



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 St Anne's
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.
Please contact the Parish Office for details of the next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

LIVING IN THE LIGHT: Lent is traditionally a time for almsgiving. This week, look around your home to see what could be shared with someone less fortunate than you. Clear out your wardrobe, or your cupboard, and experience the freedom of giving with an open heart. If you need to make a decision about something this week, stop first and ask God for wisdom and clarity of judgment.

During Lent there is a choice of 3 Lenten sessions of shared reflection in groups:

Sunday 9.30am at Parish Centre

Sunday 4.30pm at Convent

Tuesday 7.30pm OLMC Church

All welcome.

First Communion Preparation. Can you help? We need two people to help the children and families preparing for First Communion by leading a small Home Group meeting in the last week of March. Everything needed to lead the meeting will be provided and we will have a training session on Tuesday 20 March at 7.30 in the Parish Centre. **If you can help please contact the Parish Office (9744 1060) as soon as possible.**

11 March 2012 – Third Sunday of Lent

Psalm Response: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Doris BORG Silvana BODZAY Emmanuel CAMILLERI Caleb FARIA Margaret FRIEL Glenys GAYFER Roland ROCHA Lolita SEPE

Anniversaries: Frank CAMILLERI Kath DOOLAN Charles GALEA Adela KAIRUZ Alice KELLY Allison REDDAN Kathleen THOMAS

Newsletter - 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year B - 10-11 March 2012

We see Jesus, at the beginning of St. John's Gospel and so at the beginning of his public ministry, going up to the Temple at Passover, as he would again at the conclusion of his public ministry. This incident is the very first action of Jesus, after he had called his first disciples and after the wedding at Cana. It is therefore of great significance.

Jesus had been to Jerusalem for Passover every year of his life so seeing the traders in the Temple was nothing new to him. It is not as if he suddenly lost his temper. This action was clearly premeditated. It was intended as a 'sign'. But a sign of what?

Jesus clearly considered the highly centralised, dominating Temple worship of his time a betrayal of the covenant which God had made with his People as a source of life and freedom - as we heard in the first reading. The notion that God could only be approached in one place, through only one ritual process controlled by one group of powerful people was abhorrent to him. This process was directed more at establishing national and personal prestige for those in power rather than enabling people to establish a true relationship with God as their Father.

So Jesus announces his presence by quite literally turning the tables on what is happening in Jerusalem. This is a public declaration that he has come to overturn those religious practices which hold people bound in fear and a state of dependence, and without dispensing with the true intention of the Law and the Prophets, to usher in a new relationship with God, as we will see two chapters later in John's Gospel, on a hot day by Jacob's Well, when he says to the Samaritan woman, 'The hour will come - in fact it is here already - when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants.'

Within forty years (70AD) the Temple would be destroyed by the Romans in response to continual Jewish attempts to establish their national independence. The destruction of the Temple put an end to worship based on animal sacrifice. Jewish religious practice was forced to adapt to a changed world, and as time passed, despite a nostalgic longing for a past that would never return, they were able to retain a faithful relationship with God.

The new temple of which Jesus spoke is the temple of his body, and we are his body in which his Spirit dwells,

We hear this account at this central point in Lent because Lent is an opportunity to upset the tables on things that might make us feel comfortable but which are not contributing to our ability to respond appropriately in service to the real needs of our time.

.....Richard Hallett

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: will be held on Tuesday 27 March at St Anne's Church at 7.30pm. All welcome for this very moving service.

"This Promise is for You" : continues on Thurs evening commencing at 7.30pm in St. Anne's Church. All Welcome. For further info please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 9744 4029.

Lenten Prayer: *O God, true Temple of Life, Your Son, Jesus, overturned the 'tables' of our complacency and shattered the 'temples' of our pride.*

Build the authentic sign of your Covenant within our hearts—mercy and generosity to all those in need.

In these days of Lent, may we come to walk in ways of wisdom. May the light of your truth increase our love and open us to deeper communion with you and with one another.

May we know ourselves welcomed into the free embrace of Christ.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Light of the World, and in the power of your Enlightened Spirit— One God, forever and ever.

Amen

MEETINGS:

Tuesday 13 March 7pm St Vincent de Paul St Anne's Church
Wed 14 March 1.30pm Josephite Associates Parish Centre

LENTEN MEDITATION OPPORTUNITY: during the season of Lent, we will be offering Christian Meditation to anyone interested at 8.50am in the RE Office at St Anne's Primary School. You are welcome to join us for this quiet, peaceful time (approx. 20 minutes) where together we can shut out everything but God. Our "Drop off and Drop in" Meditation program began on Tuesday 28 February and will continue the following four Tuesdays (March 13, 20 & 27). All welcome.

YOUTH GROUP: every weekend until 23rd March 2012 the 'Youth and Children's Choir' practice is held at St Anne's from 6.30 to 7.30PM on Fridays. Ages 7yrs and above are welcome to join. Training provided by Professional Music Teacher.

Welcoming Gathering for 'Rev Fr Dispin John- our Assist Parish Priest'. Venue: St Anne's Parish Centre. Date: Sunday 25th March 2012.

Please bring a plate of food to be shared. Followed by Film screening of "The Human Experience". Please come! It is a good opportunity to meet new faces.

SUNBURY CHAPLAINCY ANNUAL DINNER (incorporating a brief AGM) will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 28th March, at Goona-warra Golf Club Restaurant. This is an opportunity for you to meet our Chaplains – Alicia Drowley (Sunbury Downs) and Matt Hornby (Sunbury College). Alicia and Matt will give us a brief summary on how the year is progressing at each College and what being a Chaplain means to them. Join us for a delicious 2 course meal and hear about our vision for Chaplaincy in 2012. Suggested donation \$30 (pensioners \$25, students \$15). Bookings are essential so if you'd like to attend, please contact Zelma (9744 2719 or 0401 019 491) or Helen (9744 3031 or 0407 506 507).

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION: your donation to Caritas Australia's helps create the just and compassionate world that God desires. Zimbabwe was once known as the 'breadbasket of Africa', yet enduring conflict and prolonged drought reversed this prosperity. This week we meet Colletta, once bed ridden with life-threatening illnesses. Throughout Zimbabwe's crises, thanks to the strength of Caritas Australia's local church partnerships, your support continues building the resilience of vulnerable families by supplying seedlings, gardening equipment, rehabilitating boreholes and training volunteers to provide home-based care for seriously ill people. Colletta is now able to work to support her elderly mother and children. PS. Caritas advised us on Frid that Colletta died of medical complications.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

CLEANING: OLMC Church—Lucy Gatt St Anne's Church—Michelle Bakker Bernie Owens Maree Salm

COUNTERS: Judith Ibrahim John & Judith Bracher

GIFT SHOP: Roselle Duckworth Jack Reddan

LECTORS: Brendan Morganti Mary Spiteri Elizabeth Falzon Alan Slocombe

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: **6.00pm** Dawn Westwood Raeleen Cataldo Lucy Foran Paul Hogan Maree Walsh Maurie & Anne Saunders Carmel Pritchard Jennifer Poon **8.30am** Glenda Shanahan Colin & Coreen Wilson Lily Lupa Sue Wight Will Honner Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegierink **10.30am** Julie Reddan Mary Thomas Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Johanna Fahey **5.30pm** Marie Mallia Alan Slocombe Pauline Strongman

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." Exodus 20:4

Have you created idols for yourself in different shapes? An idol can be in the shape of money, sport, fashion, travel, or anything else we value more than God and His Word to us.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL: *Are you having a clean out?* We are in urgent need of your good donations, such as Furniture, Clothing, Bric-a-Brac & books. If you run a business and have stock or equipment you do not want then please consider donating to us at Vinnies.

Donations can be delivered to our Sunbury Centre at 156 O'Shanassy St, during opening hours 9-5 Monday to Friday or 9-1 on Saturday. For a donation pick up, phone 1800 621 329.

Do you have some spare time? We are looking for volunteers to assist us in our retail centre. We are very flexible with any hours you can spare. There are lots of different jobs to suit all applicants. If you have a few spare hours then please phone the manager on 9744 1447 or call into our Centre at any time to discuss how you can help us and our community. **Thank you for your support.**

ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE: the Lay Ecumenical Committee is organising an animal blessing service on the Village Green on the 18 March at 10.00am as part of the Sunbury Festival. Fr Bert will be taking part in the blessing service during this "Pets on the Green."

Free e-book, *Son of God: The Daily Gospel*: This free ebook consists of thoughts on the Gospel of every day of Year B-2 (this year 2012). It can be downloaded (free) to your computer or e-reader using this URL: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

CARE OF OUR ALTAR: volunteers are invited to be on a roster to clean our American Cherry Wood altar and floor using special equipment. Please contact Raeleen on 0402 071 815 before Friday 16 March.

PREP 2013 ENROLMENTS: information sessions for parents is on Tuesday 20 March at either 2pm or 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. As our two schools are popular and hence have no vacancies at some levels, late applications may be unsuccessful. Enrolment forms will be distributed at each session.

Catholics from both our schools have priority for admittance at Salesian College which has already received a higher than usual number of enrolments for Year 7 in 2013.

GOOD FRIDAY INTER-CHURCH SERVICE: will take place at 10am in the Memorial Hall and St Mary's Hall. Our parish is one of the financial sponsors donating \$600 towards the costs.

VISUAL DISPLAY IN OLMC CHURCH: is being improved with the installation soon of a computer and data projector costing \$1650 to be paid from our Thanksgiving Offering.

STUDY TOUR OF BIBLICAL LANDS: led by staff of Catholic Theological College Melbourne— 15 Nov to 18 Dec 2012. Jordan, Israel, Turkey and Greece. Information session on 15 March at 7pm, 278 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne. Ph 9412 3314.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: a kind parishioner has a wheelchair for anyone who needs it. Please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060 if you are interested.