



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:
Jack DE BONO Jude CARCARELLO
RJ POLIDORO & Evie LAVELLE
We joyfully welcome them into our parish community.



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: Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 –11:1
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

LITURGY SEMINAR FOR LENT AND

EASTER: will be held on Saturday 11 February from 9.00am to 3.15pm at Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. Please reply to our Parish Office by Wednesday 15 Feb.

KAIROIS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND - \$2

5 February 2012 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Emmanuel ATTARD Joan ATKINS Artemio AZORES Doris BORG Danny BOR-TOLOTTO Noreen CASEY Caleb FARIA Cathy FREEMANTLE Margaret FRIEL Glenys GAY-FER Ramon KARASIG jnr Marjory KENNEDY Ron PAGE Faye ROWELL Lolita SEPE Takehiro VEDA George WESTWOOD

Recently Deceased: Fr Peter FULTON P.E. Larry AMON Danny ARROYO Angel DELOS SANTOS Jose KONSEHAL

Anniversaries: Margaret FLINTOFT Joseph GAUCI C.S. HIPOLITO snr Eileen McGOVERN Patrick McVEIGH Nikolai WALUEW

The 24th of August this year marks the 450th anniversary of the founding of the Carmelite community of St. Joseph's in Avila, Spain, by St. Teresa. The story of what led to the establishment of this extraordinary community and what Teresa's hopes and guiding principles were in establishing it are fascinating; perhaps more relevant to us today than we might imagine. Teresa is remembered as a 'mystic' - a person who had an extraordinary experience of the closeness of God in her life. She would not be too impressed with the popular understanding of who she was and what was important to her! - in fact she said so many times!

While she certainly did have a deep sense of God's love for her, she was very conscious that she was not 'someone special', at least that her relationship with God had very little to do with her own efforts, but was an unexpected and undeserved gift which had been given to her. It is because she was very aware of her own ordinariness, and indeed of her own inadequacies and failings, that she was convinced that such an extraordinary gift was offered to everyone, but was rarely recognised or accepted or properly fostered, and so she set about creating an environment for women and men of her time in which responsiveness to this gift was supported and fostered.

Creating and nurturing an environment in which the inner life of people, young and old, with a great diversity of personal experience, some of it full of wonder, some of it full of struggle, is the primary responsibility of Christians in every time and in every place. In a society like ours which is so busy with external stimulation - advertising, TV, radio, mobile phones, sms, twitter, work, shopping, sport - the development of inner life and strength is an ever present and pressing challenge because, ultimately, and despite the external pressures, it is the quality of our inner life, guiding our choices and relationships, which will determine the quality and the course of our lives. As we get out of 'holiday mode' it is time to take up this work of building such an environment again!

In two and a half weeks we begin 'the joyful season' of Lent - an opportunity to put some focus and some effort into developing our inner life, even at some cost to our outer selves which seem to require most of our attention most of the time! One key foundation stone of Teresa's communities has always been to simply set aside some time each day for inner life. I, like her, hesitate to call this 'prayer' because that is likely to be immediately interpreted as the need for us to 'do something'. But we find it so hard to simply be still and let our inner life happen that some form of 'doing something' is often helpful to start with. There is a form of 'doing something' to help inner life grow that will be offered at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on Wednesday evenings during Lent that you might like to come along and try. It is called the 'Prayer of the Church', takes about 10 minutes a day and anyone can do it with a little practice and perseverance. We will take a look at how this works next time, but in the meantime, think about how you might set aside some time during Lent for, as St. Paul says and prays, 'your inner self to grow strong.'

.....Richard Hallett

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.



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: meets at St. Anne's Church at 10.15am on Thursdays. All welcome, including children. For further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 9744 4029.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: We offer to the family and friends of Fr Peter Fulton who entered eternal life suddenly on Friday morning. In 1945 Peter was born the youngest of four children to Chris and Muriel. After education at Holy Eucharist School Chadstone and St. Kevin's College Toorak, he was accepted as a student for the priesthood along with forty others including me in 1963. After ordination in 1970, he served in the parishes of Dandenong and Doncaster before being asked to go to the Melbourne Overseas Mission in Papua New Guinea as he was an outstanding linguist. Even this year, he was enrolled at La Trobe University to study Greek. In November 1978 while in New Guinea he became a paraplegic as a result of an aeroplane crash near Lae. After a year of rehabilitation in the Austin and later with his mother, he was appointed to the parish of Blackburn and later to the Victorian seminary at Clayton. In 1988, he was appointed parish priest of Mt. Eliza. In 2001, he retired and came to live at Greensborough North Parish with me. In 2011, he moved into the loving care of the Little Sisters of the Poor, who were present as he passed to the Lord while at the Austin Hospital. He lived life to the full, loving the arts and studying languages amidst his declining health. Let us rejoice as he goes to the house of the Lord. (Psalm 122)

.... Kevin McIntosh

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - Mark 1:35, 38

Through today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to doing all that God wishes—healing the sick and preaching. Yet Jesus also makes time to be alone in prayer. It is only through prayer, through spending time with God, that any of us can find the strength to do all that God wishes us to do. Be sure to find time this week to be with God.



CATHOLIC CARE OUTREACH PROGRAM: in the past our community has given generously to Catholic Care. 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 today and next Sunday there will be a sale of items priced from \$5 to \$150.00.

LENT IS COMING: The Parish will be conducting a Lenten Reflection 'TOWARDS THE LIGHT' program. You have a choice of 1 of 3 sessions which will run each week. Everyone is more than welcome to register, so enough resources can be obtained. The 64 page booklet is \$8.

Tuesday	7.30 - 8.15p.m.
Sunday	9.40 - 10.30a.m.
Sunday	4.45 - 5.30p.m.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Liturgy Meeting
Parish/Schools Co-ordination Meeting
Parish Co-ordinating Team
Religious Education Co-ordinators

Tue 7 Feb 7.40pm
Wed 8 Feb 1.30pm
Wed 8 Feb 7.30pm
Fri 10 Feb 2.00pm

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:

Salesian College Council

Thu 16 Feb 6.00pm

MILITARY PRAYER BOOK FUNDRAISING DINNER:

On Friday 10 February 2012, the Knights of the Southern Cross is holding a dinner at the Celtic Club, Melbourne, to raise money to assist the purchase of 10,000 new Military Prayer Books. The Dinner is open to the general public. For more info/transport contact John Stafford 0411151663.

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

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Raeleen Cataldo Alison Fisher Mary Porta

CLEANING: OLMC Church—Eliza Woodgate St Anne's Church—Narelle Anderson Maree Cocks

COUNTERS: Frank Busuttill Jenny & Peter Ryan

GIFT SHOP: Carmel Wiegerink Jack Reddan

LECTORS: Kerry Champness Joe Kloss Elaine Van Der Weerden Mary Wicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm Jennifer Poon Mary Baensch Dolores Kruszynski Diana & Albert Mastramico Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Barry Roberts 8.30am Glenda Shanahan Colin & Coreen Wilson Lily Lupa Sue Wight Will Honner Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegerink 10.30am Tony Hendy Michael Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Patricia McCourt Olina Moore Nesta Pardo Val Quinn Sean Quigley 5.30pm Maria Mallia Alan Slocombe Pauline Strongman