



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: 11.45am OLMC
Wed: 12.15pm 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 child from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:

Mia SMALLMAN

We joyfully welcome her into our parish community.



BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASSES: will be celebrated on this Tuesday and Wednesday as indicated above. All parents and parishioners are welcome.

BLESSING OF JILL GIBBS NEIGHBOURHOOD GARDEN HARVEST: will take place today at 9.30am. All welcome.



Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him....

12 February 2012 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Emmanuel ATTARD Joan ATKINS Artemio AZORES Doris BORG Silvana BODZAY Noreen CASEY Caleb FARIA Cathy FREEMANTLE Margaret FRIEL Glenys GAYFER Ramon KARASIG jnr Ron PAGE Garry REDDAN Faye ROWELL Lolita SEPE Frank TRAFICANTE Takehiro VEDA George WESTWOOD

Recently Deceased: Danny BORTOLOTTI Margery KENNEDY Berta MORAR Maria STAWICKI

Anniversaries: Georgina CHETCUTI Richard D'SOUZA Richard LUPA Angelina SANGALANG

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Orthodox Christians have a saying: 'You can always tell that you are in an Orthodox Church because before they start to pray they pray.' In the Orthodox Liturgy - called the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom - the equivalent of what we call the Eucharistic Prayer and the Communion Rite is very close to the end and is very short, so short in fact that if you are not paying attention you might miss it! And this happens after more than an hour of singing, praying, reading the scriptures, listening to the homily, singing some more, praying some more - in short GETTING READY FOR THE LORD TO COME! And make sure that when he comes, you don't miss him! The man suffering the curse of leprosy who we have heard about in today's gospel had just one opportunity to ask for healing - and he was ready to come forward boldly and ask for help. St. Paul tells his Corinthian community to always be ready to be open, generous, helpful to all, regardless of their background or beliefs.

So a few thoughts about getting ready for Lent - which is about getting ready to celebrate the Paschal Mystery - the entering into the death and resurrection of Jesus - at Easter.

During Lent this year the opportunity will be provided to join in an excellent prayer and reflection program entitled 'Towards the Light', prepared by the Archdiocese of Brisbane. As you can see on the back of this Newsletter the times have been arranged to make it as easy as possible to attend. These gatherings enable us to focus some attention, as we mentioned last week, on the health of our inner life. If we consistently choose not to attend to this, we can be confident that we will not have the inner resilience and strength to cope with the challenges and troubles which life inevitably places before us. We will not be ready for them.

Another opportunity for getting ready during Lent being offered by the Sunbury Emmaus Prayer Group is the series of presentations 'This promise is for you'. As you can see, again on the back of the Newsletter, the topics in this program are matters which we all need to consider anew as we follow Christ as his disciples in his work of healing a broken world.

Passing through the Paschal Mystery at Easter brings new life and so, between Easter and Pentecost the opportunity will be provided to join in Evening Prayer of the Church on a Thursday evening. We will examine the significance of this form of prayer as the time approaches.

Seriously consider taking part in one of these gatherings. The result of the leper's prayer was a complete transformation in his life.

.....Richard Hallett

LENT PROGRAM: At the Ash Wednesday Eucharist we are signed with the cross of ash. At the beginning of Lent "we stand at a cross road and are given an opportunity to reassess the direction of our lives" (Towards the Light)

As a Parish we intend to have a weekly Lenten reflection, a choice of one of three sessions:

Tuesday 7.30-8.15pm OLMC Church

Sunday 9.40-10.30am St Anne's

Sunday 4.45-5.30pm OLMC Church

Everyone is welcome to register so as enough resources can be ordered.

Also, we are looking for 3 leaders (we will arrange training) to run the sessions. If you are able to assist, please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060.

YOUTH GROUP: The Children/Youth choir are having the first practice on 17 February at 6.30pm.

The Youth Group are organizing a 'Trivia & Pizza' Night on 24 February at 6.30pm at St. Anne's Parish Centre.

NEXT WEEKS READINGS: First Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19.21-22.24
-25 Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

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

ROSARY: is prayed every Saturday morning at 9am in St Anne's Church. All Welcome.

"THIS PROMISE IS FOR YOU": a six week seminar on the life changing work of the Holy Spirit, will be held at St Anne's church on the evenings at 7.30pm commencing on February 23. Topics covered include: The Certainty of God's Love, Freedom in Jesus, The Power of the Holy Spirit, The Spiritual Gifts of Charisms, Fullness of Life and Empowered to Serve. For registration please contact a Sunbury Emmaus Prayer Group member or phone 9744 4029.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Brothers and sisters: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

Are you doing everything possible for the glory of God? Or is there maybe some other way that you could generously share your time, talent or treasure for God's glory? Think about it.



FUNERAL OF FR PETER FULTON: Last Wednesday, 600 people took part in his funeral at St James the Apostle, Greensborough North, including five bishops and seventy priests. The singing by all the people was wonderful. His family described the funeral as "Magnificent". I thank you for your expressions of sympathy in the loss of my best friend of nearly 50 years. His parents became friends of my parents.

...Kevin McIntosh

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 today there will be a sale of items priced from \$5 to \$150.00.

MEETINGS :

Salesian College Council

Thu 16 Feb 6.00pm

Registration for Confirmation 2012

Tues 21 Feb 2pm & 7.30pm

Parish School Coordinators

Wed 22 Feb 1.30pm

Finance & Development Committee

Thurs 23 Feb 7.30pm

St Vincent de Paul

Mon 27 Feb 7.00pm

WELCOMING A CANDIDATE: On Sunday 12 February 2012 at 8.30 Mass, we shall welcome Christine Sammut into our parish community. Christine who is a baptized Catholic, embarked on her RCIA faith journey in July 2011 and through the Rite of Acceptance on 12 February, will enter the Catechumenate and continue to learn about Jesus and the teachings of His church. Please keep Christine in our prayers as she continues to journey towards the sacraments on Initiation at Easter.

.... R.C.I.A. Team

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to the Kennedy family as their mother Marjorie passed to the Lord last week. Margery was a Eucharistic Catholic and for the last seven years received Holy Communion at home as she was unable to come to Mass. Her husband Bill went before her last year.

We also remember Danny Bortolotto, a regular at Sunday evening Mass for the last twenty-five years since his arrival in our parish. Danny was orphaned at seven. Later he was conscripted into the Italian Army and fought in the trenches in France. His brother, Peter, was a priest and died in his thirties. Danny had serious illnesses over the last fourteen years. He was a dedicated husband to Maria (deceased) for 65 years.

ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY: Monday 13 February 2012 marks the first anniversary of a significant moment in the history of Australia. The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry remember the apology from former Australian Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, who apologised to the Aboriginal people for the "Children of the Stolen Generation"- a very sad part of our Australian History. We remember this day, and pray that as we move forward as a nation, that we learn from the mistakes of our past and remember the dignity of all families and all people.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Wiegerink family

CLEANING: OLMC Church—Sheralyn Berry St Anne's Church—Miriam Culhane Maria Martin

COUNTERS: Jack Sullivan Kerry Sanford Janet Elliott

GIFT SHOP: Dolly Causer John Porta

LECTORS: Julie Reddan Jenny Carland Michael Hetherington Paul Fanning

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: **6.00pm** Yvonne Rozario Carmen Ryan Pauline Sharma Jean Skillecorn Dawn Westwood Raeleen Cataldo Lucy Foran Paul Hogan **8.30am** Mark Perry Ann Chircop Tom Allen Christine Cassar Elizabeth Falzon Andrew Swan Lloyd D'Crus **10.30am** Julie Reddan Mary Thomas Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Johanna Fahey **5.30pm** Paula Seric Maree O'Brien Luisa Hogan