



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST, SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy 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 Liturgy of the Word-
St Anne's
Wed: 9.15am St Anne's
Thurs: 9.15am St Anne's -All Saints Day
Fri: 9.15am St Anne's

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
Assisting Priest: Rev Bert Fulbrook SDB.
Pastoral Associate: Mr Richard Hallett
Pastoral Associate: Sr Jose Noy RSJ

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.00 -10.30am St Anne's Church

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: Celebrated on Sundays.
Please contact the Parish Office for details of the
next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

The following children from our parish will be baptised today:

Brandon BONNICI
Clarie BONNICI
Layla BONNICI
Grace FISHER

We joyfully welcome them into our parish Community.



ANNUAL PARISH DINNER DANCE: will be held on Saturday 10 November at 7pm at the Calabria Club, Uniting Lane, Bulla. \$50 a head for 4 course meal including beer, wine and soft drinks. Please get behind this fun event and join in for the dancing and great music. Lots of prizes. For further details contact Eileen Cardillo on 5428 5354, Dot Anderson 9740 8164 or Maree Salm 9744 1657. Tickets will be available after all Masses on 27 & 28 October and last chance to get tickets will be 3 & 4 November. Alternatively, please call Eileen or Dot for tickets anytime. **Only 1 week to go.**

MORNING TEA: will be held after 8.30am Mass next Sunday and is hosted by Studley Park Neighbourhood. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.



SING-A-LONG: at Goonawarra Aged Care from 2.30pm on Friday 2 November. Please come along and join in the fun.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION
THIS WEEK
WORLD MISSION 2012**

28 October 2012- Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his Gospel.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Eileen CHAMPNESS Yvette COOK Roy DENNER Claire DILLON Caleb FARIA Leila HOLNESS Michael JACKMAN Dawn & Bill JANNER Ricky LADERAS Maureen LAWSON Ron NOTT Dot O'MAHONEY Delen RUTA Jack SEGRAVE Irma TAKAKIS Jeremy TYNDALL Vicki WARD Margaret WILSON

Recently Deceased: Dale CHENEY Hilda MAHONEY Des ROGERS

Anniversaries: John ARTHURSON Bill & Nellie CLARK Dennis CONNELLY Douglas DUGGAN Antonio GURCIULLO Sheila HOCTOR Douglas JACOB

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who is this blind man that we hear about in Mark's Gospel today? What is the point of the story? We need to remember that each of the Gospels is a work of literature. Each is not simply a collection of stories, piled together in a rather confusing way. Each of the Gospels is very carefully structured. Stories, sayings, names, places, journeys are all used to present what can be well described as a portrait of Jesus; of who he is and what he does and says. Very often the same stories are used in quite different ways, in quite different parts of the portrait, in each of the Gospels.

So the story of the cure of this blind man has more to it than meets the eye. In what follows I draw on the work of Father Paul Tarazi, eminent Orthodox Scripture scholar.

Mark, as we read in the Acts of the Apostles, is a disciple of Paul, and the teaching which Mark presents in his Gospel is completely aligned with what Paul refers to as 'his gospel': that Jesus is Lord of all, and faith in Jesus is the source of life. Nothing is achieved through observance of Law or by our own effort, but salvation is grace – a freely given gift of a loving God.

There was considerable tension in the early Church, and it continues today, between those who, like Paul, focus on grace and faith in Jesus, and those who, like James and even Peter, continue to see observance of the Law, as necessary for belonging to God's people. This tension existed across the 'fault-line' between Jews and Gentiles. Again we see in the Acts of the Apostles that Paul is sent to the Gentiles and Peter and James continue with 'the circumcision'.

Today's account is the second which Mark gives of the cure of a blind man. We had the first some weeks ago (8:22-26) and that story is linked, by the way that Jesus effects the cure, to the story of the cure of a deaf man (7:31-37). The blind man represents the Jews who have the Scriptures, the history of God's dealings with people, but do not 'see' that they have been fulfilled in Jesus. The deaf man represents the Gentiles who have not 'heard' the Scriptures and so are 'dumb' and cannot speak of God's grace. This situation clearly continues to exist as we endeavour to present the Gospel today. If the gospel of Jesus the Christ is to be proclaimed authentically, then the message of the Scriptures needs to be seen clearly, and this was not the case for Mark's audience, hence the need for the second account of the cure of the blind Jewish man.

Mark is writing to the Jerusalem Church of James, after the death of Paul, calling them to embrace the fullness of the Gospel as proclaimed by Paul, and now proclaimed by Paul's 'son' Timothy, as leader of the Pauline communities. The name of the blind man is significant: 'the son of Timaeus'. 'timios' means *honoured, revered*, and is close in sound to the Jewish name Timotheos. So the Aramaic Bartimaeus, the 'son of the honoured man' is presented as the one whose eyes Jesus has opened fully through faith, the one whose [Pauline] faith should be followed.

.....Richard Hallett

CALLING ALL BUSY BEES: our parish working bee will be held on Saturday 3 November from 9am to 12noon. Please bring your tools and your good humor and help keep our parish looking beautiful.



A GIANT CAR BOOT SALE: with craft stalls will be held by Sunbury Uniting Church on the Village Green and inside the church hall, on Saturday 17th November from 8.30am. There will be outside car sites (over 60 cars!!) and inside craft stalls. Site prices: cars \$20, inside craft stalls \$20. To book a site, ring Helen on 9744 3031 or 0407 506 507.

CELEBRATION OF THE CHILDREN WHO ARE IN YEARS 1 OR 2 THIS YEAR AND THEIR FAMILIES: The **10.30am Mass at St. Anne's Church** today will be a special celebration of the blessings which your children and your family have received from God and which you bring to our community. The children are preparing something special for this celebration and during the Mass will receive a blessing and a small gift from the parish community. All welcome.

BAPTISM OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN: On two occasions each year - just after Pentecost and on the last Sunday of the Church's year, the Feast of Christ the King - we offer an opportunity for school aged children to be Baptised. If you have school aged children who are interested in being Baptised on the weekend of 24/25 November this year, please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060 before the end of October so that preparation arrangements can be made. If you know of other families who might be interested, invite them to contact the Parish Office.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK FOR WORLD MISSION 2012: countless communities in distress and desperation in the Philippines and across the world urgently need you now. Join with Catholic Mission this weekend to restore hope and share the grace of our loving God. By making a gift to the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today or by becoming a "Friends in Faith Partner" with a monthly gift, you will help our brothers and sisters in desperate need. Further information can be found at catholicmission.org.au/hope or call 1800 257 296.

MIRACLES IN THE MARKET PLACE : Healing Workshop on Saturday 17 November from 1-5pm Sunbury Youth Centre, 52-54 Evans St, Sunbury. \$10 per person. Healing Service on Sunday 18 November 10am-12 noon, Sunbury Memorial Hall, Stawell St, Sunbury. Healing takes many different forms- physically, spiritually, emotionally just to name a few. If you would like to be part of these events, guest speakers will inspire healing for those in need.

RERUM NOVARUM ORATION 2012: "Labouring for the Common Good" by Senator John Madigan and Dr Matthew Tan. Lecture Theatre, Daniel Mannix Building, Australia Catholic University at 15 Young St, Fitzroy from 7pm Tuesday 13 November. RSVP Mark Clarke 9926 5727.

MANY THANKS: to the generous people of Sunbury for donating \$580 to the Apostleship of the Sea.



EVERGREENS: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School students in Grade Prep have invited us back for another lunch on Friday 16 November at 12.30pm. For bookings contact Frances Arians 9744 1999. Also keep 12 December free. Details will come later.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: OLMC Church- Olga Ellul Pat Readman St Anne's Church- Corina Bell

CLEANING: OLMC Church- Sharalyn Berry St Anne's Church - Colleen Hackett Joe & Mary Kloss

COUNTERS: John & Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim

GIFT SHOP: Carmel Wiegerink Mary Wicks

LECTORS: Monisha D'Lima Peter Readman Kian Mardijono Mary Wicks

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: **6.00pm** Jean Skillecorn Dawn Westwood Raeleen Cataldo Lucy Foran Paul Hogan Maree Walsh Eileen Naylor Carmel Pritchard **8.30am** Elizabeth Falzon Andrew Swan Lloyd D'Crus Pat Readman Graeme & Lynne Simpson John & Sheila Stafford **10.30am** Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Johanna Fahey Paul Fanning Cathy Gay **5.30pm** Paula Seric Maree O'Brien Maria Mallia

MEMORIAL SERVICE: our Parish is holding a Memorial Service on Thursday 8 November at 7.30pm in St Anne's Church. We welcome all those who wish to remember family members who have entered eternal life in a beautiful meditative memorial service. Please feel free to bring a photo of your loved one and join us for supper afterwards.

MEMORIAL SHEETS FOR DECEASED AT ALL MASSES: November is traditionally the month to remember those who have entered eternal peace starting on Thursday 1 November, with All Saints Day. We invite you to take a memorial sheet and complete it. The sheets will be placed in a memorial book where all our dearly departed will be remembered and prayed for by our Parish.



PRAY FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS: this week the students studying Year 12 have finished their school year.

Their final exams will start Thursday 1 November. These young people are starting out on a journey that will shape their futures and we join together as a Parish to give them support by remembering them in our prayers.

Loving God

We pray for the Year 12 students of the parish who commence their final school exams this week. In this hectic and stressful time, may they find peace and comfort in the loving support of this faith community, their families and friends and the teachers who support their journey of growing into young adults. May the significance of this important time not be lost on our young people. Bless them with a healthy, happy, and rewarding future, in which they clearly see their ability and never cease to follow their dreams. AMEN.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Hubert and Elizabeth Rozario who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday 28 October 2012. An anniversary is a time to celebrate the joys of today, the memories of yesterday and the hopes of tomorrow.



PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to the family of Val Quinn. Her son Greg bravely fought serious illness, and entered eternal life late last week. Val is a regular and very active parishioner and our prayers are with her and her family.

Des Rogers also entered eternal life late last week and was buried on Monday, after battling serious illness. Our prayers are with his wife Leonila and his children, Debra and Des.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS: Friday 23 November- Dance night from 6.30-8pm @ Parish Centre. Latest dance music by Youth DJ. RSVP 16 Nov. Saturday 1 December- Carols singing with Santa at 3 Aged Care Homes in Sunbury between 9.15am-12.30pm. RSVP 23 Nov. Saturday 15 December- Parish Carols Night at the Parish Centre after 6pm mass. Santa will be visiting with lollies. RSVP 7 Dec. RSVP gljsjacob@gmail.com

BOOK LAUNCH: on 7th November 2012 at 12 noon in the Co-op Bookshop, Baillieu Library Building, Melbourne University of a new Book "A Decision to Discriminate. Aboriginal Disempowerment in the Northern Territory" Speakers: Hon Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC, Elder Rosalie Kunoth-Monks OAM from Utopia NT, Professor Muriel Bamblett AM, CEO Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency. Cost Free. RSVP - info@concernedaustralians.com.au or leave message at 03 9415 7164. Melways Ref 2BC7.