



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

**BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,
SUNBURY, WILDWOOD**

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Liturgy this week

Sat:	8.00pm	St Anne's Easter Vigil
Sun:	8.30am	St Anne's Easter Sunday
	10.30am	St Anne's Easter Sunday
Mon:	9.15am	St Anne's- Liturgy of the Word
Wed:	9.15am	St Anne's
Thurs:	9.15am	St Anne's
Frid:	10.00am	St Anne's—Mass with Anointing for the sick
Sat:	6.00pm	St Anne's 6 April
Sun:	8.30am	St Anne's 7 April
	10.30am	St Anne's 7 April
	5.30pm	OLMC 7 April

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 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.

PARISH RETREAT— SPIRITUALITY IN OUR

TIMES: will be held in Easter time, Monday 22 April to Saturday 27 April. The retreat has three modules—renewal of our mind, renewal of our heart and renewal of our action. There are three elements in each session: some input, some group sharing and some prayer. It is time for a renewal as we live in changing times and we need a boost. The sessions will be held in the morning and evening in the Parish Centre. The retreat team will comprise a laywoman, a priest and a religious sister—mixed vocations. Please mark your diaries. Our last retreat in 2006 was very well received by 150 people who attended. Sign up weekend will be 13 & 14 April.

EASTER MASS FOR THE INFIRM AND SICK: will be celebrated on Friday 5 April at 10am with the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick. Last Tuesday in the Cathedral the Archbishop accompanied by 257 Melbourne priests blessed the Oil of the Sick which we use in our Anointing. Morning Tea will follow.

**SPECIAL TIMES FOR EASTER MASSES: 8PM
SATURDAY NIGHT THEN 8.30AM OR
10.30AM EASTER SUNDAY ALL AT ST ANNE'S
CHURCH.**



31 March 2013– EASTER SUNDAY

Psalm Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice
Let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Caleb FARIA Fr Jim FEENAN Trevor FEEHAN Bill JANNER Kathleen JOHN-SON Bishop Joe O'CONNELL Josephine ORBILLO Michael RIGBY Vicki WARD

Recently Deceased: Lorraine GINNIVAN

Anniversaries: Margaret CAUCHI Nina CAUCHI Matt DUGGAN Michael HURLEY Mike KILGARIFF Dennis WALLACE John WILLMOTT JOHN WRIGHT

HE IS ALIVE

Luke's account of the resurrection, like the other Gospels, has women getting up at the crack of dawn to visit the tomb of Jesus with a view to anoint the body which was hastily buried on the eve of the Sabbath. On their way, they suddenly realise that they had forgotten to bring along some muscle power with which to roll away the stone. Their problem was solved when they arrived at the tomb and found that the stone had already been rolled away. As one problem went away another problem presented itself: there was no longer a body to anoint. Good news had suddenly turned into bad news. An empty tomb was bad news:

Resurrection was the last thing on their minds. More than likely an empty tomb smelled of body-snatching. Luke tells us, *'They stood there not knowing what to think when two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side.'* Terror took hold of the women, for sudden apparitions tend to do that to people. The heavenly messengers then deliver a line which I think is the punch-line of the story: *'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here. He is risen.'* Then they remind the women of the prediction of Jesus concerning his death and resurrection. We are then told that the women remembered and presumably believed.

The first human messengers of the resurrection are these women. They have been on a roller-coaster of emotions: from sadness to bewilderment, from bewilderment to shock, from shock to terror, and from terror to joy. Joyfully they bring the good news to the disciples, but the disciples dismiss their story as **'pure nonsense'**. Among the early unbelievers were the very disciples and friends of Jesus, and for this we cannot blame them. On Good Friday Jesus was as dead as dead could be. How could he possibly be alive less than 48 hours later? However, as the story unfolds, and the Risen Jesus appeared to the disciples, their disbelief melted away.

The story of Jesus and Christianity might never have seen the light of day had the Risen Lord not shown himself. The appearance of Jesus after his resurrection was the spark needed to kindle in his disciples the light of faith. The Easter Vigil ceremony begins with the lighting of the Easter fire and, from that, the Paschal Candle. From that one candle all our little candles are lit. In this we see a symbol of the faith that has been handed down to us from the apostles, a faith entrusted to us at our baptism to be kept burning brightly, as a baptismal candle is placed in our hands.

The resurrection speaks volumes of a **Father in whom we can trust**, a Father who would never let us down. The Resurrection says as much about the Father as it does about Jesus. The New Testament, as often as not, talks about Jesus as being raised from the dead. We know that Jesus, by his own divine power, could have raised himself; but Jesus put his life into the hands of his Father, and his trust was vindicated by the Father raising him to new life. The Easter message for us is that the same Father -God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will do the same for those who have the same trust that Jesus had. Belief in the Risen Lord gives us hope in the resurrection that

Jesus is the truth– He will set us free

awaits us. Easter, besides being about Jesus' victory over suffering and death, is also an assurance that new life awaits the believer. The death of a believer quickly gives way to the bright promise of eternal life. St Therese of Lisieux puts it pithily: *'I am not dying. I am entering eternal Life.'*

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

OUR EASTER SYMBOL: will be a replica of the stone which at the Resurrection of Jesus was rolled away from the tomb. "On the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another. "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up they saw the stone, which was very large had already been rolled back" (Mark 16:2-4). Hence the stone by itself reminds us of the empty tomb, the sign Jesus has risen. Thanks to our maintenance team for our new symbol.

MORNING TEA: will be hosted by Gum Tree Hills Neighbourhood next Sunday after 8.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share or just stay for a cuppa and a chat.



WORKING BEE: will be held at St Anne's church on Saturday 6 April from 9am to 12pm. Please bring your tools. All welcome.

ADORATION: will be held in St Anne's Church on Friday 5 April from 7-8pm. All welcome. Led by the Legion of Mary.

SING A LONG: will be held at Goonawarra Nursing Home on Friday 5 April from 2.30pm. All welcome.



YEAR OF FAITH REFLECTION: Year of faith started on October 11 2012. On behalf of the Legion of Mary, this month we pray for the following: **We pray that parents may remain close to Christ and be strong and faithful to their vocation to be teachers of their children.**

EVERGREENS: Morning Melodies Rupertswood Mansion on Wednesday April 10. Cost \$18. Bookings by 8 April to Frances on 9744 1999. Also, It's back, City Sights- Tuesday 7 May. Cost \$20. Includes bus and lunch. Leaves St Anne's Church at 9.15am. Bookings essential. Leave money in envelope with name at the Parish Office by Sunday 5 May. Bookings through Frances on 9744 1999.

EASTER OFFERINGS: Thank you for your offering which Supports 92 retired Melbourne priests, Melbourne Bishops, priests in parishes unable to support their priest, Fr Bert and finally our own Fr Kevin, providing him with a leased car and a living allowance.



FLAMEFEST THE RALLY: Date: Sunday 21st April 2013 Time: 6.30pm. Venue: St. Mary Mackillop Church, 152 Odessa Avenue Keilor Downs. 3038

Flame is a youth ministry for the parish of Our Lady of Assumption Keilor Downs. **With a successful and overpowering congregation of 700 parishioners participating in the flamefest of 2012,** (which was performed by Fr. Rob Galea, Disciples of Jesus band (doj) Genevieve Bryant, Nihal, David Leminu, Gary and Natasha Pinto and MC Fr Keswick), **Monsignor Portelli has approved this years Flamefest the Rally with great enthusiasm.** Performers for this years rally will be...the Disciples of Jesus band (DOJ), Holy Redeemer band, Genevieve Bryant and Nihal D'Silva. They come together in faith to ignite a flame of faith, hope and Love. **Tickets are now on sale for \$20. Remember this will be a fundraising night. So please help support this occasion. Contact Garnet Jacob on 0411286428 for the tickets @ \$20 each.**

THANK YOU: Bill O'Mahoney together with his daughter Lyn Mandouit, would like to thank everyone for their support and kind words on the passing of Frank. It has been very much appreciated.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW CATHOLICS: this Easter Sunday we welcome Thierry Wurcel and Angelo Damianos into full communion in our Catholic Church. They are among over 500 new Catholics in Melbourne Parishes. Most parishes have a team which leads and sponsors people seeking to come into our Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We are fortunate to have such a team which began meeting each week, except in school holidays, since July last year. Thanks to our RCIA team.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to John Ginnivan and his daughter Rebecca Cornish as Lorraine Ginnivan entered eternal life after a long illness last week. Her friends who used to be in our music ministry sang at her funeral last Thursday.

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO BE WITH US: we have a large team of Ministers of Communion who bring Holy Communion to those living at home or in aged care. Three Ministers estimated they gave Holy Communion 680 times in 2012 to our parishioners. They are only three of a large team.

THE CAGLIERO PROJECT: is seeking people who are interested in volunteering overseas in a Salesian school, youth centre or orphanage. Cagliero volunteers are deployed for 6-12 months in the Asia/Pacific region. Are you ready to take up the challenge? For more information about the project and the application process please visit our website: www.cagliero.org.au.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Project Compassion boxes should be returned at your earliest convenience, so funds can be sent to Caritas Australia for distribution. Please place in collection plate during Mass. Thank you for your generosity.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don't need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing. Our next weekends in 2013 are on: **19-21 April**, 14-16 June and 9-11 August in Melbourne. For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

SUNBURY ROTARY CLUB: Family & Craft Market on Saturday 6 April at Community Centre, 531 Elizabeth Dr, Sunbury 9am to 2pm. Over 60 stalls on the day with various activities and wares. Contact 9744 5096 for any queries.

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME PROGRAM: Network Ten has advised that from Sunday 7 April, the program will be broadcast on Channel 11 at 5.30am.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Festival Meeting and Mass celebrating Bicentenary of the birth of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, on Friday 12 April at 7pm Corpus Christi Church, Glenroy (Cnr Widford St & Melbourne Ave, Glenroy). The evening will include Mass, Commissioning of Conference

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church- Raeleen Cataldo & Mary Porta **CLEANING:** OLMC Church- Michelle Fettes St Anne's Church - Skeeter Jacob Beth Girdwood Lili Lupa **COUNTERS:** Bernie Owens Hilda Kocianic Mary Reay Mary Alkemade

GIFT SHOP: Roselle Duckworth Frances Arians **LECTORS:** Julie Reddan Phyllis Jacob Michael McConville Kevin Crowley **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **6.00pm** Eileen Naylor Carmel Pritchard Jennifer Poon Mary Baensch Diana & Albert 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 Patricia McCourt **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Paula Seric