



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 with Communion St Anne's
	7.30pm	Vigil Prayers: Claire Dillon- St Anne's
Tues:	2.00pm	Funeral Mass: Claire Dillon- St Anne's
	7.00pm	OLMC
Wed:	9.15am	St Anne's
	7.30pm	St Anne's- Penitential Service
Thurs:	9.15am	St Anne's
Fri:	10.00am	Anointing of Sick- 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
Pastoral Associate: Mrs Lyn Plummer

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.00 -10.30am OLMC

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:

Harrison COOK
Alyssa EGAN
Eamon GARNER
Braylon SILVA

We joyfully welcome them into our parish community.



SING A LONG: Christmas sing a long at Goona-
warra Nursing Home this Thursday 13 December at
2.30pm. Please come and join in.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Daryl
and Joan Knight and their family as his father Kevin
entered eternal life last Sunday. Kevin and his late
wife, Joyce, came to our parish in 1993. Kevin served
in the RAAF in World War II. He was a member of the
Knights of the Southern Cross for 50 years. Two of
his sons Gary and Ian had cancer and preceded him
into eternal life. His Funeral Mass was celebrated last
Friday.

Advent prayer for Justice:

*Lord during this season of Advent,
give us the courage to work for jus-
tice; that peace may be a part of our
daily lives. Amen.*

SPECIAL COLLECTION
THIS WEEK

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

9 December- Second Sunday of Advent

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths;
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Yvette COOK Roy DENNER Caleb FARIA Vince FEDELE Norberto
GABALES Jnr Carmen GRECH Dawn & Bill JANNER Adele & Norman JOHNSON
Kathleen MCTIGUE Frank O'MAHONEY Rose SEBASTIAN Irma TAKAKIS Jeremy
TYNDALL Mary VELLA Tim WILKES Margaret WILSON

Recently Deceased: Claire DILLON Ron GROGAN Kevin KNIGHT

Anniversaries: Len BARRETT Irene BUTLER Philomena FRANCIS Perc HAMIL-
TON Andrew HUTCHISON Billy LAIRD Len OLLINGTON Patrick REDDAN

Second Sunday of Advent:

Our Gospel reading (Luke 3:4-6) gives us the geographic and political details of the place
of Jesus' coming into our world. It is a concrete event in time and place, not some vague
notion.

We are introduced to John the Baptist's ministry of preaching God's word. Though John
lived out in the wilderness, the word he received was not for himself only, but was to be
shared. His message then and today, especially in this hectic season, is to have a new
beginning to prepare our hearts to realign our road so that Christ's coming into our lives is
made easier.

Next Wednesday evening, we shall gather in our church to reflect and quietly prepare our
inner selves for Christmas in our Advent Penitential (non-sacramental) Service. In recent
years, a similar service has been very well appreciated.

Our Advent Wreath

As the school children entered the church last Wednesday, there were "Wows" as they
saw our new wreath of native flowers and the five Advent candles. The latest research
puts the beginning of the Advent wreath in 1839 in Hamburg by a Lutheran pastor. In the
1920's Catholics in Germany adopted the devotion. The circle represents the eternity of
God without beginning or end. The purple candle represent the weeks of Advent; the pink
being a sign of joy- Joyfulness Sunday- 3rd Sunday. The white candle represents Christ
the light of the world to be lit on Christmas Day.

We are grateful to Cathie Lio, Mary Macdermid, Jo Spiteri and Jo Wiegerink for their work
on the new Advent Wreath.

"Led By The Spirit"

Is the title of a history of our parish (96 pages). Launched last Sunday, the book begins
with the first carers of our land and their history in Sunbury. The production has been
carried out by members of our parish historical committee: Joan and Joe Koren, Mary and
Ron Macdermid and myself. Our chief researcher was Tracie Oldham; the format was
done by Amanda Best. Many parishioners gave photos and taped their memories and
were typed by Joan. The book covers our schools, Eucharistic Festival, Italian POW's,
Parish Social life, and has many colour photos. The books are sold at cost price (\$20) and
a third were sold after two Masses last Sunday.

Christmas Novena

will be held each evening prior to Christmas. Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm from
Monday 17 December, generally at OLMC Church on weeknights, except 18 December
which will be at St Anne's. From the 17 December, the focus of Advent moves to Mary
and Christmas. The Church has a special liturgy from 17 December to 25 December.

Record Enrolment at Salesian College

Last Thursday, 232 very excited students who are entering Year 7 next year had their
orientation at the College. This is the highest intake at Year 7 ever needing extra facilities
and staff. The total enrolment will be 1140 in 2013. There is a waiting list for Year 7 2013
for those not yet given a place.

.....Kevin McIntosh

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SPECIAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION OVER NEXT 2 WEEKENDS— our parish has always had an excellent rapport with our local Vinnies. We are looking to have special collections over the weekends of 9 & 15 December (please note the change of date) to assist the Vinnies at this time of the year. Rather than buying presents for families, it was considered more dignified to give families cash to buy gifts for each other. Our community has always been generous, and we ask that you can help again at this special time of year. Vinnies are distributing \$8000 per month for food and bills to needy families in Sunbury and Diggers Rest.

HELP REQUIRED: on Thursday 20 December from 7pm, we will be asking for people to assist with the set up for the Christmas Eve Mass at Lakeside Stadium, Rupertswood. Last year we set up in 20 minutes.

THANK YOU: to our generous parishioners for their support of the Melbourne Overseas Mission last weekend. Our Parish will be sending \$1131.30 to support the important work of this organisation.

NEWS FROM SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

Caritas Australia Media Release – Crisis spreads in the Congo. Church Leaders say the Democratic Republic of Congo is on the brink of war. Read the Bishops of Africa's full statement at www.caritas.org.au/media. To support Caritas Emergency response, donations can be made to Caritas Australia Congo Appeal at www.caritas.org.au/donate.

The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project presents Julian Burnside A.O. Q.C., a leading advocate for the human rights of asylum seekers, on Mon 10th Dec 2012 from 7.30 – 9.30 pm at St Joseph's Hall, 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne. Melway Map 2JC6. Admission: \$20 \$15 Student/Senior. Includes Supper. Rsvp email gummoore@bigpond.net.au

A 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."Kevin McIntosh

THANK YOU: Michelle & Biju Faria would like to thank all parishioners for their generous donations and support for the Caleb Faria Trust. They would like to wish many blessings to all. Caleb is suffering from Hunters Syndrome and has been denied government funding of the medicine that will help his quality of life. Caleb and his family are our parishioners. Anybody wanting to donate funds to the Caleb Faria Trust can donate via www.calebfaria.com. Please continue to pray that Caleb may get access to the medicine through government funding in the near future.

CHURCH'S SUBMISSION TO PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRY ON CHILD ABUSE: copies of an executive summary of our submission to be heard probably in March is available today from the Welcome Desk.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: will be held in St Anne's Church on Wednesday 12 December 2012 at 7.30pm. Our Penitential Service will be one of reflection on the Advent readings with periods of meditation. There will not be individual Sacramental Reconciliation at this Service.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS: Saturday 15 December— Parish Carols Night at the Parish Centre after 6pm mass. Santa will be visiting with lollies. RSVP 7 Dec. glisjacob@gmail.com

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

EVERGREENS: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Grades 1 & 2 have invited the Evergreens to morning tea and their nativity play on Wednesday 12 December at 11am. Afterwards, gathering at the Ballcourt Hotel for the Annual Christmas Lunch. Cost is \$17.50. Bookings by 10 December to Frances on 9744 1999.

DIARY DATES FOR 2013: SACRAMENT PROGRAM

Reconciliation:

OLMC & St Anne's school families

Info & Rego 2pm & 7.30pm Tues 4 June Parish Centre

All other school families

Info & Rego 2pm & 7.30pm Tues 5 March Parish Centre

All Families celebrating First Reconciliation on 13 or 14 August 2013, St Anne's Church.

First Communion: All families

Info session 2pm or 7.30pm Tues 19 February Parish Centre

Celebrations: 18, 19, 25, 26 May & 1 & 2 June 2013

Confirmation: All families

Info & Rego 2pm & 7.30pm Tues 3 July Parish Centre

Celebration: 2pm & 4pm Sun 13 October St Patricks Cathedral

Baptism of School Aged Children

Sunday 16 June 2013 & Sunday 24 November 2013

Please contact the Parish Office no later than 6 weeks prior to these dates to arrange preparation.

For further information, please contact Richard Hallett on 9744 1060 (Tues & Wed) or email richard.hallett@cam.org.au

PARISH CENTRE CHAIRS FOR SALE: our Parish has recently ordered new chairs for the Parish Centre to replace the old, heavy chairs. If you or anyone you know are interested in purchasing any of the chairs please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060. Make an offer!

MERCY CONNECT PROJECT: Mercy Works Ltd is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in their educational transitions in Secondary and Primary schools in Melbourne's northern and western regions. The volunteer commitment is half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is required. Retired teachers are encouraged to apply. A training program will be conducted in Feb 2013. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis for an app. form and further info. Mercy Connect Project 9326 1895 or email somml@bigpond.com.

USE OF CANDLE SNUFFER: at a Liturgy meeting, it was suggested that when the candles are extinguished after Mass the snuffer is used only. We ask people not to blow the candles out as wax spills and is very difficult to clean. We ask everyone's cooperation in this matter please.

GONE MISSING?: if anyone has seen the remote control for the lap top at St Anne's Church, would you please advise where it might be found. It has been missing for about 2 weekends.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church— Levitt De Andrade Lorraine D'Silva

CLEANING: OLMC Church— Peter Readman St Anne's Church - Margaret Crooks Bernie Owens

COUNTERS: John & Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim

GIFT SHOP: Carmel Wiegierink Pam Fairbairn

LECTORS: Eileen Naylor Adelfo Hipolito Dian Mardijono Maria Martin

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: **6.00pm** Dawn Westwood Raeleen Cataldo Lucy Foran Paul Hogan Maree Walsh Carmen Ryan Eileen Naylor Carmel Pritchard **8.30am** Glenda Shanahan Colin & Coreen Wilson Lily Lupa Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegierink Tom Allen **10.30am** Julie Reddan Mary Thomas Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Sue Wight **5.30pm** Maria Mallia Alan Slocombe