



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
	11.00am	Funeral Prayers- Patrick Wallace
Tues:	9.30am	St Anne's
Fri:	9.15 am	St Anne's

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 10.00 -10.30am OLMC

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

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to the family of Patrick Wallace who entered eternal life last Monday after a long illness. He is the husband of Lyn, father of Jonathan and Rebecca and brother of Dolly Causer and Bruce Wallace. His funeral service is tomorrow at 11.00am.

SIGN OF HOPE- A QUIET VOICE OF ASIA: last month, the Pope appointed Cardinal Luis Tagel of Manila aged 55 years, one of the youngest cardinals. He is known for his cycling around Manila to see and experience the tears and smiles of the people he serves. He speaks several languages and has a doctorate in Theology from Catholic University in Washington DC. At the Synod of 240 Bishops in Rome in November, his presentation included "The Church cannot and must not pretend to have easy answers to the dilemmas facing men and women today. Instead, it must be an attentive and listening Church- only that way will people believe that God listens to them too." He went on: "The Church must be a humble Church, modelling herself more on Jesus and being less preoccupied by her power, prestige and position in society."



**Merry Christmas and many blessings
in the New Year 2013.**

30 December 2012- The Feast of the Holy Family

Psalm Response: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Shane CASTLES Yvette COOK Roy DENNER Caleb FARIA Vince FEDELE Norberto GABALES Brian GODFREY Bill JANNER Adele & Norman JOHNSON Kathleen MCTIGUE Frank O'MAHONEY Margaret PITHIE Rose SEBASTIAN Irma TAKAKIS Jeremy TYNDALL Tim WILKES

Anniversaries: Paulina CARASIG Sydney JOHNSTON Andrew GROGAN Fr Tony HICKS

The Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph used to make the annual journey to Jerusalem for the Passover (Luke 2:41). At the age of 12, Jesus' visit was more significant as at his age, he would have been preparing by education for his bar mitzvah (Hebrew- 'a son of the law') at the age of 13 from which time a Jewish boy was to observe the dietary and religious laws of Judaism.

Despite the worry that he caused them in this episode, Jesus returns to Galilee to live in obedience to Mary and Joseph, just as he was obedient to his heavenly Father. This episode shows that, even at an early age, Jesus is focused on the will of the one who sent him and his search to know God completely.

Our Family Living

As a groom and bride give their consent to marry each other, the vows include "in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health.."

The Holy Family had its share of bad times being hunted by the powerful Herod intent to kill the infant Jesus, living as refugees in the foreign land of Egypt; and losing their child when aged 12 years old.

These events remind us that there is no perfect family living- there are to be expected anxieties and worries. While many of us are aware of the well-established pre-marriage education programs, our Church in Melbourne provides seven different programs for marriage enrichment for couples married 2, 20 or 60+ years. The programs are to help couples deepen their understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of marriage. Details are available on www.ccam.org.au. Priests and religious brothers and sisters are expected to do some annual enrichment, why not those living out the sacrament of marriage?

THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUNDING: PARENTS' VIEW: In November 2012, the Australian Government introduced the "Australian Education Bill" into Parliament, registering the nation's expectations for our children's achievements at school... and a plan; not only to teach them well, but to fund them well. Negotiations between the government and Catholic schools are still underway. The Victorian Catholic Schools Parent Body (VCSBP) state there are three principles to be followed in the negotiations:

1. Close the funding gap between Catholic schools and government schools. On average, Catholic school students receive 20% less government funding than students in government schools.
2. Funding should keep pace with the cost of educating a child in a government school.
3. Fair funding for students with disability and special needs is essential, regardless of the school they attend.

More information is available in December bulletin of VCSBP at www.vcsbp.catholic.edu.au

Upkeep of our Parish Centre: During this year significant maintenance has been carried out: painting, floor estapoled, termite eradication and also the purchase of new light-weight comfortable chairs. Please treat the centre with care so it will continue to look beautiful. We are very blessed to have such a facility.

.....Kevin McIntosh

THANKYOU FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING:

Your contribution has enabled our Parish to continue its service this year, unlike some schools which have closed due to financial problems. During the year we have paid \$3134 per week making our Parish Loan Repayments and have given \$596 per week as our Diocesan Levy to support various diocesan agencies eg. Evangelisation Office, Hospital and Prison chaplains, Catholic Social Services and Formation of priests etc.

The support of our priest is given not from Thanksgiving Offering but from the first collection and Christmas Offerings. The support includes the lease and running costs of a car, board and lodging and a living allowance. Visiting priests are paid from these offerings also.

MAJOR SAVING FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS: Our thanks go to the 31 parishioners who have volunteered on a roster to clean our two churches each week. It is estimated your service has saved our parish \$13,000 this year, commercial cleaners would have had to be engaged otherwise.

BUILDING WORKS AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH: will be carried out from 7 January to improve the storm water drainage and lay concrete paths from the emergency exit doors. Severe storms have caused flooding in our church. Estimated cost is \$10,500.

2013 SCHOOL YEAR IN OUR SCHOOLS: between 30 January and 1 February, students in Years 1 to 6 will attend school at their appointed time so that assessment can be carried out for their personalised learning programs for 2013. Foundation term will begin on 31 January at 8.45am.

With the commencement of the National Curriculum, the first year of primary education is now called Foundation Year, a more appropriate name for this most important year of school. It replaces previous names: 'Reception' (SA), 'Kindergarten' (NSW), '1st Year' (Qld), 'Prep' (Vic), etc.

NAPLAN 2012 RESULTS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: Strong academic performance of Catholic Schools is seen by a higher percentage of Catholic students achieving at or above the National Minimum Standard, compared to the Victorian average. In addition, research at Melbourne University reported that our Catholic students in low socio economic (SES) communities are more likely to attend university. cf www.vcspb.catholic.edu.au.

LED BY THE SPIRIT: is the title of a history of our parish since 1852. Remaining copies for sale available from the Piety Stall or Parish Office for \$20.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: *"Beloved, see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God." (1 John 3:1)*

During this season of giving, let's also remember the gifts that God has given to us, including the gift of making us His children. Are we as grateful for that wonderful gift as we are for all the material gifts we have received? How do we show our gratitude to God for the gifts He gives to us all year?



ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church— Raeleen Cataldo Mary Porta

CLEANING: OLMC Church— Raquel Handley Candice Bowen St Anne's Church - Colleen Hackett Joe & Mary Kloss

COUNTERS: Gerard Duggan Julie Reddan Anne McCormick

GIFT SHOP: Pat & Peter Readman Mary Wicks

LECTORS: Monisha D'Lima Tom Allen Terry Sweeney Mary Morrongiello

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: **6.00pm** Eileen Naylor Carmel Pritchard Jennifer Poon Mary Baensch Diana & Alberto Mastramico Dolores Kruszynski Shashi Nair **8.30am** Colin & Coreen Wilson Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Lily Lupa Pat Readman Will Honner **10.30am** Sue Wight Johanna Fahey Paul Fanning Cathy Gay Tony Hendy Michael Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Patricial McCourt **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Paula Seric

LEADERS OF TRUTH, JUSTICE AND HEALING COUNCIL: set up last week by the Australian Catholic Church are the Honorary Barry O'Keefe QC, (Chair) and Francis Sullivan (CEO). Mr O'Keefe is a former Chief Supreme Court Judge (NSW) and Chair of Interpol's International Group of Experts on Corruption. Mr Sullivan is a former Secretary General of Australian Medical Association (AMA).

The Church supports the establishment of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Truth, Justice and Healing Council has three tasks:

- Identifying systematic institutional failures that have impeded the protection of children
- Promoting lasting healing for the survivors of previous abuse
- Identifying all necessary measures to prevent abuse of children in the future.

PARISH BINGO: resumes every Thursday evening from 17 January in the Sunbury Football Club, Clarke Oval, Riddell Rd— Eyes down at 8pm, Meals available beforehand.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE IN OUR PARISH IN 2012: this year we have welcomed into the Family 142 people through Baptism. Another 125 received the Sacrament of Confirmation while 141 were admitted to the table of the Lord at First Communion. There were 33 Funerals celebrated in our parish.

10TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE: will be held on Sunday 20 January 2013 at Good Shepherd Parish, 88 South Circular Rd, Gladstone Park. Celebrations begin at 1.50pm and conclude at approx. 4pm.

KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE WANTED:
VOLUNTEER WORKERS: The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Place-ments are preferred for a period of 12 months plus but a reduced time would be considered. **For further details, and an application form, please contact:** Volunteer Coordinator: 08 9192 1060 or 0415 526 142 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org Web: www.broomedioocese.org Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**

COLUMBAN CALENDARS: are available from the Piety Stall at \$9 each.

20TH CENTURY - AN AGE OF CHRISTIAN MARTYRS:
A recent study by Rupert Shortt has shown there were more Christian martyrs in the 20th century than during the previous nineteen centuries put together. Jon Sobrino S.J. a famous theologian from Central America sums up "the Church is being persecuted because it defends the life of the poor, denounces the unjust destruction of life and promotes the right practice of justice".

WHAT A GREAT PARISH WE HAVE: was a comment heard on Friday. Let us give thanks to all who have given their time and finance to make our Parish be great, the list of givers is endless - but you know who you are. May the generous Lord reward your generosity.

.....Kevin McIntosh