



# 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 Prayer of the Church-  
St Anne's  
Wed: 9.15am St Anne's  
Thurs: 7.30pm Memorial Service- St Anne's  
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.

### 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 fur-  
ther details contact Eileen Cardillo on 5428 5354, Dot  
Anderson 9740 8164 or Maree Salm 9744 1657. Last  
chance to get tickets will be 3 & 4 November. Alter-  
natively, please call Eileen or Dot for tickets anytime.  
**Last week.**



**MORNING TEA:** will be held after  
8.30am Mass this Sunday and is  
hosted by Studley Park Neighbour-  
hood. Please bring a plate to share.  
All welcome.



**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 memo-  
rial book where all our dearly departed will be re-  
membered and prayed for by our Parish.

### 4 November 2012- Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Psalm Response:** I love you, Lord, my strength.

**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:** 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 Belen RUTA Jack SEGRAVE  
Irma TAKAKIS Jeremy TYNDALL Vicki WARD Margaret WILSON

**Recently Deceased:** Terence LAMAIRE

**Anniversaries:** Lynne BOTTRELL Francisco CARASIG Terrence FARIA Victor  
FERNANDEZ Ernest MILLETT Petra ORBILLO Ron PAGE Snr Margaret RO-  
DRIGUES Des ROGERS Rudolph SNELL Pamela SNELL Helen WILLIAMS

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Suffering

Believers in God face a twofold problem: the existence of evil and suffering. If God is good, where does evil come from; and how come good people suffer? Simple answers abound. On the extreme left, God is portrayed as not involved at all in evil because God is not much involved in good either. On the extreme right, God is directly implicated in evil deliberately – almost callously – inflicting pain and suffering upon us in order to teach us a lesson or to test us. In the middle, we have the traditional explanation that God does not cause evil: God only permits it.

The suffering of the innocent is a hard nut to crack: natural disasters, the terminal illness of a young child, the sudden death of a loved one, a brutal murder, an act of terrorism, Auschwitz...these are used as arguments against the existence of God. The story in the book of Job focuses on the question: *'Why do innocent people suffer?'* Job is a good man. He struggles with the loss of his family, his wealth and his health. In his sadness and despair he cries out for answers. The author of the Book of Job was a literary genius. He must have been the ancient equivalent of a William Shakespeare. He is a top notch dramatic poet. Job and his dubious comforters wrestle with the problem of suffering. Job protests his innocence; but his friends try to load him with guilt: for surely suffering is punishment for sin. By the end of the book the problem of suffering remains unresolved and we are none the wiser. But we need not be despondent, because none of the greatest minds in human history – whether Christian or not – have devised a definitive answer.

People react to suffering in various ways. Some rebel and revolt, shaking an angry fist - if not at the real God - then at some false idea of God. Some turn stoic trying to bear up, tight-lipped, avoiding the question: *'Why?'* They passively accept what can't be understood or changed. But some align themselves with Job, placing their complete trust in God, even in the face of the incomprehensible. They begin by asking *'why'* and then live in the mystery. But as Christians we turn to Jesus who broke the nexus between suffering and sin in the story of the blind man in chapter nine of the gospel of John. *'Neither this man nor his parents have sinned.'*

Jesus, the suffering Son of Man, is the icon of suffering innocence. Jesus also gave us the *'good news'* that God wishes to deliver us from all evil. From Jesus we learn that suffering can be redemptive for us individually, as it was for humankind in the passion and death of Christ. But even Jesus did not explain suffering. He endured it, an *'innocent Lamb'* in the sight of God. (1 Peter 1:19) Christ teaches us that suffering can acquire a meaning: We can learn from it. We can be ennobled by it. We can grow through it. We can be genuine disciples by taking up our cross and following the Master. We can – in the teaching of St Paul - be co-redeemers with Christ by joining our suffering to his. The bottom line is: our faith and trust in God must be as steadfast as Job's. Our faith and trust are built on the rock of Christ who chose to accept the way of the cross as the royal road to the salvation of humankind.

Sickness and tragedy are part of the human condition. Sickness does not discriminate between good people and bad. Sickness and tragedy are not sent by God to punish us or to test us. If good people were exempt from suffering, then why did Jesus suffer, why did the good man Job suffer? We often ask the question: **'Why me?'** Maybe we should ask the question: **'Why not me?'** In our parish there are many good people suffering or seeing their loved ones suffer. Our parish cares for them and they are remembered in every Mass I offer. May God give them the courage they need in carrying the cross laid on their shoulder, and may God send them people to comfort and care for them in this their hour of trial.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

**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. Craft stalls include: Christmassy items, candles, jewellery, cakes, kids' craft, quilts, cushions, 'while-you-wait' embroidered items, cards, toys, fairy wings/wands, baby gifts and lots more. Devonshire Tea available and second hand book stall! There is lots of fun for the kids with jumping castles, Thomas the Tank rides, etc.

**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.

**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.

**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 Ariens 9744 1999. Also keep 12 December free. Details will come later.

**MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN THE SUNBURY COMMUNITY.....BREAKING THE SILENCE:** (Leaders: Bernard Heaney -Team Leader - Community Mental Health. Hume Region- and colleagues) *"Starts with a reflection about the old institution on top of the hill in Sunbury and the changing face of mental health. Proceeds to a bit of education about the mental health conditions that can present themselves and the issues that this presents for people and their families - and reveals some of the local options for support - and of course discussion, questions, comments, experiences and reflections"*

Duration: One-off

Date: Wed 7th November, 2012

Starting time: 5pm (till 6.30pm)

Venue: Rupertswood mansion

**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

**PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY:** we offer to the family of Hilda Mahoney who entered eternal life last week. Thank you to those who visited and prayed for Hilda and took Communion to her in her home.

**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](mailto:info@concernedaustralians.com.au) or leave message at 03 9415 7164. Melways Ref 2BC7.

**ALPHA PROGRAM:** a few years ago in our parish, we were lucky enough to run the Alpha program. The Alpha program is based on welcome, hospitality, sharing and prayer. Information and training sessions will be coming up on Saturday 10 November from 9.30am -4.30pm at St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park. Another session will be held on Sunday 11 November from 9.30am -4.30pm at Thomas Carr Centre, East Melbourne. Cost \$20 per person with morning tea and lunch included.

**LOURDES DAY MASS:** Saturday 1 December at 10.30am, St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. *Mass of hope and comfort for the sick and fragile.* The Lourdes Day Mass is hosted by the Order of Malta and supported by the Development Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. There will be a blessing of the sick by the Archbishop with water from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Each attendee will receive a gift bag containing a small bottle of Lourdes Water, rosary beads and a "How to pray the Rosary" card.

#### MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Monday 5 November 7pm St Vincent de Paul St Anne's Church

Wednesday 7 November 8pm Knights of Southern Cross- Parish House

**LEGION OF MARY:** members are offering a Mass on Friday 9 November at 9.15am for all the Souls of the Faithful departed who were members and auxiliaries in our parish.

**CATHOLIC WORLD MISSION APPEAL:** Thank you for your wonderful support in response to the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. Together as a Church, we raised \$1107.40. Your generosity has helped missionaries in the Philippines and across the world reach out physically and spiritually to communities in distress- restoring their hope in life.



**CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN:** please see the flyer attached. Volunteers are needed.



**PARISH OFFICE:** will be closed Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 November.

#### ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

**ALTAR CARE:** OLMC Church- Mary Barraclough St Anne's Church- Gail Ryan Narelle Anderson

**CLEANING:** OLMC Church- Maria Martin St Anne's Church - Cedric D'Souza Lily Lupa

**COUNTERS:** Frank Busuttill Jenny & Peter Ryan Judith Ibrahim

**GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Pam Fairbairn

**LECTORS:** Barry McAloney Elena Rodrigues Anthony Aboud Kerry Champness

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **6.00pm** Jennifer Poon Mary Baensch Dolores Kruszynski Diana & Albert Mastramico Shashi Nair Barry Roberts **8.30am** Glenda Shanahan Colin & Coreen Wilson Lily Lupa Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Andrew Swan **10.30am** Tony Hendy Michael Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sue Wight Olina Moore Nesta Pardo Val Quinn Sean Quigley **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Pauline Strongman Paula Seric