



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

**BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,
SUNBURY, WILDWOOD**

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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 Liturgy of the Word
Tues: 7.00pm O.L.M.C.
Wed: 9.15am St Anne's
11.00am Lions Hostel
Thu: 9.15am St Anne's
7.30pm St Anne's
Fri: 9.15am St Anne's

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 10.00—10.30am OLMC Church

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 of next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

The following children from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:

Emily DARROCH
Rose DARROCH
Taylor DIBENNARDO
Eleana GODFREY
Talon ONVLEE
Jacob SCIBERRAS
Joseph VIOLA
WILLIAM VIOLA

We joyfully welcome them into our parish community.



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

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: Calling all men, women and children. We are looking to set up Lakeside Stadium at Rupertswood on Wednesday, 21 December at 7pm and need all the helpers we can get to set up around 1500 chairs for Christmas Eve Mass. Don't be shy! Last year we set up in 25 minutes!

SPECIAL COLLECTION
NEXT WEEK
MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION

11 December 2011—Third Sunday of Advent

Psalm Response: My soul rejoices in my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Sandra AMOS Wendy ATTREED Eileen CHAMPNESS Charles ENGERER Caleb FARIA Alison FISHER Sue KELLY Gerry KEOGHANE Ron PAGE Gregory QUINN Frank TRAFICANTE

Recently Deceased: Tom BAIRD Leo HACKETT Rev Fr Peter ROBB CSsR

Anniversaries: Irene BUTLER John BYRNE Frank GAUCI Perc HAMILTON Andrew HUTCHISON Len OLLINGTON Noreen REDDAN Patrick REDDAN Rosina SCALISE

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The words which we have heard today from the Prophet Isaiah,

'The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken,
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to comfort all those who mourn,
and to give them, for ashes a garland,
for mourning robe the oil of salvation.
for despondency, praise.'

are, as we read in Saint Luke's Gospel, the words which Jesus chose as he unrolled the scroll in the synagogue in Nazareth to begin his ministry. They set out his mission as they set out ours. Like the prologue to Saint John's Gospel, from which we also heard today, they encapsulate and sum up all that Jesus was to do and all that we are called to do. They proclaim radical and substantial hope as a basis for indestructible joy and peace.

They lay the foundation stones for a society in which justice and loving kindness and freedom of spirit are the evident signs of the abiding presence of the spirit of Divine Love. Our response to these words today is Mary's response - 'The Lord has done great things for me! Holy is his name!'

Advent is a time of preparation for the Lord's coming anew into our lives, and the best form of preparation is often simply to take the time to 'count our blessings', to recognise the reality of God's ongoing engagement and activity with each one of us. This is learning to live in the reality of our lives, not just in the surface level of all the things that happen to us.

The letter to the Thessalonians is addressed personally to us as well: 'be at peace among yourselves . . . you must all think of what is best for each other and for the community. Be happy at all times, pray constantly, and for all things give thanks to God.'

It is not as if we are waiting, this Advent, for something that we know nothing about. This is clear from what we have heard from St. John about John the Baptist: 'John appears as his witness'. Now a witness is only a witness if she or he has actually seen something. We wait for the Lord, whom we have met many times before, to come again to abide with us, like a brother or sister returning after a long absence.

We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

.....Richard Hallett

OUR GROWING PARISH: Hume City Council held a public information and consultation evening at the Memorial Hall last Wednesday when twenty residents attended and saw the proposals for growth. A member of our Parish Education Board and Salesian College Council was present as there is proposed a possible establishment of homes for 10000 people in Diggers Rest and South Sunbury in the next five years. The State Government will make the final decision.

SPEAKING PERSONALLY: I consider myself to be very fortunate and blessed to have been able to do study in Europe. The study tour organised by Yarra Theological Union was wonderful, far beyond my expectations. The scholars and leading figures we met were so generous with their time. We saw new modern churches in suburban Paris with a strong social welfare programs we visited the immersion font where St Augustine and his son were baptised at the Easter Vigil in 397 and the chapel in Belgium where the first Mass facing the people was celebrated in 1922. However, we can also be proud of the efforts made in Australia on liturgical renewal since the 1950's.....Kevin McIntosh

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.

CATECHISTS 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. Qualifications 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. All are welcome.

DIARY DATES 2012: – Welcoming children into the Christian Community:

Reconciliation in 2012 and First Communion in 2013:

* Information and Registration sessions for all parents: 2pm or 7.30pm, Tuesday 6 March, Parish Centre

* Celebration of First Reconciliation: 9, 14 and 16 August, 7pm St. Anne's Church

* Celebration of First Communion: May 2013

First Communion 2012: May/June

Families have been advised of the preparation and celebration dates.

Confirmation:

* Information and Registration sessions for all parents: 2pm or 7.30pm, Tuesday 21 February, Parish Centre

* Celebration of Confirmation: 2pm and 4pm, Sunday 14 October at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Baptism of School Age Children:

Sunday 17 June and Sunday 25 November

Contact the Parish Office NOT LESS THAN 6 WEEKS before these dates to arrange preparation.

For more information contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060 or e-mail: richard.hallett@cam.org.au

CHRISTMAS INVITATION: Sunbury Baptist Church warmly invites you to a Free Christmas Lunch. On December 25 from 12-2pm at Sunbury Baptist Church at 207 Gap Rd, Sunbury. RSVP 9740 7683. Please don't be alone this Christmas. More information in St Anne's Church foyer.



ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Gail Ryan Narelle Anderson **CLEANING:** OLMC Church—Lucy Gatt St Anne's Church—Miriam Culhane Maria Martin

COUNTERS: Bernie Owens Hilda Kocianic Mary Reay Mary Alkemade

GIFT SHOP: Dawn Westwood Pat & Peter Readman Pam Fairbairn

LECTORS: Felicity Wicks Tom Allen Michael Hetherington Mary Macdermid

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: **6.00pm** Dawn Westwood Raeleen Cataldo Lucy Foran Paul Hogan Maree Walsh Maurie & Anne Saunders Carmel Pritchard Jennifer Poon **8.30am** Glenda Shanahan Colin & Coreen Wilson Lily Lupa Sue Wight Will Honner Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegierink **10.30am** Julie Reddan Mary Thomas Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Johanna Fahey **5.30pm** Maria Mallia Alan Slocombe Pauline Strongman

CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN: will take place on Sunday 11 December. The event is being sponsored by the Combined Churches of Sunbury and tells the Christmas message in story, song and festivity. Please come and join in the festivities. This is a family friendly environment. It starts at 3.00pm with face painting, jumping castle, games, art and craft activities, clowns and a giant slide. Carols singing will start at 6pm with great gusto and smiles will be out in force! Please bring your own chair and safety candles will be on sale on the night. This years celebrations will focus on the birth of Jesus with a nativity scene with stable and animals. There will also be a light and sound music show.



CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE: will be held on Wednesday 14 December at 7.30pm in St Anne's Church. Cuppa afterwards. All welcome.

You're Invited

THE YEAR OF GRACE: Archbishop Phillip 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 at 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.

MEETINGS:

St Vincent de Paul	Monday 19 Dec 7pm	St Anne's Church
Finance Committee	Tuesday 13 Dec 7.40pm	Parish Centre
Liturgy Meeting	Tuesday 13 Dec 7.30pm	Parish Office

FOSTER CARE: every night in Victoria there are thousands of children who need a safe place to stay because they are unable to live at home. The long-term benefits of providing a stable and loving home environment are crucial to development of the vulnerable children and young people MacKillop work with every day. If you are able to help a child please contact MacKillop Family Services on 8398 6800 or www.mackillop.org.au.



HELP NEEDED: We are looking for people to assist at the 7pm Christmas Mass at Rupertswood to help with ushering and Ministers of Communion. If you are able to assist please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060.

