



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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

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## Mass times this week

**Mon: 9.15am St Anne's**  
**Tues: 7.00pm OLMC**  
**Wed: 9.15am St Anne's**  
**Thu: 7.30pm St Anne's**  
**Sat: 7.30pm St Anne's- Mass of Easter Vigil**

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**Saturday 10.00-10.30am OLMC Church**

**Wednesday 7.00-7.30pm St Anne's 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.**

## 1 April 2012 - Palm Sunday

**Psalm Response:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Gospel Acclamation:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Emanuel ATTARD Jasmine BENTLEIGH Doris BORG Silvana BODZAY Emmanuel CAMILLERI Caleb FARIA Glenys GAYFER Karen JURIS Roland ROCHA Lolita SEPE

**Recently Deceased:** Hugh MCGUIRE Mary MALLIA

**Anniversaries:** Sam BONELLO Lily, Maria & Felix D'SOUZA Dawn HOGGIN Mike KILGARRIFF Michael HURLEY Giuseppe PANUCCIO Dennis WALLACE Lorraine ZAMMIT

## Newsletter - Passion Sunday - 31 March/1 April 2012

Today Jesus returns to Jerusalem for the final and decisive time. He has foreseen the coming crisis and spoken of it many times. As we saw a few weeks ago, the first action of Jesus in his public life was to 'turn the tables' of the money changers in the Temple and drive out those who sold the animals for sacrifice. In the coming week he will completely supplant the whole traditional Jewish cultural practice without in any way altering its intent.

His entry upon this critical week, this week of prophecy, of witness to the reality of the relationship which God seeks with people of every time and place, began yesterday at the home of his friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Just as he had been baptized by a member of his family, signifying and ushering in his life's work as prophet, in the tradition of Moses the liberator and giver of the Law, so on the day before he enters Jerusalem for the final time he is anointed High Priest and 'King of the Jews', not by the religious establishment but by a woman, by his dear friend, Mary.

Since his first public appearance in the Temple, Jesus had come on other occasions 'in secret', because his time had not yet come, but the time for secrecy has passed. As John tells us (11:55-57) there was a lot of interest, even nervous anticipation, among both the ordinary people and the leaders as to whether Jesus would come to the feast this year or not, and if he did come what the consequences might be.

Though it was not apparent on this day when Jesus entered the Holy City riding on a beast of burden, this coming week would see the overthrow of the established religious way of life and establishment of a radically new one.

'On the night he was betrayed', that is to say, at the beginning of the day on which he was to die, Jesus put an end to the Temple as the unique and central place of worship and of encounter with God and replaced it with the gathering of friends around a dining table; he put an end to animal sacrifice as a sacrament of the laying down of one life so that others might live by himself becoming the perfect and complete sacrificial victim (= 'source of life'), laying down his own life, once and for all, and by insisting that the kind of sacrifice that God seeks is not cultic and symbolic but direct and personal, the relationship in love of sisters and brothers gathered around a dining table, with all the demands for selflessness that that entails; he put an end to institutional priesthood by himself becoming the one and only High Priest who would always be intensely and personally present as host whenever any, anywhere, gathered around his table in his name.

The tables are being turned; a radical new order in which Jesus alone is Lord, victorious over fear and alienation, over sin and death. is dawning.

.....Richard Hallett

**PARISH DONKEY:** is present at all Masses at St Anne's this weekend to lead us in the Procession of Palms. We thank Gary and Jack Reddan for their daily care of our donkey.

The following children from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:

Ollie KERR

Isla KERR

We joyfully welcome them into our parish community.



**MORNING TEA:** Ashfield Neighbourhood will be hosting morning tea this Sunday 1 April. Everyone is invited to join in for a cuppa and a chat. Please bring a plate to share. See you there!

**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.**

**COMPUTER SESSION:** Fr Dispin John will run a computer session for those interested in running the computer during Mass. The session will be on Tuesday 10 April at 7.30pm in OLMC Church.

**YOUTH SUNDAY:** Please keep our youth in your prayers as they grow to be active Christians in our Church and feel God's presence and love in their daily lives.

## EASTER TRIDUUM— ONE FEAST OVER THREE DAYS:

Thursday 5 April	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (including washing of the feet)
Friday 6 April	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion (including the Gospel of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion)
Saturday 7 April	7.30pm	Mass of the Easter Vigil (commencing at the Easter fire outside the Church, reading Gods word, reception of new Catholics, Renewal of our Baptism Vows and Eucharist)

This one feast, the greatest and most ancient of all our feasts, is a three day feast like three chapters in a book as we follow the last days on earth of Jesus, as he celebrates the Passover, washing the feet and giving us a sacramental memorial of his death and resurrection in the Eucharist as we recall his suffering and venerate the Cross on Friday and as we await his rising from death on Saturday evening. The liturgy is designed as a continuous celebration beginning on Thursday and ending on Saturday with this final blessing.

### SECONDARY CELEBRATIONS:

Thursday 5 April	9.00pm	Holy hour of silent adoration in the Chapel of Repose
Friday 6 April	9.00am	Way of the Cross outside OLMC Church
	10.00am	Inter Church Good Friday Service— Memorial Hall and St Mary's Hall, Village Green.
Saturday 7 April	10.00am	Reconciliation OLMC Church
Wednesday 4 April	7.00pm	Reconciliation St Anne's Church

**Lenten Prayer:** *O God, ever-faithful in the face of death, Your Beloved Son did not shrink from the pain of the cross, but chose to love faithfully to the end.*

*By the completeness of his self-giving, Jesus transformed all death into life.*

*Show us new ways to pour out our lives in self-giving for our families, our friends, and for strangers alike.*

*May our homes and workplaces be a source of life for all who visit.*

*May your kingdom come in our hearts as we bring life to the hearts of others.*

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

**LIVING IN THE LIGHT:** In your family, make a cross of cardboard with room to write. Each day this week, write (on the cross) the name of one group of people who are suffering in some way, eg: refugees; those grieving a loved one; children who are abused; anyone addicted to drugs; people suffering with mental illness. After you have written the name of the group, spend some moments in prayer, asking God to give these people the courage and strength to believe that life will triumph over death.

**USED STAMPS:** Srs of St Joseph are raising funds for Mary MacKillop International Mission Fund Australia and the Peruvian Mission from collecting used stamps. If you could bring any used stamps to the Parish Office for on forwarding to the Josephites it would be much appreciated. Please leave a 1cm border around the stamps.

**EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** will not meet on Holy Thursday. Meetings will resume on Thursday April 12 at St. Anne's Church at 10.15am. All welcome, including children. For further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 9744 4029.

**ALTAR CARE ROSTERS:** please collect the current rosters for St Anne's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Altar Care rosters from both churches. Thank you for helping to keep our Churches looking beautiful for our worship.



**THANK YOU:** from Joe Spiteri to the community of Sunbury for your prayers and support after the loss of his father, Frank Spiteri, last week.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "If anyone should say to you 'Why are you doing this?' reply, 'The Master has need of it and will send it back here at once.'" Mark 11:3

"Why are you doing this?" this is a question that could be asked of anyone who gives time, talent or treasure to the Church. an answer is found in the Gospel of Mark, "The Master has need of it..." We are all called to give because Our Lord has need of it.



**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.

**CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION:** Your Project Compassion donations allow Caritas Australia to partner with communities to enhance their human dignity and capacity to respond to their own needs. In this week's story we meet Audrey from Djarindjin, 200km north of Broome. as in many Australian Indigenous communities, deadly 'lifestyle' diseases such as diabetes and heart disease are many times higher than the Australian average here. Caritas Australia supports a holistic, community-owned diabetes Management and Care Program in Djarindjin and eight other remote communities. Sustained behaviour changes are happening— not one new case of diabetes was recorded during Djarindjin's most recent health assessment.

Your donations ensure that together, we are reducing the gap in health status between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians.

**OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY:** we extend to Mary Simon and her children Peter, Lorrie and Paul as her husband Laurie passed to the Lord recently. Laurie was a regular worshipper at our 10.30am Mass until the last month of his earthly life.

We offer to Mattie McGuire and her daughters Maureen, Josie and Nancy as her husband, Hugh McGuire passed to eternal life last week. Hughie suffered from MS for nearly 35 years requiring residential care for the last 20 years.



### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES:

Good Friday will be the day on which the annual collection for the support of sacred places in the Holy Land will be collected. Thank you all for your continued generosity in ensuring the sacred sites which hold the memory of the Incarnation and the early Church throughout the Holy Land are maintained for the prosperity of all and for future generations to appreciate as we have.

### ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

**CLEANING:** OLMC Church—Beth Girdwood St Anne's Church—Margaret Crooks Bernie Owens Errol Daniels

**COUNTERS:** Gerard Duggan Julie Reddan Anne McCormick

**GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Pam Fairbairn

**LECTORS:** Adelfo Hipolito Monisha D'Lima Mary Wicks

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **6.00pm** Maurie & Anne Saunders Carmel Pritchard Jennifer Poon Mary Baensch Diana & Albert Mastramico Dolores Kruszynski Shashi Nair **8.30am** Colin & Coreen Wilson Sue Wight Will Honner Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Mark Perry **10.30am** John Bottams Johanna Fahey Paul Fanning Cathy Gay Tony Hendy Michael Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Patricia McCourt **5.30pm** Pauline Strongman Paula Seric Maree O'Brien