



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

**BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,**



## Mass times this week

Sat	6.00pm	St Anne's
Sun	8.30am	St Anne's
	10.30am	St Anne's
	5.30pm	O.L.M.C.
*Mon	9.15am	St Anne's
Tue	7.00pm	O.L.M.C.
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
Thu	9.15am	St Anne's
Fri	9.15am	St Anne's

## \*Liturgy of the Word

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 10.00—10.30am OLMC Church

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh

Assisting Priest: Rev Bert Fulbrook SDB.

Pastoral Associates: Mrs Irene Morse

Mr Richard Hallett

Pastoral Coordinator: Mrs Lyn Plummer

St Anne's Primary School 9744 3055

Principal : Ms Noelene Hussey

Our Lady of Mt Carmel School 9740 7344

Principal : Mr Paul Hogan

## Parish Information

Baptisms: Held on Sundays.

Contact Parish Office for details of next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

**BAPTISMS:** Ruby BERNES Chelsea FARRUGIA Joshua O'CONNOR Ashton SACCO are being baptised this Sunday. We joyfully welcome them into our community.

**REFLECTION:** "Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles." - Matthew 5:41. Today our Lord clearly challenges us to go the extra mile in our service. We are invited to participate more fully in the work of the Church. In this busy world that is not an easy challenge to accept. Yet, our response can become easier and clearer for us when we take the time every day to simply ask, "Lord, what do You want me to do with all the gifts You have given me? How would You like me to become more fully involved in the life of Your Church?"

## 13 FEBRUARY 2011—Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

**Psalm Response:** Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom.  
Alleluia!

## LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Gerald BERRY Remedios CAPARAS John DOBSON James FISHER Christine MILLAR

**Recently Deceased:** Peg FLINTOFT Alex McCOURT Lawrence WOODS

**Anniversaries:** Richard D'SOUZA Sabrina D'SOUZA Cenon HIPOLITO Snr Frank GAUCI James HARMAN Teresa MACALLISTER Angelina SANGALANG

What an encouraging note with which we begin today's readings: "If you wish, you can keep the commandments..." We can! We have the capacity to. And God gives us the desire and the grace to do just that. We all make choices; each choice has ongoing implications. Every day we make hundreds of choices, some major decisions, some very simple ones, and many that we do without much thought or attention. But our choices build upon each other, give shape to our days and eventually our life. Each day we write a page of our biography! Do we choose what is life giving or do we choose what stifles life?

God calls us to a radical way of living. We are called to be more than just moral, more than just observe the letter of the law. God calls us to be virtuous. We become virtuous by habitually choosing to do well. We're not perfect, but don't let our failings or our imperfections define us. It's not how many times we fail or fall down that is important, but how many times we pick ourselves up and begin again. That's why we are called to reflect on how we live and to understand what has gone right for us, what leads to life and what leads away. Such reflections, such insight help inform our choices. Living reflectively enables us to grow in wisdom.

Christian wisdom resides in the heart. St Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, writes of "the hidden wisdom of God", "mysteries", "beyond the mind", "only known through the spirit". These stirrings of the Spirit lead us to a new maturity, to a wisdom that is greater than human insight and imagination, into the silent depths of the presence of God. This is the place of our deepest truth.

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us that we must live from the heart, the root and source of our inner truth. This is our choice for Life.

Thomas Merton once wrote: "Deep in our hearts is the most profound meaning of our personality, which is that we say 'yes' to God, and the spark is always there. All we need to do is turn towards it and let it become a flame."

We all make choices!

.....Irene Morse

**OUR MORNING MASSES:** in future will be celebrated at St Anne's Church so that the safety fence around O.L.M.C. school is effective with no open gates. Most schools have similar fences as we do now at both our schools as our first priority is the safety of our children.

**BLESSING OF NEW SCHOOL ROOMS AT OLMC & STUDENT REUNION:** Saturday 26 February 11.00 to 11.30am—Blessing of New Building. School Tours— 12noon 1.00pm 2.00pm. Old time games on oval—12.30 and 2.30pm. Memorabilia Displays and souvenir sales all day until 6.00pm  
Devonshire tea, BBQ and drinks available from 11.30am to 6.00pm. All are welcome to celebrate 150 years of OLMC School.

**OUR PARISH CENTENARY 27 FEBRUARY:** Our concluding celebration to our year's celebration is our Mass on Sunday 27 February at 10.00am beginning at OLMC Church our first church. After twenty minutes of the Liturgy of the Word we shall travel and continue our Mass with the Liturgy of the Eucharist in St Anne's Church which will accommodate the numbers. Morning tea will follow.

**EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** meets at St Anne's Church at 10.15am on Thursdays. February. All welcome including children. For further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 9744 4029.

**PREPARATION FOR CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS –2011**  
**Information and Registration sessions** for Sacrament Preparation for parents and guardians of children attending OLMC and St Anne's Schools and all other schools will be held as follows:  
**First Reconciliation:** 2.00pm & 7.30pm—Tue 15 February 2011 at the Parish Centre.  
**Confirmation:** 2.00pm & 7.30pm— Tue 22 February 2011 at the Parish Centre. For more info contact Richard Hallett on 97441060 or on 0421 471 073.

**THIRD NATIONAL FAMILY GATHERING:** will be held in Melbourne 15-17 April. A brief meeting will be held next Tuesday 15 February at 7.30pm at Thomas Carr Centre 278 Victoria Parade, Melbourne. Our parish needs some representatives to promote this conference. Enquiries Penny 9287 5579

**OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY:** we offer to Jack Flintoft as Peg his wife of 66 years entered eternal life last Sunday. Peg our parishioner for 35 years had a great hunger for the Eucharist and received Holy Communion from one of our Communion Ministers within her final days on earth. Peg was skilled in crafts as a pianist and a knitter.

**RELOCATABLE CLASSROOM FOR SALE:** Now that the new extensions to OLMC school have been built, this classroom with airconditioning is no longer required and is for sale at a negotiable price. Please contact Paul Hogan on 9740 7344.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling.

#### **READINGS NEXT WEEKEND:**

1st—Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
2nd— 1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Gospel—Matthew 5:38-48

**WORKING BEE:** Neighbourhood of Gum Tree Hills is hosting a working bee in the garden at the Presbytery and convent prior to the CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS on Friday 18 February 6.00pm to 8.00pm.  
All welcome! BYO tools.

**OLMC PLAYGROUP:** Come and join us for a cuppa, play and to meet some new people. Every Wednesday morning of the school term 9.15am till 11.00am at St Anne's Parish Centre. Enquiries: Caroline Thorne: Ph: 9744 5620 or olmcplaygroup@hotmail.com.  
All welcome.

**EVERGREENS:** Our first function for the year. St. Patrick's Day, Thursday 17 March, Seniors Lunch. Sunbury Football Club, a la carte menu, 12 noon. Cost \$14, bookings Frances 9744 1999.  
Tuesday April 5 Speaker from Sunbury Community Register, followed by afternoon tea, 2.00pm, St Anne's Parish Centre. Cost \$5 bookings Frances 9744 1999.

#### **ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND**

**ALTAR CARE:** OLMC Church—Toni Falzon St Anne's Church—Gail Ryan Norelle Anderson

**CLEANING:** OLMC Church—Eliza Woodgate St Anne's Church—Cedric D'Souza Lili Lupa

**COUNTERS:** Kelly Stark Vern Walters Maureen Walters

**GIFT SHOP:** Dawn Westwood Dolly Causer Jack Reddan

**LECTORS:** Mary Macdermid Mary Spiteri Beth Warburton Alan Slocombe

#### **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**

6.00pm Paul Hogan Maree Walsh Maurie & Anne Saunders Carmel Pritchard Jennifer Poon

8.30am Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Dolores Kruszynski Sashi Nair Barry Roberts Mark Perry Ann Chircop

10.30am Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter Christine Cassar Elizabeth Falzon Diana & Albert Mastrimico Lyn Plummer

5.30pm Alan Slocombe Pauline Strongman Paula Seric