



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
Wed:	9.15am	St Anne's
Thurs:	9.15am	St Anne's
Frid:	9.15am	St Anne's
	7.00pm	St Anne's- Adoration

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 10.00am-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:
Preston MCKENZIE
Max MCKENZIE
Lenny MARCHEWKA
We joyfully welcome them into our parish community.



MASS BROADCAST: Mass is broadcast at 7.00am on 89.9 Light FM every Sunday morning.

MORNING TEA: will be hosted by Sunbury West Neighbourhood on Sunday 5 May, after 8.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share and enjoy a cuppa with friends. All welcome!



ADORATION: will be held in St Anne's Church on Friday 3 May from 7-8pm

MEETING THIS WEEK:

Tues 30 April	6.30pm	Parenting in Faith
Wed 1 May	6.30pm	Parenting in Faith
	7.30pm	Parish CoOrdinating Team
Frid 3 May	2.30pm	Parish Historical Comm
Sat 4 May	6.00pm	Salesian Presentation Ball

MEETING NEXT WEEK:

Tues 7 May	7.40pm	Liturgy Planning
Wed 8 May	6.30pm	Parish Education Board
	7.30pm	School Advisory Comm.

SING A LONG: at Goonawarra Aged Care will not be held on Friday 3 May.

28APRIL 2013 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Psalm Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Caleb FARIA Bill FULTON Winnie GREEN Kathleen JOHNSON Barry MITCHELL Ken SIMON

Recently Deceased: Fr Tom FUREY Fr Richard RAFTER

Anniversaries: Petrus ARIANS Michael BUTLER Charlie CASSAR Laura CLARK Damian GREEN Bernie MAHONY Anne MEAD

5th Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel, ANZAC Day, our Parish Renewal retreat held over the past week and the formal presentation of the 'Our Father' to the children who are preparing to celebrate their First Communion in a few weeks, taken together, provide fruitful inspiration for reflection.

In today's Gospel reading, taken from the lengthy 'Farewell Discourse' which John presents as Jesus' final instruction to his disciples at the Last Supper, Jesus presents the primary criterion for discipleship - 'Love one another as I have loved you'. The key phrase is 'as I have loved'. It is the quality of love that is important to him - love that enables us to live, not for ourselves but for others. Not only does Jesus make this the criterion for discipleship, but also for the credibility of his gospel and for his life's work and teaching. If his disciples are unable or unwilling to love one another to the point of putting their lives, their time, their resources, their skills, gifts and efforts, on the line for one another, rather than living primarily for themselves, then perhaps the gospel is just a beautiful ideal but not able to be lived out in reality. If this is so, his work of salvation will come to an end.

ANZAC Day and what it represents is deeply ingrained in the Australian psyche. The willingness of so many young men to sacrifice themselves for their comrades and for those they loved, even though the campaign they fought in Turkey ended in defeat, has given rise to a culture that values service to others, particularly in times of need, and values a 'fair go' for all, despite our obvious failure to make these values a complete everyday reality. It is perhaps in part because the campaign failed that the focus has shifted from achievement as the primary goal to the spirit in which struggle and mutual support are seen as what really count. We have plenty of examples of what happens when achievement at all costs becomes the motivation for our activities.

Our Parish Renewal retreat has focussed on developing our understanding of the Church as 'the Body of Christ', as a 'Mystery of Communion' as set out by the Bishops at the Second Vatican Council in their key document on the Church, and of considering the implications of such a vision of what the Church is, of who we are as the Church. Rather than look at the Church as an organisation or institution, the challenge before us is to consider ourselves as having personal and shared responsibility, and the necessary giftedness, for continuing the work and proclamation of the good news of Jesus. It is precisely this preparedness to put ourselves at the service of each other and of the world around us that makes us disciples, and indeed, members of Christ.

This weekend we formally and symbolically present the 'Our Father' to the children preparing to enter into Communion with Christ Jesus and us in a few weeks. This is a timely reminder of our need to pray as Jesus taught us; to grow in our relationship with God, our Father, and with each other so that we are able to bring to reality what we celebrate when we gather around the Lord's Table: a situation in which we recognise each others as brothers and sisters, dedicated to supporting and caring for one another, and as individuals and as a community, to place ourselves at the service of those among whom we live. 'By this shall people know that you are my disciples.'

.....Richard Hallett

POPE FRANCIS: There is a story going around Rome at the moment. A few days ago, at dawn, the time the Pope wakes up, he came out to the corridor (at Sanctæ Marthæ where he is still living), and he found in front of his door the sentry, a Swiss Guard standing with his halberd at attention.

He asked him: "And what are you doing here? Have you been up all night?"

"Yes," replied the guard with deference and a bit surprised. "On your feet?"

"Your Holiness, my duty since I took over from my companion."

"And aren't you tired?" "It's my duty Your Holiness; I should watch for your safety." Pope Francis looked at him again with kindness, went back to his suite and after a minute he came out carrying a chair: "At least sit down and rest."

The guard rolled his eyes and answered: "Santo Padre, forgive me, but I cannot! The regulations do not allow that."

"The regulations?"

"Orders from my captain, Your Holiness."

The Pope smiled, "Oh, really? Well, I'm the Pope and I order you to sit down."

So, caught between the regulations and the Pope, the Swiss Guard (so much for the halberd) chose the chair.

The Pope returned to his apartment. After a couple of minutes, the Pope came back to the Swiss Guard, still obediently seated on the chair, carrying "panino con marmellata" (Italian bread with jam) which he had prepared.

Before the soldier could say anything, the Holy Father, exhibiting his Argentinean smile, told the Swiss Guard, "With all the hours spent standing on guard you must be a bit hungry."

The Swiss Guard had no time to object because the Pope right away wished him a good bite: "Bon appetit, brother".

Pope Francis in such wonderful simple acts of kindness is showing us the type of "spirit-filled" living that should characterise us as Catholics. An even more poignant visual example of the Spirit of kindness at work was the way the Holy Father greeting disabled and sick people when he took recently possession of the Lateran Church... his own church as Bishop of Rome.

.....From Br Mark O'Connor- Office of Evangelisation

PARENTING IN FAITH FOR PARENTS WITH STUDENTS IN

FOUNDATION YEART: will be held on two evenings at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre- Tuesday 30 April for St Anne's families and Wednesday 1 May for Our Lady of Mount Carmel families.

PALMS AUSTRALIA : is a Catholic organisation which has been sending volunteers on mission for over 50 years. Palms global volunteers mentor and exchange skills in countries across Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Positions exist in education, health, administration, agriculture/farming, trades and other areas. **Pope Francis calls Catholics back to Core Values.** Volunteering to share your skills is a great place to start. Come to **Palms Information Session on Saturday 11 May, 11:00 AM** at Ross House, Ground Floor Room 1, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. If you know anyone who may be interested in volunteering but is unable to attend, please ask them to contact Sarah Torcasio on 02 9518 9551 or at sarah@palms.org.au for more information.

RETURNING TO THE FATHER: Last week, our archdiocese lost two priests as they were called home to the Father: Fathers Tom Furey and Dick Rafter. Father Tom was ordained 48 years, including the Pastor at West Heidelberg and Kealba. Fr Dick was ordained 74 years. 68 years of priesthood was exercised in Geelong. He was aged 98 years. Will some persons from our parish begin their formation to replace these two long-serving priests?

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church- Corina Bell **CLEANING:** OLMC Church- Deborah Hoey Win Birt St Anne's Church - Lisa Crotty Mark & Chris Perry **COUNTERS:** Gerard Duggan Julie Reddan Anne McCormick

GIFT SHOP: - Pat Jeffrey Pam Fairburn **LECTORS:** Monisha D'Lima Elena Rodrigues Michael Hetherington Christine Wallace

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: **6.00pm** Jean Skillecorn Dawn Westwood Raeleen Cataldo Lucy Foran Lucy Foran Paul Hogan Maree Walsh Eileen Naylor Carmel Pritchard **8.30am** Elizabeth Falzon Lloyd D'Crus Pat Readman Graeme & Lynne Simpson John & Sheila Stafford **10.30am** Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Johanna Fahey Paul Fanning Cathy Gay **5.30pm** Paula Seric Maree O'Brien Maria Mallia

EVERGREENS: 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.

ROTARY CLUB OF SUNBURY: will be holding a Country & Western night on Saturday 18 May from 6.30pm in Sunbury Memorial Hall. BYO supper & Drinks. \$15 entry includes entertainment, Tea & Coffee. Fantastic Live Band. Tickets available from N & M Catering on 9744 7283 or Mannie on 0421 490 134 or Kerry 0411 287 781. More info on St Anne's foyer Noticeboard.

EPIPHANY TOURS: Touring another land can help us to understand the people, history and culture of that place. A tour led by Fr John Magri and Sr Margaret Mary is being organised for later this year. The tour wanders through Jordan and Israel, visiting places where Moses, Joshua, Ruth and other Old Testament people of faith travelled, as well as where our Lord was born, grew up, worshipped and carried out his ministry. "Walk the very ground that Jesus walked!" If you are interested please register your interest with Fr John (9568 1206 / oakleigh@cam.org.au) or Sr Margaret Mary (0423 813 361 / servants2hearts@yahoo.com.au) and for an itinerary.

LOCAL EVENT: the Sunbury Action Group of the Leprosy Mission invite you to their 30th Birthday Celebrations at St Andrews Uniting Church on Thursday 9 May at 1.30pm. Admission by donation. Speaker and Afternoon Tea available (for sale). RSVP Joycelyn Young on 9740 5948 by Monday 6 May.

PARISH RETREAT: a report on our retreat and its implication in our life as parish will be given next Sunday. At the time of printing this newsletter the Retreat was still in progress.

WORKING BEE: calling all busy bees- even one's under 50! Our Parish working bee will be on Saturday 4 May from 9am to 12 noon. All welcome. Please bring your tools.



FACING THE TRUTH: www.facingthetruth.org.au From Monday 29 April, the Catholic Church will commence appearing before the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into child abuse. Bishop Bird and Bishop Connors from the Diocese of Ballarat, and representatives from the Salesians and St John of God Brothers will appear on 29 April. Other Catholic Church representatives will appear over coming weeks. Go to www.facingthetruth.org.au to find:

- videos on *Towards Healing* and *Melbourne Response*, the Church's processes for dealing with allegations of sexual abuse
- copies of statements made by those appearing before the Inquiry
- new fact sheets and frequently asked questions
- 18 corrections to common misconceptions about child abuse and the Catholic Church. On the website homepage, please register to be notified when new information is added.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION: continues today as the Children are presented with the only prayer given to us by Jesus- the "Our Father".

FOUNDATION YEAR 2014 AT OUR SCHOOLS: interviews of parents and children commence on Tuesday 30 April and continue until Friday 31 May at the Parish Office. It is essential the prospective student attends with the parents or guardians.



FREE KITTENS: gorgeous, friendly kitten 6 weeks old. Call Will on 0406 786 422 or Jan on 0422 912 456.