



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 OLMC
Mon: 9.15am Liturgy of the Word
Tues: 7.00pm OLMC
Wed: 9.15am St Anne's
Thu: 9.15am St Anne's
Fri: 9.15am St Anne's

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 10.00–10.30am OLMC Church

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
Assistant Priest: Rev Dispin John
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:
Tahlia SACCO & Tayla WILKIE
We joyfully welcome them into our parish community.



29 January 2012 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
The people in darkness have seen a great light;
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Larry AMON Emmanuel ATTARD Joan ATKINS Doris BORG Noreen CASEY
Caleb FARIA Cathy FREEMANTLE Glenys GAYFER Ramon KARASIG JNR Maurice
KELLY Ron PAGE Takehiro VEDA

Recently Deceased: Sr Marie Therese TAGGART sjc

Anniversaries: Jimmy DIMOPOULOS Antonio KAIRUZ Moises KAIRUZ Maurice
McCOURT Nora MILLETT Allan OSWALD Leonarda REYES Lolita SEPE Frank TWY-
CROSS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For Mark the Gospel is fundamentally about freedom. This Jesus might be a good preacher and teacher but he is much more than that. He is the only one who can release us from all that binds us, from all our inner demons, from all our sinfulness. He is our liberator in the very deepest sense of that word.

More of the implications of this passage may reveal themselves if we remember the narrative context into which Mark places it. After this cure of the demoniac, Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law and many others afflicted either by illness or by evil spirits. It is with these acts of power done out of compassion for the needs of others that Jesus begins his public life.

There is considerable debate about whether the people whom Jesus healed were really possessed by the devil or were mentally disturbed. The debate is utterly beside the point. These individuals were deeply troubled and Jesus healed them. Jesus came to heal both body and soul. Most scripture scholars now agree that miracles were an important part of Jesus' ministry and of the memory of that ministry in the early church. We simply cannot abandon them to please those who say miracles are impossible. The precise explanation of how these healings were accomplished is another matter and perhaps one that is also beside the point. Jesus did not work miracles to prove anything. Rather they were signs that God's healing love is at work in the world.

..... *Dispin John*

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS: will commence this week as all students return at the specific times as their parents were notified late last term. The leadership teams of our schools met last week.

JILL GIBBS COMMUNITY GARDEN: Today, Jo Wiegerink, convenor of the Garden will invite more parishioners to take part in our Garden. The blessing of the Harvest at the Garden will take place on Sunday 12 February at 9.30am.

TO CHANGE THE WORLD:

'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.'

- Margaret Mead, famous anthropologist (d.1978)

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: we would love to hear from people who are able to assist with Children's Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass. Please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060 to register your interest.



KEY REGISTER: a proposal at the Parish Assembly in September was to establish a Key Register for the Parish Properties. If you currently hold a key to any Parish Property, could you please contact the parish office on 9744 1060 as you will need to sign the Key Register.

PARISH BINGO IS BACK!: Parish Bingo is held every Thursday Evening at the Sunbury Football Social Club, Clarke Oval, Riddell Rd Sunbury. \$999.00 last game prize. Come on give it a go! Eyes down at 8.00pm Ticket sales from 7.00pm. Dinner and snacks available.

ADORATION: is prayed on the first Friday of every month in St Anne's Church from 7-8pm.

WORKING BEE: working bees around St Anne's Church resume on Saturday 4 February 2012 starting at 9 til 12.00. Our work will concentrate on the grounds around St Anne's Church and the Parish Centre. Please bring weeding gear, wheelbarrows, shovels, whipper snippers, etc. All welcome, help make St Anne's look like the Garden of Eden.

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

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP will resume meeting at St. Anne's Church at 10.15am on Thursday February 2nd. All welcome including children. For further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 9744 4029.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32.

How many anxieties do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about attaining ever more material possessions? Yet, God tells us that only the hand that is open to give can also be open to receive His peace and joy. A heart or a hand clenched in anxiety and greed can never truly receive anything.



CATHOLICCARE OUTREACH PROGRAM: in the past our community has given generously to Catholiccare. Our community has access to the services provided by this wonderful organisation through the outreach program. It is run through the Sunbury Community Health Service and the hours of operation are: Mon, Tues, Thurs 9-5; Wed 11.30am-7pm. Services provided range from individual, couple and family counselling, stress management, grief and loss, pain management and parenting. Please contact 9744 4455 to arrange an appointment if you need to use this service.

WOOD ITEMS FROM BETHLEHEM: Christian families in Bethlehem are supported by making and selling items of a religious nature made from olive wood. At Masses on 4/5 February and 11/12 February there will be a sale of items priced from \$5 to \$150.00.

LENT IS COMING: The Parish Liturgy Group is preparing to help us parishioners use the Lenten Season as an opportunity to re assess the direction of our lives.

Watch this space for further information and invitation.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Combined School Staff Gathering	Tue 31 Jan 8.30am in Parish Ctr.
Zone Meeting of Priests at Avondale Heights	Wed 1 Feb 11.00am
Parish Maintenance Team	Fri 3 Feb 10.00a.m.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:

Liturgy Meeting	Tue 7 Feb 7.40pm
Parish/Schools Co-ordination Meeting	Wed 8 Feb 1.30pm
Parish Co-ordinating Team	Wed 8 Feb 7.30pm
Religious Education Co-ordinators	Fri 10 Feb 2.00pm

NEXT WEEKS READINGS: First Reading: Job 7:1-4.6-7
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23 Gospel. Mark 1:29-39

PEACE

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.
Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.
Peace is not the silent revolt of violent repression.
Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.
Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity.
It is right and it is duty.
- Archbishop Oscar Romero (1917-1980) martyred at Mass in San Salvador

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Lucinda Dineen

CLEANING: OLMC Church—Mary Alkemade St Anne's Church—Margaret Crooks Bernie Owens Errol Daniel

COUNTERS: John Bracher Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim

GIFT SHOP: Roselle Duckworth Frances Arians

LECTORS: Paul Hogan Adelfo Hipolito Sarah Dowling Barry McAloney

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: **6.00pm** Jean Skillecorn Dawn Westwood Raeleen Cataldo Lucy Foran Paul Hogan Maree Walsh Maurie & Anne Saunders Carmel Pritchard **8.30am** Elizabeth Falzon Andrew Swan Lloyd D'Crus Pat Readman Graeme & Lynne Simpson John & Sheila Stafford **10.30am** Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Johanna Fahey Paul Fanning Cathy Gay **5.30pm** Maree O'Brien Luisa Hogan John Kremers