

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST, BULLA, WILDWOOD SUNBURY,

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Mass times this week

6.00pm St Anne's Sat: 8.30am St Anne's Sun:

10.30am St Anne's

5.30pm O.L.M.C.

Mon: 9.15am Liturgy of the Word

Wed: 9.15am St Anne's Thur: 9.15am St Anne's 9.15am St Anne's Fri

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.00-10.30am St Anne's

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh Assisting Priest: Rev Bert Fulbrook SDB. Pastoral Associate: Mr Richard Hallett Pastoral Associate: Sr Jose Noy RSJ 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.

The following children from our parish will be bap-

tised this Sunday: **Grace HYATT** Lyric MORAN

Sienna RHODES Willow TAYLOR

We joyfully welcome them into our parish commu-

WELCOME: Fr John Papworth will be celebrating 5.30 Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

PLEASE HELP: we desperately need more Parish Posties to help deliver the Parish Newsletters. We send out the Newsletter only 4 times per year and need people who can deliver them to all the



families in your local neighbourhood. It will also help keep you fit. Please contact the Parish office on 9744 1060 if you can help.

EVERGREENS: Christmas Lunch Tuesday December 13 at 12 noon. Ball Court Hotel, cost \$20 Bookings to Frances on 9744 1999 by 9 December.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no further Masses on a Tuesday until further notice.

> SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK ST VINCENT DE PAUL

27 November 2011— First Sunday of Advent

Psalm Response: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall

be saved.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

> Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Elizabeth ACZEL Sandra AMOS Wendy ATTREED Charles ENGERER Caleb FARIA Alison FISHER Gerry KEOHANE Justin O'BRIEN Ron PAGE Gregory QUINN

Frank TRAFICANTE

Recently Deceased: Ron PLUMMER

Anniversaries: Dulcie CRUTCHLEY Sheila DAVISON Joseph GATT Yvon Paul

GOUBE Joseph MERCEICA Peter QUINN Joseph RIBEYRO Joseph ZAHRA

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

'Stay awake!' and by implication, if you are not already awake, 'Wake up!'

Jesus repeats the phrase 'Stay awake!' four times in the short passage from the 13th chapter of Mark's Gospel which we have heard read today. He is clearly insistent on the importance of this demand. And he emphasises that it is a demand that applies to all.

St. Paul's great sadness, as we read in several places in his letters, was the fact that, despite all the preparation, all the long history of God's dealings with his people Israel, all the teaching of the prophets and all the wisdom of the sages over nearly 2000 years, when the crucial time came, when the long awaited Messiah actually came, they were asleep and missed his coming. They did not recognise him. This is a theme that is fundamental to the whole story of the Old Testament itself, and it is as crucial for us today as it has ever been, as Jesus says.

The early Christians fully expected that Christ would return in power and glory to bring all things to their completion in their own lifetime. The New Testament is full of the sense of expectation - waiting 'until the Lord comes'. But when the great apocalyptic event failed to happen, the early church began to question what was really meant by the Lord's 'coming'. Little by little they came to recognise that his 'coming' was at once less spectacular than they originally expected and at the same time much more significant. They began to recognise the reality of his coming among them whenever they gathered around his table for the breaking of the bread. And they began to recognise that he would come to meet each of them at the end of their physical, earthly life.

In chapter 11 of his first letter to the Corinthians from which we read the opening words today, St. Paul is perfectly clear about this. Whenever we gather we proclaim his death that is, the fullness of his love - 'until he comes', and we recognise his Body present among us in the gathered assembly, in the ekklesia, in the church. In the passage we read today Paul gives thanks that the church will not be without the means to be ready as we wait for the Lord to be 'revealed' to us and to all creation.

The words from Isaiah are a necessary precondition - we will not 'stay awake', we will not 'be ready' unless we recognise our own need for God's care: 'Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways?'

As we begin to prepare to celebrate the Incarnation of the Word, the coming of the Christ, as a helpless baby, born in a cow shed, we are starkly reminded that our responsibility is, little by little, through prayer, through participation in the life of this community, through learning to be more perceptive of the needs of those around us and doing what we can to meet those needs, we come to recognise the mystery and the reality of the Divine presence within and among us in a most unexpected way. 'Pay attention!' 'Stay awake!' . . 'until the lord comes'.Richard Hallett

2012 COLUMBAN CALENDAR: is the 90th Edition of the Columban Calendar. It is now available at the Piety Stall for only \$8. Buy this Special edition of the calendar and you will be helping our missionaries at the same time. This calendar makes an excellent gift for family and friends. There is an Art Guide Presentation with an explanation of each painting on the website: www.columban.org.au.

ASD FORUM: St Anne's Primary School has formed an Autism Spectrum Disorder Parent Support/ Network Group this year and the gatherings have proved to be educational, supportive, enlightening and at times 'inspirational'. As a result of these gatherings we have decided to hold an information session to ensure our students with ASD are better understood in the world they are part of. On Thursday 1 December from 9.15-10.15am at the Parish Centre. Morning tea will be provided. Please RSVP by 28 Nov by contacting Nicole on 9744 3055.

MEMORIAL SHEETS: during the month of November we remember our dearly departed loved ones. At all masses, we have a memorial book that we will add to every week. Please feel free to fill in a purple form to have your loved ones added to our memorial book.

CATECHETICS NEEDED: We are looking for two people to work on a part-time basis with the parish Religious Ed Coordinator and the parish primary schools to provide the teaching component of religious education and preparation for celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation for children attending other schools in our parish area. Qualification to teach Religious Education in Catholic primary schools is highly desirable. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office for a more detailed explanation of what is involved in this important work. We have a lot of fun together doing this!

SUNBURY CHAPLAINCY: a special Chaplaincy Service will be held at 7.30pm on Sunday 4 December at Sunbury Baptist Church (Gap Road). At this service, we will be commissioning Alicia Drowley, the Chaplain at Sunbury Downs College and farewelling Tim Cohen who has been Chaplain at Sunbury College for two years. Tim will soon commence a full time position at Castlemaine Secondary College (the position at Sunbury College will be part time next year). We would love to see as many as possible at this special Service to support our Chaplains. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.

Goonawarra Nursing Home, Sunbury
Friday 2 December 2.30—3.15pm
Please come along and help entertain the residents.

EVENING ADORATION: will be held at St Anne's Church on Friday 2 December from 7-8pm.

THANK YOU: the collection taken for the Catholic Deaf received \$909.60, an amazing effort yet again. The Bible Society of Australia were also grateful for your generosity as they received \$1732. Your prayers and generosity are much appreciated by those in need.

Thank

CONGRATULATIONS: and Thank you to the OLMC Preps and their teachers, Monique, Rita and Michelle for the wonderful entertainment and lunch they gave us last Thursday. Everyone said it was one of the best days and will be remembered with much joy.....Evergreens.

MORNING TEA: next Sunday 4 December, Sunbury West will be hosting morning tea after the 8.30am Mass at St Anne's Church. Please feel free to bring a plate and join us for a cuppa and a chat.



CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN 2011: will take place on Sun 11 Dec. The event is being sponsored by the Combined Churches of Sunbury and tells the Christmas message in story, song and festivity. Organisers are looking for volunteers and donations to help make the event a success. If you would like to assist, please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060. There is also information in the foyer of St Anne's Church.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES: our prayers to Gary and Lyn Plummer and family on the death of Gary's Dad, Ron Plummer. The family are very grateful for the support shown by our parishioners.



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: The Vinnies Christmas appeal starts this Sunday 1 December. This Christmas, Vinnies will spend time helping over half a million people and you can help too. By supporting Vinnies with a donation to the Christmas Appeal, you'll be helping to provide services which make a real difference to people's lives: presents for children, basics like food and clothing, practical support for struggling families and emotional support for those who have no-one to turn to. And isn't that something everyone wants?

Please, when you're thinking about the gifts you plan to give this Christmas, think about a gift to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal and help someone change their life. Envelopes will be available at both churches for people wanting to donate via credit card or direct debit. These can be returned this week or next week.

YOUTH GROUP: have been very busy. The Youth Group have organized a picnic this Sunday 27 November at Mount Macedon, Hanging Rock from 1.30-4pm. BYO food, drinks and outdoor games.

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Also, on Saturday 3 December our Youth Group will be Singing Carols with Santa at 3 Aged Care Homes at Sunbury starting at 10am from Goonawarra Nursing Home, Anderson Rd, Sunbury. Dress colorfully, reindeer and Santa hats, bring along musical instruments and sing along. Practice on 2 December at St Anne's Church between 7-8pm. For more info, contact Garnet Jacob on 9740 8328 or 0411 286 428.

POSITION AVAILABLE: for a Parish Secretary at St Mark's Parish, Fawkner. For further info, http://www.cam.org.au/jobs

THE YEAR OF GRACE: Archbishop Philip Wilson, has announced the forthcoming "Year of Grace" to span the time from Pentecost 2012 to Pentecost 2013. In a letter to all Catholics he said, "We call the Catholic people in Australia to a Year of Grace. Like the disciples a the first Pentecost, we commit ourselves to start afresh from Christ. We invite you to join us in this journey of prayer so that this 'Pentecost' year will be for our nation and all Australians truly a 'year of grace'. Planning for the Year of Grace has already begun in every diocese in the country, so that the Catholics of this nation may respond to this fresh invitation to 'contemplate the face of Christ." For further info visit www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au.

LOURDES DAY MASS: mass of hope for the sick and fragile Saturday 3 December 10.30am St Patrick's Cathedral. Flyers at St Anne's Church.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church—Sue Sexton Ann Twomey CLEANING: OLMC Church—Deborah Hoey/ Win Birt St Anne's Church—Margaret Crooks Bernie Owens Errol Daniels COUNTERS: Gerard Duggan Julie Reddan Anne McCormick GIFT SHOP: Dawn Westwood Dolly Causer John Porta LECTORS: Kevin Crowley Della Oswald Patricia McCourt Maria Martin MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm Dolores Kruszynski Shashi Nair Eileen Naylor Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Carmen Ryan Pauline Sharma Jean Skillecorn 8.30am Glenda Shanahan Colin & Coreen Wilson Lily Lupa Sue Wight Will Honner Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegerink 10.30am Paul Fanning Cathy Gay Tony Hendy Michael Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Patricia McCourt Olina Moore Nesta Pardo 5.30pm John Kremers Maria Mallia Alan Slocombe