



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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

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18 December 2011—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Psalm Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord;
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Sandra AMOS Wendy ATTREED Eileen CHAMPNESS Caleb FARIA Cathy FREEMANTLE Sue KELLY Ron PAGE Frank TRAFICANTE Elvie WILLIAMS

Recently Deceased: Charles ENGERER Maryann ENRIQUES Fr Kevin MCKELSON SAC

Anniversaries: Peter BACHNIK Mario CARASIG Kit DILLON John SCOLLAY Rose MIZZI Francesca QUATTRONE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stories announcing births are common in the Bible. In the Hebrew (Old Testament) scriptures, we have stories of announcing the birth of Isaac, Samson and Samuel. and in the New Testament, the birth of John the Baptist is recorded by St Luke. The purpose of an annunciation story is to let us know the role of the person will play in salvation history rather than a strict record of a conversation.

In the annunciation of the birth of Jesus, there are elements surpassing all previous stories. These key elements are the creative action of the Holy Spirit, Mary's cooperation with God's will, and that Jesus is Son of God who will reign forever (cf "Summit" Vol 38 No. 4). In the Church, we have a long tradition of honouring Mary. In 1965, at the Vatican Council, the Church solemnly taught Mary as the first disciple and model for all disciples. As such, she is Mother of the Church and Mother of God. As we reflect on Mary's perfect "yes" to God's will, where am I now being called to say "yes" to enable God to live more deeply within me? Maybe my response will cause my life to change as did Mary's after the Annunciation.

The Year of 2011 in Review

During this year we have welcomed 131 new members to our community through Baptism and farewelled 22 parishioners at Funeral celebrations.

Our two schools began with extensive new buildings funded by the Federal Government. We no longer have portable classrooms, but permanent facilities.

On your behalf, I thank our generous givers to Thanksgiving Offering who have given an increase of 7.5% during 2011 compared to 2010. Because of your generosity, we have been able to meet our running expenses (eg. annual insurance \$24650) and continue to repay our loans. Our current parish debt is \$458662. The school debts are not included in this figure.

2011 has seen significant changes in staff in our parish office and schools.

This year the Jill Gibbs Memorial Community Garden was established on Riddell Road. A new sound system installed in St Anne's church and various parish buildings have been painted.

As I look back, we have enjoyed a very good year. Let us thank God for all his blessings and gifts.

.....Kevin McIntosh

Christmas 2011 Family Masses

Saturday	7pm	Rupertswood Stadium
	10pm	St Anne's Church
Sunday	8.30am	St Anne's Church
	10.30am	St Anne's Church

Carols will be sung before each Mass

Mass times this week

Sat: 7.00pm Rupertswood Stadium
10.00pm St Anne's
Sun: 8.30am St Anne's
10.30am St Anne's
Mon: 9.15am Liturgy of the Word
Tues: 1.00pm St Anne's Funeral of Charles Engerer
7.30pm OLMC Graduation Mass
Wed: 9.15am St Anne's
Thu: 9.15am St Anne's
2.30pm Goonawarra Aged Care
Fri: 9.15am St Anne's
11.00am Riddell Garden Aged Care

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:

Mason CAMERON
Sienna HOOK-NICOL
Benjamin JACOBS
Tejay PAGE

We joyfully welcome them into our parish community.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations to Ampy and Juanito Galves who have just celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on 14 December.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION
THIS WEEK**

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION

Rupertswood Mass– Christmas Eve

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!

We are looking for people to assist at the 7pm Christmas Eve 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.

It is recommended that families arrive around 6.30pm to avoid congestion in the car park.

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.



MEETINGS:

St Vincent de Paul Monday 19 Dec 7pm St Anne's Church

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.



THANK YOU: for the generosity for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. In addition to the \$1875.35 collected the week of 27 November, \$1047.65 was collected on the weekend of 4 December. The money collected will help support the many families who need assistance this Christmas. The money raised will help maintain the dignity of the families struggling to buy gifts for their children and buy basics like food and clothing. It will also provide practical support for struggling families and emotional support for those who have no-one to turn to. Sunbury community continues to be generous in their support of such worthy causes.

POSITION AVAILABLE: The St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria is seeking someone to support our members and volunteers in their work assisting those in need in the East Melbourne suburbs. For full details go to Ad & position description www.vinnies.org.au/vic or Tel: Patricia McCourt, Manager membership & Development 03 9895 5882. Applications close 13 January 2012. Also, St Mark's Parish, Fawkner are looking for a Parish Secretary. Anyone interested can get further info from www.cam.org.au/jobs.



FREE TO A GOOD HOME: Lions Hostel has an organ available to anyone interested. Please contact Jenny at the Lions Hostel on 9744 7001 for further info.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Do not be afraid, Mary." Luke 1:30

It can be a little scary to do as God asks– to give Him the first fruits of our time, talent and treasure. The comforting words the angel spoke to Mary can comfort us, too, when we strive to be good Christian stewards- "Do not be afraid."

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Rosemary Tricarico on the entry to eternal life of her father Charles Engerer aged 97 years after a brief illness. He has lived next door to Rosemary's family since 1984. Vigil Prayers with Rosary will be held for Charles on Monday at 7pm in St Anne's church, followed by his Funeral Mass on Tuesday at 1pm. The Committal will be at Altona Cemetery. Charles was visited weekly by members of the Legion of Mary.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Lyn Dillon Julie Wright **CLEANING:** OLMC Church—Denise Bray St Anne's Church—Colleen Hackett Joe & Mary Kloss

COUNTERS: John & Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim

GIFT SHOP: Dawn Westwood Carmel Wiegerink Frances Arians

LECTORS: Anthony Rocco Christine Wallace Adelfo Hipolito Barry McAloney

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: **7.00pm Lakeside Stadium, Rupertswood** **10.00pm St Anne's Church** **8.30am** Mark Perry Ann Chir-cop Tom Allen Christine Cassar Elizabeth Falzon Andrew Swan Lloyd D'Crus **10.30am** Paul Fanning Cahty Gay Tony Hendy Michael Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Patricia McCourt Olina Moore Nesta Pardo **5.30pm** No mass