



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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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
Frid: 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 children from our parish were baptised at our Easter Vigil:

Gabriella MONTALTI

Isabel SHIELDS

We joyfully welcome them into our parish community.



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.



*He has
risen*

8 April 2012 – Easter Sunday

Psalm Response: This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Emanuel ATTARD Leanne AZOULAS Jasmine BENTLEIGH Doris BORG Silvana BODZAY Emmanuel CAMILLERI Luciano CRUZ Caleb FARIA Glenys GAYFER Karen JURIS Marcos MAG-ISC Roland ROCHA Lolita SEPE

Recently Deceased: Efren CARASIG Gerry RUDKINS Vin RYAN

Anniversaries: Marissa CALETTI Anthony FERNANDEZ Praxedes VISTAN John WILLMOTT John WRIGHT

Easter Sunday 2012

Throughout these recent days, people have gathered in hope, hope that the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ can continue to renew our world and ourselves. As we celebrate Easter today, let's find that hope strong in our hearts, thanking God for Jesus Christ: revelation of God, servant to all, and Risen Lord.

As we celebrate Easter, we know that the world is not at peace, that our own lives continue to contain some puzzle and mystery, and - in some cases - pain. The continuing presence of Christ Risen is cause never to lose heart. For in Christ, God has participated in our human experience, and has shown in the Resurrection of Jesus that nothing - even death - need be the end. With that hope renewed on this Easter Day, may we be signs of encouragement, belief, and reassurance to those around us - even as Christ is that for us. At times we find it difficult to believe in ourselves, in others, and perhaps even in God. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus shows God's belief in us, coming into our midst for our sakes. The message to us is the same as that to Thomas: 'Doubt no longer, but believe!' 'Lord, we believe; help our unbelief!' as they asked Jesus at one stage along the way.

And now "He is risen!" ... and they are changed. As the first Christians experienced that first Easter they lived with a new energy which they shared with those around them. As well as growing in their recognition of the Resurrection and their prayer, they lived in their own lives the life of the risen Christ in practical ways. An example:

Speaking of the Christians before the Emperor Hadrian in the early second century, Aristides, a non-Christian, said of them:

"These Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows. They save orphans from those who would hurt them. If people have something, they give that freely to any one who has nothing. If they see a stranger, Christians take that person into their homes and treat them as a brother or sister. And if they hear that one of them is in jail, or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer, they all give those people what they need. If it is possible, they bail them out. If one of them is poor and there isn't enough food to go around, they fast several days to give their food to the other person. We are dealing with a new kind of person: there is something divine in them!"

Now is the time for those good intentions of Lent to become new realities in our lives. Remember how we determined to 'give up' some aspect of our lives in order to take on something new and grow further in the life of Christ?

Now that Easter is here, it's time to put that into practice!

May God Bless you and your families on this Holy Day! Happy Easter!

Dispin John

Lenten Prayer: *Ever-living God, Jesus, your Beloved Son is the Light that burst forth from the darkness of the grave, the Light that can never be dimmed by selfishness or greed, by pain or death. Encircle us in this same light, O God, bathed in the waters of baptism, anointed and sent by your Spirit, nourished at the table of thanksgiving. May our faith and hope shine brightly to fill every dark corner of the earth with the light of your love. May we live this day with Easter joy, raised to new life with your Son, Jesus Christ, our Passover and our Peace, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

LIVING IN THE LIGHT: Each day this week, let love light up your smile. Shake your inner joy free to raise the spirits of someone who might need to smile again. Let them know, simply by your joyful presence, that life is a gift worth living. By doing this you give active witness to the resurrection of Christ—without having to say a word!

50th ANNIVERSARY OF VATICAN II: it is 50 years this October since the bishops of the world gathered at the Vatican for an ecumenical council. Pope Benedict has called for a Year of Grace from October to renew the Church as the Council Fathers taught. An excellent article on Vatican II is by Professor Richard Gaillardetz of Boston, USA, posted on www.cathnews.com on 11 March 2012. He writes of the dynamics of the Second Vatican Council how the bishops listened to one another respectfully, were humble learners and were open to the world.Kevin McIntosh

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.

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

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.

HELP REQUIRED: our Baptism team urgently requires new recruits. The roster requires several members to run a baptism meeting every two months on a Monday evening. Training will be provided and meetings only go for one hour. If you are able to help this important ministry, please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060.



EASTER OFFERINGS: are given to support the bishops of Melbourne, priests in parishes and our ninety-three retired Melbourne priests, including priests who served in Sunbury, Fathers Jim Feehan and Alan Mithen.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever." Psalm 118:1
On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and arose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." But how do we show our gratitude all year to the Lord who spread out His arms on the cross to save us and show us the way to salvation?



CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION: *Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!* Celebrate that your generosity to Project Compassion continues aid and development work reflective of the life of Jesus Christ, and shaped by the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching principles, in over 35 countries around the world. You have offered new life to your brothers and sisters struggling with poverty and injustice. **Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2012 appeal.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: meeting scheduled for Monday Night the 10th of April at 7:00pm in the back of St Anne's Church.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013: will be held in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil from 22-28 July 2013. WYD is an international gathering of young Catholics from around the world. Over 4 million people are expected to attend this week-long carnival of music, prayer, workshops and Mass with the Pope. Travel with Melbourne's official pilgrimage group and experience South American life on the way to Rio! visit www.cam.org.au/youth for further information.

CATHOLIC CARE OUTREACH PROGRAM: in the past our community has given generously to Catholiccare. 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.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Kathy Rudkins and her children, Christopher and Loretta, on the passing to the Lord of her husband Gerry after a long illness. Funeral details are not known at the time of printing this newsletter.

FLAGS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARENESS: last Wednesday, our local Federal Member Rob Mitchell M.H.R visited and presented our parish with three flags; Aboriginal, Australian and Torres Straits. He met some members of the Parish Social Justice group, inspected paintings on indigenous themes by our school children and the plaque of acknowledgement of the original owners of our land erected in 2002. Social Justice was the theme of our teachers' professional development last month and is being developed in the schools curriculum.

OUR PARISH DONKEY: more volunteers to care for our donkey are sought for a roster to continue the care given by Gary & Jack Reddan who have been complimented by the RSPCA for having such a well conditioned donkey. We thank Gary & Jack for their many years of service. Volunteers please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060.



ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

CLEANING: OLMC Church—Sophia Johnston St Anne's Church—Narelle Anderson Maree Cocks

COUNTERS: Kelly Stark Vern Walters Maureen Walters

GIFT SHOP: Julie Reddan Frances Arians

LECTORS: Sharon Lane Graeme & Lynne Simpson Anthony Aboud Alan Slocombe

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: **6.00pm** Eileen Naylor Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Carmen Ryan Pauline Sharma Jean Skillecorn Dawn Westwood Raeleen Cataldo **8.30am** Tom Allen Christine Cassar Elizabeth Falzon Andrew Swan Lloyd D'Crus Christine Perry Pat Readman Glenda Shanahan **10.30am** Olina Moore Nesta Pardo Val Quinn Sean Quigley Julie Reddan Mary Thomas Aileen & Terry Sweeney **5.30pm** Luisa Hogan John Kremers Maria Mallia