

#### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST, Bulla, SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Mass times this week

6.00pm St Anne's Sat: Sun: 8.30am St Anne's

> 10.30am St Anne's 5.30pm OLMC

9.15am Prayer of the Church with Mon:

Communion- St Anne's

7.00pm OLMC Tues: 9.15am St Anne's Wed: 9.15am St Anne's Thu: 9.15am St Anne's Frid:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.00—10.30am OLMC Church

Parish Priest: **Rev Kevin McIntosh** Assisting Priest: Rev Bert Fulbrook SDB. Pastoral Associate: Mr Richard Hallett Pastoral Associate: Sr Jose Nov 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 will be baptised this weekend: Zahra D'AGOSTINO Holly JONES

We joyfully welcome them into our Baptism parish community.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: will start from Wednesday 30 May 2012 in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 7pm and continue weekly.



Special Blessing for Mothers Today



Love one another as I have loved you....

# 13May 2012 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Psalm Response:** 

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

**Gospel Acclamation:** 

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love

them, and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

### **LET US PRAY FOR**

Sick: Emanuel ATTARD Paola CARRAFA Caleb FARIA Kurt & Marie Jean HOF-

MAN Lucia PERALTA Ageha YANAGASIWA

Recently Deceased: Charlie CASSAR Margaret DENYS Eileen GUY Jill WRIGHT Anniversaries: Antonia ATTARD Stella CARUANA John CASSAR John FALZON Norm HUNTER Maryanne & Anthony MAGRO Sam, Louis & Maryann MUSCAT Pauline SAMMIT Maryanne & Grezio SCHEMBRI Ben & Jane WARD

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Friends of God

Our Gospel today is from St John (15:9-17) which forms the farewell discourse of Jesus (Chapters 13 to 17) given to his disciples at the Last Supper. During this discourse, Jesus is describing a radically new relationship between God and the disciples. Jesus has changed the way God related to human beings. We are no longer servants of God, but are drawn into a deep intimacy and friendship through the Son! Jesus names us his friends. Friendship implies equality, openness and sharing of life, and mutual concern. In the ancient world of Jesus, an emperor had a small close circle of confidantes called 'friends of the emperor'. Jesus used the word 'friend' in the same way with us.

The Joy of Givina

This gospel is often chosen by couples for their marriage ceremony. I often speak of the joy that comes from giving to others, loving selflessly. I recently came across an article from "Priests for the Third Millennium" (2000) in which the now archbishop of New York recalled his Easter in 1989 when he was serving in a hospice for dying AIDS patients in Washington. On Good Friday, a bed ridden patient who was unusually violent, hateful to all and would try to bite the Missionary Sisters of Charity kissed the head of the crucifix. Next day, Holy Saturday, the man asked the priest to visit him. "I want to be baptised!" "Why?" asked the priest. "I know nothing of Christianity or the Catholic church," he said, with the little bit of strength he had left. "In fact, I have hated religion all my life. All I do know is that for three months I have been here dying. These sisters are always happy! When I curse them, they look at me with compassion in their eyes. Even when they clean up my vomit, bathe my sores.. when they spoon-feed me, there is a radiance in their eyes. All I know is that they have joy and I don't. When I ask them in desperation why they are so happy, all they answer is "Jesus". I want this Jesus. Baptise me and give me this Jesus! Give me joy!" He died at 3.15 on Easter Morning. (Cardinal Timothy Dolan)

Loving locally and globally

At our Parish Teacher's Conference in March we considered the spirituality of social justice. Two weeks ago at our combined schools staff meeting our teachers looked at what we can do. We wrote up all the things we are doing: the Buddy Program, Support for CatholicCare, Choir singing at aged care, Friendship Program, Friendship Stop, support for Catholic Missions, Parents to Parents (PTP) group, St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and support for Project Compassion. So many good things are happening in our schools.

......Kevin McIntosh

Baptism of School Age Children: A number of children of school age will be baptised on Sunday 17 June. If there are any other families who have school age children and would like them to be baptised at this time please contact the Parish Office before this coming Wednesday 16 May so that appropriate preparation arrangements can be made.

.....Richard Hallett

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: In October 1973, Pope Paul VI approved the Directory for Masses with Children prepared by the Congregation for Divine Worship. This Directory shows the Church's special concern for baptised children following the example of Christ who took children in his arms and blessed them (Mark 10:16) The Directory states "we may fear spiritual harm if over the years children repeatedly experience in the Church things that are barely comprehensible" (No. 2) hence there needs to be adaptation so that children can understand the Word of God at their level. "The Bishops in Rome in 1967 began to consider how to make the participation by children could be made easier." (No. 3)

We have re-commenced Liturgy of the Word for children in our parish at 10.30am Mass— as happens in other parishes. Further volunteers are welcome. Please contact Joanne on 0448 566 270.

**FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM:** at St Anne's is for the kids who would benefit from having a special adult friend or mentor. We need Mums, Dads, Grandparents or relative who have good listening skills, ability to relate to young people, understand the importance of confidentiality and have some free time to offer during school hours. Please contact Marie D'Orazio at St Anne's Primary School on 9744 3055 or by email at mdorazio@sasunbury.catholic.edu.au.

FIRST COMMUNION: children will begin to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist on 19/20 May at 6pm, 10.30am and 5.30pm Masses, on 26/27 May at 6pm, 10.30am and 5.30pm, and finishing on 2/3 June at 6pm, 10.30am Masses. Please keep these children in your prayers and welcome our visitors on coming Sundays.



winter and community garden projects: come along and get some tips for preparing your garden beds this winter. Learn how to get involved and connect with your local community garden. This workshop is presented by Bunnings and the Jill Gibbs Neighbourhood Garden. It is being held at the Sunbury Library on Tuesday 15 May from 10am to noon and it is free. Bookings essential—contact 9356 6970.

### ANY OLD FOOTY BOOTS LYING AROUND YOUR PLACE?

Our Lady of Mount Carmel primary school have been contacted by the Catholic Education Office asking for help with an initiative for the Children in East Timor. Together with the AFL, the CEO are running footy clinics in East Timor and have asked for old boots that children may have outgrown, but are still in good condition. These donat-



ed boots will be used by the children of East Timor at the clinics. If you can help, there is a box at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School. Call Paul Hogan on 9740 7344 for any further queries.

**ETHICA FAIR TRADE FIESTA:** Ethica accessories and the Sisters of St Joseph invite you to a Winter Fair Trade Fiesta at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St, East Melbourne on Tuesday 22 May from 12 noon to 7.00pm. Every purchase of handmade products including scarves, ponchos, beanies, socks, babies ware, home-wares and novelties, helps provide employment and income for Peruvian women. All welcome.

**EVERGREENS:** Our May outing to Musical mornings at Rupertswood Mansion has been deferred to Wednesday 30 May 10-11.30am. Costs \$15 which includes morning tea & show. Limited places so call early. Call Frances on 9744 19999.

**VOCATION VIEW:** God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you. The world is in need to see people who are striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you?

**PIETY STALL ITEMS:** the new Sunday Missal is now available to purchase from the Piety Stall at \$32.00 each.

**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 visit www.cam.org.au/youth for further information.

**CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL 20 MAY:** supports and expands the vital work of Catholic Chaplains, who are a tangible sign of the presence of God's care at moments of great suffering and vulnerability. Chaplains support people in Health Care, Prisons, Youth Justice and Seafarers to mention a few.

**CHOIR PRACTICE**: will be on Wednesday's every week except during school holidays beginning from 16<sup>th</sup> May between 6.30 to 7.30PM @ St Anne's Church. Please make use of this opportunity to get trained by professional Music Teachers at no cost. We are intending for this Choir to sing every 1st Sunday of the Month at the 10.30AM Mass. All are welcome to attend.



Our Youth Group are trying to raise much needed funds for their activities by running a car boot sale on 24 June from 8.30am to 12 Noon in the St Anne's car park. Cost is \$5 per stall. Contact Garnet on 0411 286 428 or the Parish office by 17 June for your spot.

**RSJ ASSOCIATES:** meeting at St Anne's Church meeting room on Wednesday 16 May at 10.00am.

**SUNBURY & MACEDON RANGES SPECIALIST SCHOOLS:** are holding their open days on Wednesday May 23 from 9.30-11.30am at Sunbury Primary Campus, Circular Dr, Sunbury. Also on Friday May 25 from 9.30-11.30am at Bullengarook Secondary Campus, 705 Bacchus Marsh Rd at the Senior Campus. For further information contact 9744 4879 for Sunbury Campus or 5482 9222 for Bullengarook Secondary Campus.

**PUBLIC LECTURE:** On Australia and Vatican by Rev. Dr Orm Rush of Brisbane at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne on this Wednesday at 7.30pm.

**SPATE OF ROBBERIES:** have occurred at many parishes across Melbourne. We need to be mindful of our security and safety.

**PARISH CO-ORDINATING TEAM:** will meet on Wednesday 23 May at 7.30pm

## **ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND**

ALTAR CARE: OLMC Church- Cathy Hainsworth St Anne's Church- Lyn Dillon Julie Wright

CLEANING: OLMC Church—Sheralyn Berry St Anne's Church—Michelle Bakker Bernie Owens Maree Salm

**COUNTERS:** John & Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim

GIFT SHOP: Julie Reddan Jack Reddan

**LECTORS:** Julie Reddan Jenny Carland Michael Hetherington Kerry Champness

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm Yvonne Rozario Carmen Ryan Pauline Sharma Jean Skillecorn Dawn Westwood Raeleen Cataldo Lucy Foran Paul Hogan 8.30am Mark Perry Tom Allen Christine Cassar Elizabeth Falzon Andrew Swan Lloyd D'Crus 10.30am Julie Reddan Mary Thomas Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Johanna Fahey 5.30pm John Kremers Maria Mallia Alan Slocombe