

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 St Anne's- Liturgy of the Word

Tues: 7.00pm OLMC Wed: 9.15am St Anne's Thurs: 9.15am 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 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:

Analise MAYNE Astyn MAYNE

Austin MC MAHON

Dalton PATERRA

We joyfully welcome them into our parish community.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to continue development work reflecting the life of Jesus Christ. Before the help of the Safe Motherhood Project, many women in rural Bangladesh lost their babies and in many cases, their own lives too. Thanks to your support, trained rural midwives has resulted in the births of healthy babies and no maternal deaths. Please donate to Project Compassion so women can achieve healthy pregnancies and give their unborn babies the best start in life.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Are you having a clean out? We are in urgent need of your good donations, such as furniture, clothing, bric-a-brac & books. If you run a business and have stock or equipment you do not want then please consider donating to Vinnies. Donations can be delivered to our Sunbury Centre at 156 O'Shanassy St, during opening hours 9-5 Monday to Friday or 9-1 on Saturday. For a donation pick up, phone 1800 621 329. Do you have some spare time? we are looking for volunteers to assist us in our retail centre. We are very flexible with any hours you can spare. There are lots of different jobs to suit all applicants. If you can help, please call the manager on 9744 1447. Thank you for your support.



Psalm Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

Repent, says the Lord;

The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Kathleen CRAMERI Caleb FARIA Trevor FEEHAN Eduardo GAJO Susana GAMBE Lydia GIBCZYNSKI Doug & Aileen HUTCHISON Bill JANNER Adele & Norman JOHNSON Joan KOREN Bishop Joe O'CONNELL Frank O'MAHONEY Margaret PITHIE Molly ROBERTS Irma TAKAKIS Vicki WARD

Recently Deceased: Silvana BODZAY Douglas DRISCOLL Mary HALPIN

Pam HAWES Margaret HOLGATE Vince VELLA

Anniversaries: Mark BORG Philomena FRANCIS Hugh MC GUIRE Vera OWENS

Esme RODRIGUES Laurie SIMON

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

St Luke's gospel today (13:1-9) begins looking at the problem of evil. At the time of Jesus, suffering was often considered to be a punishment from God for sin committed. Jesus refutes that reasoning.

We believe suffering is not due to sin, but from other reasons. We can make our suffering redemptive by joining our suffering to the suffering of the innocent Jesus for the redemption of the world.

Our gospel continues by highlighting the infinite patience of God in allowing us time to produce our best fruit. God is often imaged in the Scriptures as the owner of a vineyard which God attends to with great care and patience.— planting, feeding, pruning— to make fruitful and abundant. Our Church is being pruned presently by the inquiry into its response to child sexual abuse.

Vineyards are around us here in Sunbury, now with the nets to protect the grapes. Like God let us try this week to cultivate the best in someone else.

Interregnum Period– since the abdication of Pope Benedict XVI last Thursday, we are in a period of time without a pope until one is elected this month. Hence, there is no name of a pope to be prayed for in the Eucharistic Prayer at the moment.

Introduction to Sacramental Life for Children not attending our Parish Schools: Parents who consider their children are ready this year to take part in the Sacramental life of the Church, are invited to one of two sessions on Tuesday 5 March at 2pm or 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Enquiries to Richard Hallett on 9744 1060.

Planning the Prayer Service on Abuse: will take place in the meeting room of the Parish Centre on Tuesday 5 March at 7.40pm. The service is planned for 19 March. All welcome to come to the planning meeting.

Parish Retreat– Spirituality for 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. The last such parish retreat was in March 2006. 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 and calendars. The last retreat was very well received by 150 people who attended.

Accompanying in Prayer: today Our first Communicants are asking people of our community to support them as prayer companions during the next two months before they begin receiving the Eucharist.

.....Kevin McIntosh

ST PATRICKS EVE BASKET SUPPER/DANCE: Sat

16 March 2013 from 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Keep this date free to come and rock your socks off! The "Ripchords" will be playing music from the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's with a good sprinkling of Irish thrown in. Gather a table of 10 or come on your own and make new friends and get into the Spirit of St Patrick's Day. Bring along food to share with those on your table. Tickets are \$20 per head. Tickets are going fast-don't wait too long! Inquiries and payments to the Parish Office.

EASTER MASSES: will be celebrated at 8pm on Saturday 30 March. On Sunday 31 March at 8.30am and 10.30am. The Liturgy Planning Team decided last Thursday that due to the low numbers last year, the 5.30pm Mass will not be celebrated this Easter Sunday.

LOOKING FOR LEADERS: are you passionate about what Jesus taught us? Would you like to share what Jesus taught us with the children of our parish? If you answered yes to both of these questions and can spare about an hour every 4-6 weeks, we would love you to be part of our Children's Liturgy Team. We are in desperate need of more leaders to take the pressure off our current leaders. The more leaders we have, the less frequently members are rostered! Contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060 if you can help.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION REQUIRED FOR 5.30PM

MASS: If you are a regular 5.30pm Mass goer, please consider going on the Ministers of Communion roster. Further volunteers are needed. Training will be provided for those who can assist. Please contact the Parish office on 9744 1060 if you are willing to help.

OLMC YOUTH CHOIR: if you are interested in being part of our youth choir, please contact Catherine at olmcyouthchoir@yahoo.com. Practice is usually only twice per month and sing at Mass once per month. We have a great bunch of kids practising at the moment to help make Mass an uplifting experience. Today young people who formed the core of this choir in 2012 are being recognised by a badge this Sunday. We congratulate Allanah Bieshaar, Ella Blackamore, Laura Carville, Philippa Carville, Sian D'Monte, Letitia Fernandes, Ashleigh Howard, Jessica Jacob and Sinead Tighe.

THE ANNUAL SUNBURY CHAPLAINCY DINNER: will be held on Monday 25th March at Goonawarra Golf Club Restaurant (2 Francis Boulevard, Sunbury) commencing at 7pm. Join us for a delicious meal and meet our Chaplains - Alicia Townsend and Matt Hornby. Suggested donation for the meal is \$30 (Pensioners \$25, students \$15). Bookings are essential - phone Zelma on 9744 2719 or 0401 019 491 or Helen on 9744 3031 or 0407 506 507, or email sunburychaplaincy@hotmail.com

INCREASED PARENT PARTICIPATION: has occurred this year with more parents taking part in our School Advisory Committees which met last Wednesday evening in the Parish Centre.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Mond 4 March 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul St Anne's Church

Tues 5 March 10.00am Sunbury Ministers

Tues 5 March 7.40pm Planning our Prayer Service on Abuse

Wed 6 March 8.00pm Knights of the Southern Cross

Parish House

LENTEN REFLECTIONS: we will be running Lenten reflections after 8.30am Mass in the Parish Centre for approximately 40 minutes. The sessions will be repeated the following Tuesday after 7.00pm Mass at OLMC Church. There are six sessions in this series and you are welcome to attend as many as you like. They are reflective of the Sunday readings, so will enhance the experience from Mass. Total cost is \$8 to cover the costs of materials purchased.

SMALL GROUPS: "I know that in your parish communities you come together in small groups to reflect upon the Word of God; part of this also involves the verbal sharing of your daily experiences. This allows you to discover the community dimension of the Good News. Place this experience at the service of your brothers and sisters. make yourselves builders of communities in which, after the example of the first community, the Word lives and acts.' Excerpt from an address by Pope John Paul II in Rome, May 1986.

PRAYER SERVICE: will be held on Tuesday March 19 at 7.30pm at St Anne's Church. It is hoped that this prayer service will help those dealing with abuse in the Church, or those feeling betrayed, may be able to start their healing process. Everyone is welcome.

FOUNDATION YEAR 2014 (PREP ENROLMENTS): Information sessions for parents wishing to enrol their children in the Foundation Year (First year at school) at our Parish Schools will be held on Tuesday 13 March at 2pm and 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL MELBOURNE 2013:

This is happening in our own town for our own youth! The festival will be held from Thursday 5 December to Saturday 7 December. It will be held at the ACU, St Patrick's Campus in East Melbourne. The festival invites students from Year 9 to adults aged 25. The festival aims to celebrate the communion between God and humanity that the Catholic Church signifies and makes present in Australia and will be a rich experience for our youth. **Two information session** are being held on Thursday 7 March at 3pm-4.30pm and 7.30pm-9pm at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne. For any enquiries, contact Annaliese on 9412 3326.

MARY MACKILLOP TRAIL - PILGRIMAGE - a 4 day pilgrimage to Hamilton, Portland and Penola will be conducted from 17th - 20th May 2013. Cost will be \$575 (based on 25 pilgrims) twin share (all included except 2 lunches) with \$120 extra for a single room. All sites connected with St Mary MacKillop and her family will be visited with Mass on Sunday at Penola. Contact: Sr Mary Fermio rsj PO Box 37, Bacchus Marsh 3340 or Ph 5367 2078 or email: mary.fermio@sosj.org.au before 15th March for app forms and further details.

FACING THE TRUTH: is the response of the Catholic Church in Victoria to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the handling of child abuse in religious and other non-government organisations. For updates of our Church's response please visit www.facingthetruth.org.au. Last update was 18 February.

THE TWILIGHT SCHOOL: OPEN HOUSE AT RUPERTSWOOD:

Wednesday 13 March at 6.30pm two guest speakers will be present; with refreshments for purchase. Contact Bruno Lettieri for further info at blettieri@scr.vic.edu.au. Refer noticeboard in St Anne's foyer.

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.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

CLEANING: OLMC Church— Peter Readman St Anne's Church - Colleen Hackett Joe & Mary Kloss

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Christine Cassar & Colleen Said **COUNTERS:** John & Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim

GIFT SHOP: Dolly Causer Jack Reddan

LECTORS: Teresa Quin Della Oswald Beth Warburton Christine Wallace

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm Dolores Kruszynski Shashi Nair Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharma Jean Killecorn Jennifer Poon 8.30am Elizabeth Falzon Lloyd D'Crus angelo Snell Graeme & Lynne Simpson John & Sheila Stafford Will Honner 10.30am Tony Hendy Michael Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Patricia McCourt Olina Moore Nesta Pardo Sean Quigley 5.30pm Maree O'Brien Maria Mallia Alan Slocombe