



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.

The following child from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:
Chad JONES

We joyfully welcome him into our parish community.



LIVING IN THE LIGHT: On the mountain of transfiguration, Peter, James and John were lost for words when they felt themselves in the presence of the Sacred... This week, find ways to open yourself to the Sacred Presence in nature, in the eyes of a child, in another person, in everyday life, or within yourself. At the end of each day, ask yourself where you met Sacred Presence and how you were changed by this encounter. Make a note of this and give thanks.

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.

MORNING TEA: this Sunday 4 March after 8.30am Mass is being hosted by the Old Town Neighbourhood. Please bring a plate to share and join in for a cuppa and a chat.

4 March 2012 – Second Sunday of Lent

Psalm Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard"
this is my beloved Son, hear him
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Emmanuel ATTARD Artemio AZORES Doris BORG Silvana BODZAY Emmanuel CAMILLERI Caleb FARIA Cathy FREEMANTLE Margaret FRIEL Glenys GAYFER Ramon KARASIG jnr Roland ROCHA Lolita SEPE Frank TRAFICANTE

Recently Deceased: Fr Leo HERIOT SDB Beverley JEFFS Stanley PATTERSON Faye ROWELL Laurence SIMON

Anniversaries: Philomena FRANCIS Joe GRECH Bill HOGBIN Francis MILLETT Vera OWENS Terry RUSSELL David VARRESE

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Often in life, it is not a matter of either/ or, but both/ and. So it is with the person of Our Lord Jesus— we believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man.

Last Sunday, Mark's Gospel presented a picture of Jesus in his humanity, alone in the desert and wrestling with human fear and temptation. This Sunday, Mark presents Jesus in his divinity, full of God's glory. (ref "Summit" Vol 39 No. 2 Pg 15).

Down the centuries, Christians have grappled with who Jesus is. Some have denied or minimized his humanity, others have denied or not taken full account of his divinity. We need to keep the balance that Jesus is true God and true man.

Traditionally, the Transfiguration is thought to have taken place Mount Tabor, near Nazareth in Galilee. Once over their fear, the three disciples, Peter, James and John, wanted to build tents to stay on the mountain and contemplate the face of God— we need contemplation in our lives. However, the true disciple must do more than gaze heavenwards— the disciple must listen and act— come down the mountain and be involved in the messy business of being a disciple sharing in Jesus' Cross for the salvation of the world.

Lent is the season to deepen our prayer life— our contemplation— and to listen to what God is saying to us. "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." (Mark 2:8) Having read what God is saying to us, we go on mission.

.....Kevin McIntosh

SMALL GROUPS "TOWARDS THE LIGHT": 41 parishioners gathered at the three sessions last week. You are welcome to join in this week. Details of sessions on left of page.

NEW MASS TIMETABLE: is printed on the above left of the front page.

PARISH CENTRE: will be closed from 26 March to 15 April for painting and other maintenance.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS-2013 ENROLMENTS: two information sessions for parents on Tuesday 20 March at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. As our schools are very popular with no vacancies at many levels, parents are advised that late applications may not be successful.

FAREWELL TO OUR REGIONAL BISHOP: will take place at Mass in the Cathedral on Tuesday 13 March at 7.30pm before Bishop Tim leaves for Perth.

Lenten Prayer: *O God, Transforming Presence, Your light can dazzle the darkest moments of doubt and open our hearts to a reality far greater than we could imagine. Pour your transforming light into our searching souls. Flood our hearts with the desire to live as your beloved sons and daughters proclaiming the light of your truth in the world today. may we learn to listen to your Son, the Beloved One, who offers us hope and possibility, who transforms our darkness into light. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Light of the World, and in the power of your Enlightened Spirit- On God, forever and ever. Amen.*

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

NEXT WEEKS READINGS: First Reading: Ex 20:1-17 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Gospel: John 2:13-25

MEETINGS :

Tuesday 6 March	10.00am	Ministers Association, St Mary's
	2.00pm & 7.30pm	Information for First Reconciliation Parish Centre
	6.00pm	Children's Liturgy of the Word 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 6, 13, 20 & 27). All welcome.

CARE OF OUR ALTAR: volunteers are invited to be on a roster to clean with special equipment our altar of American Cherry Wood and the wooden floor. Please contact Raeleen on 0402 071 815.

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.

250 NEW ADULT CATHOLICS: took part in the Rite of Election at the Cathedral last Sunday. 151 will be baptised at Easter and another 99 Christians are being received into full communion in our Church. These numbers include four from our Parish.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: please remember to put the amount given on your envelopes, as the perforated edges sometimes break and money can fall out. The counters will not know what money belongs in each envelope unless you write the amount on it. Thanks for your help.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: St Anne's Church car park currently has the marked area that has been damaged by water. This is a safety issue and is being attended to.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

CLEANING: OLMC Church—Natasha & Angelo Snell St Anne's Church—Lisa Crotty Mark & Chris Perry

COUNTERS: Bernie Owens Hilda Kocianic Mary Reay Mary Alkemade

GIFT SHOP: Pat & Peter Readman Frances Arians

LECTORS: Mary Macdermid Lyn Mandouit Teresa Quin Maria Martin

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: **6.00pm** Dolores Kruszynski Shashi Nair Eileen Naylor Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Carmen Ryan Pauline Sharma Jean Skillecorn **8.30am** Elizabeth Falzon Andrew Swan Lloyd D'Crus Pat Readman Graeme & Lynne Simpson John & Sheila Stafford **10.30am** Tony Hendy Michael Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Patricia McCourt Olina Moore Nesta Pardo Val Quinn Sean Quigley **5.30pm** Maree O'Brien Luisa Hogan John Kremers

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Here I am!" He answered." Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. Can we just as easily answer, "Here I am, Lord," when we go home, when a neighbor needs our help, when a fellow parishioner asks us to join a committee, or when a letter asks for our financial help? These are often exactly the place where Jesus calls us to be.

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY: is celebrated this Sun on 4 March and is a time to connect with all women around the world. It is also a time to consider the women who have impacted our lives and hold up in prayer those we have never met. It is an opportunity to share inspiring visions of women flourishing and achieving their full potential as people of God; to offer encouragement and hope in facing the rocky paths yet to be trod.

PRAYER COMPANIONS: are being sought today to accompany our children in prayer as they prepare to begin receiving Holy Communion in May.

Prayer for Children preparing for First Communion:

Lord, we thank you for your unconditional love which we celebrate in the Eucharist.

During this time of preparation, enable these children to discover more and more the gift of your love for them in the Eucharist.

Draw them, and all of your family, ever closer to you and to each other as we meet around your table.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE: Barry and Judy McAloney have represented our Parish on the Lay Ecumenical Committee (L.E.C) for eleven years and been very involved in setting up the Good Friday Service and Christian Carols Service on the Village Green and other ecumenical events. We thank them for their dedicated and important work. As they have now retired from the LEC, we now need two new representatives— the committee meets about 7 or 8 times a year. Please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060.

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.**

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Owen Jeffs on his wife of 60 years, Beverley, passing into eternal life and to their seven children. Beverley had serious illness for over 28 years. Her funeral service is on Tuesday at 12 noon.

