



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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

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Mass times this week

Mon: 9.15am Liturgy of the Word
Tues: 7.00pm O.L.M.C.
Wed: 9.15am St Anne's
Thu: 9.15am St Anne's
Frid: 9.15am St Anne's
Sat: 6.00pm St Anne's
Sun: 8.30am St Anne's
10.30am St Anne's
5.30pm O.L.M.C

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 child from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:
Xavier THOMPSON
We joyfully welcome him into our parish community.



WELCOME: Fr Michael Willemson will be celebrating 10.30am mass at St Anne's and Fr Brian McDermott will be celebrating 5.30pm 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 at Ball Court Hotel, cost \$20. Bookings to Frances on 9744 1999 by December 9.

MEETING THIS WEEK: St Vincent de Paul Monday 5 December 7pm St Anne's Church.

4 December 2011—Second Sunday of Advent

Psalm Response: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Sandra AMOS Wendy ATTREED Charles ENGERER Caleb FARIA
Alison FISHER Gerry KEOGHANE Justin O'BRIEN Ron PAGE Gregory QUINN
Frank TRAFICANTE

Recently Deceased: Jean MONAGHAN

Anniversaries: Barbara D'SOUZA Nancy HEENAN Billy LAIRD Oscar MORRIS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas Mass at Rupertswood Stadium - 7pm, Saturday December 24: If there are any children in Years 1 to 4 attending schools *other than* Our Lady of Mt. Carmel or St. Anne's who would like to take part in the dramatisation of the Gospel at this Mass - there is always room for angels and shepherds! - ask mum or dad to ring the Parish Office on Monday 5 December to let us know. We have sent a not to children at the parish primary schools. Today we hear the beginning of St. Mark's Gospel. His is the first of the four Gospels to be written and the shortest - and he wastes no time getting to the heart of his subject: All of the expectations of the Hebrew people, all their hopes and longing, have been fulfilled! There is a great urgency in his story. The people have been waiting for centuries for the Messiah to come - and now he is here and it is time to recognise this and to respond by a complete transformation in the way that we live! This is 'Good News!' Don't miss the opportunity! Last week we heard Jesus calling us to keep our eyes open - to stay awake - to be attentive to God's call to us and to God's saving work in us and in the world. Now we see the people coming to hear John, the 'Baptiser', or as he is called in the Orthodox Churches, the 'Forerunner', calling the people to repentance. They are responding to his call, being immersed in the Jordan as a symbol of their hope and prayer that their way of living will be transformed.

The symbolism of going into, and coming out of this river was not lost on them. In the ancient story that was the basis of their spiritual and cultural life, 'crossing the Jordan' was the point of fulfilment at the end of the long journey that had started, first with a promise long before to Abraham, then with a dramatic escape from slavery. Then there had been a journey to 'the mountain of God' where they had received the Law, and a whole generation of wandering in the desert, learning to cope with this new relationship with God and finding it far from straightforward or easy! At last Joshua brings them to this river, a river that even Moses could not cross, and they go into it in the desert and come out of it in the promised land 'where milk and honey flow!'

Then they realise that the task of building a new society, a new way of living, is before them - and it will require all the energy and imagination that they can muster - but they are slaves no longer. They are free women and men with a vision of a just and faithful society, and with the confidence that they are not alone in this enterprise but that it is the enterprise of the Living God.

John immediately points beyond his call to repentance - that is essential and critical but not the whole story - in fact, not even a shadow of the whole story! The one who is coming after him will not only set past wrongs right, but will offer much more than the possibility of building a righteous society, symbolised by crossing the Jordan. He will offer the ability to individuals and to communities to enter into, not a country, but into the boundlessly life-giving, creative, redemptive and transforming life of God's own daughters and sons, sharing in God's own life - life 'in the Holy Spirit'.

.....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.

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

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



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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



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.

MORNING TEA: please join us for morning tea on Sunday 4 December after 8.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share and stay for a chat.

Join Us!

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Corina Bell **CLEANING:** OLMC Church—Natasha & Angelo Snell St Anne's Church—Narelle Anderson Maree Cocks

COUNTERS: Kelly Stark Vern Walters Maureen Walters

GIFT SHOP: Dawn Westwood Julie Reddan Mary Wicks

LECTORS: Julie Reddan Mary Spiteri Elaine Van der Weerden Mary Wicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: **6.00pm** Dolores Kruszynski Shashi Nair Eileen Naylor Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Carmen Ryan Pauline Sharma Jean Skillecorn **8.30am** Elizabeth Falzon Andrew Swan Lloyd D'Crus Pat Readman Graeme & Lynne Simpson John & Sheila Stafford **10.30am** Tony Hendy Michael Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Patricia McCourt Olina Moore Nesta Pardo Val Quinn Sean Quigley **5.30pm** Maree O'Brien Pauline Strongman Paula Seric

YOUTH GROUP: Youth (Primary and Secondary) are all welcome to join in a Carol Singing event (singing three Carols) at the Village Greens on 11th Dec 2011. Practice will be held at St Anne's church on 9th Dec between 7-8PM.. Dress code and further details will be circulated via email. Please forward your email address to garnetjacob@yahoo.com. Any ideas to make this event more fun please contact Garnet Jacob on 97408328/ 0411286428.



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. 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.

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.

THANK YOU: St Vincent de Paul had their Christmas collection last week. We are very grateful for the generosity of the community. A total of \$1875.35 was raised to help families in need and to share the Christmas Spirit. A collection will be taken up this week for families who took home the St Vincent de Paul envelopes and want to return them.



SUNBURY CHAPLAINCY: A special Chaplaincy Service will be held at 7.30pm on Sunday 4th December at Sunbury Baptist Church (Gap Road). At this Service, we will be commissioning Alicia Drowley, the Chaplain at Sunbury Downs College and also 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 to this special Service to support our Chaplains. Please bring a small plate of supper to share.

MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE: ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.