The point is this: there may be suggestions of male dominance in our second reading today, but this conclusion collapses from internal contradiction. Both husband and wife are to put the other first.

What if this rankles us the most? The very idea that we must give ourselves to another, defer to another! If we love each other as we propose, we assuredly must die to ourselves. The first casualty of real commitment is the imperial ego we are so reluctant to tame.

"Decide today whom you will serve." In marriage, as in life, we serve not only each other, but our very God, who wants of us not slavery, but the free gift of our love.

John Kavanaugh, SJ

Altar Server "Congratulations and welcome to Patrick the newest member of our **Altar Servers Team**". New members always welcome ... call Michael 0417332186"

Please Note

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday August 29** due to Staff attending Archdiocesan Administration Forum.

Religious Shop We are taking orders for "**God's Word 2025**" **ASAP**. We have several new items: Statues, Rosary beads as gifts, bracelets and beautiful religious cards.

Missals, "After Suicide there is hope for them and you. By Fr. Chris Alar". Thanks to all who donated the preloved items to be enjoyed again. Inquiries at shop or Joe on 0477 677 248 .

Parish Bingo

Our weekly Parish bingo session "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday, eyes down 7:30pm at Club Sunbury, Riddle Road. Big upcoming event Grand Final Bingo, THURSDAY, 26 September with a guaranteed \$2000 last game prize. Get a few friends together and come along and join in the fun. Enquiries to Gary 0419 301760.

Victorian Welsh Choir

St Mary's will be hosting the Victoria Welsh Choir for a concert on Saturday 31st August at 2.00pm, with all funds raised going towards the restoration of the historic chapel roof.

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$35 for concession and can be purchased by clicking on the link <https://www.trybooking.com/CTHFO>

Congratulations!

The PCT would like to congratulate the students, teachers and parents of our 3 parish primary schools and the Osprey programme who were recently involved in First Eucharist. The students' participation and behaviour was impressive.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK.

11th September 10.00am

Please know that on Wednesday 11th September at 10.00am, St Anne's Church, the Parish will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick during Mass. (Note the change of time for this weekday Mass). Please ask any family members who may not normally be able to get to Mass if they would like to be present and if they do, arrange transport for them. In particular if you are bringing Holy Communion to anyone who cannot normally attend Mass invite them to be present for the Anointing of the Sick if they are able.

A "cuppa" will be shared after the Liturgy.

Evergreens Social

Evergreens Social for over 60's afternoon will be on Tuesday 27th August 2024 at 12.00noon. St. Anne hall. Food and chat. All welcome, bring a friend. Call Joe on 0477 677 248 for info and transport.

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be Baptised in our parish: Max CRAWFORD



ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN AUGUST 2024

This year the Archdiocese is introducing a streamlined approach to fundraising for the church in Melbourne and its ministries. It's called the **Archbishop's Campaign**. It is a single annual campaign and will reduce the number of separate special Sunday collections in parishes each year. It will not affect our Parish's Special Collections such as LAP or St Vincent de Paul.

Who will the monies be going to?

Tax-deductible donations will support Corpus Christi Seminary Building Fund, Priests Retirement Foundation and University of Divinity Building Fund. It will also support the John Pierce Centre for the Deaf, Melbourne Overseas Mission and other tax-deductible recipient entities such as Catholic community agencies and service organization.

Non-deductible donations will support the Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund, which supports seminarian formation and evangelization initiatives such as World Youth Day. Any unallocated and loose collections will go to Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund.

How does it work?

Parishioners across the Archdiocese are asked to use the envelopes to make a recurring monthly contribution or a one-off donation.

Donors will be asked to nominate whether they wish to make their gift tax deductible. Donations of \$2 or more to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund are tax deductible. All other gifts, including unallocated gifts and loose collections, will be non-deductible and go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund.

Last Sunday I invited everyone to take home an Archbishop's Campaign envelope to read and consider the options – a monthly pledge, a single one-off gift or online with the QR Code. We will take up the envelope collection this Sunday remembering that you can also donate online at any time, send the envelope directly to the Archdiocese or return the envelope over the next few Sundays. There will be a reminder and Thankyou next Sunday. For those who were not here last Sunday there are envelopes in the seats to fill out today or take away, think about and return next Sunday or send directly to the Archdiocese. Many thanks.

From Your Parish Coordinating Team (PCT)

Calling **representatives from volunteer parish groups** who work, or intend to work, with people having a hard time. You are strongly encouraged to attend a **free training day** to update your skill in active listening on **Thursday 29th August**, 11 am – 12 pm Thursday at Sunbury Cobaw Community Health Centre (SCCHC)

Information that relates to where you can refer people in need for additional assistance, will also be given for you to share with your groups/teams. Please register by scanning the QR code on the poster in the church foyer, or by contacting SCCHC.

Give Until It Hurts Charity is holding a Fathers' Night family community gathering on **Friday 30th August** 5.30 - 7.00pm at Goonawarra Neighbourhood House. Share this message with family and friends and make up a group to celebrate our dads. RSVP 28th August 0435 661 917.

Morning Tea: Next Sunday—1 September

Hosted by the Parish Bingo Team.
Please stop for a chat and a cuppa!