



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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

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Liturgy times 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
Frid:	9.15am	St Anne's

Reconciliation

OLMC Church 10.00am- 10.30am

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
Acting Principal : Stephen Arthurson
Our Lady of Mt Carmel School 9740 7344
Principal : Paul Hogan

Baptisms: Celebrated on Sundays.
Please contact the Parish Office for details of the
next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

THE NARROW DOOR

Way back, before the anti-discrimination laws, Mrs Rosenberg stood in front of the receptionist at a fashionable hotel wanting to book in for the night. The clerk looked down at his book and said, 'Sorry, lady, the hotel is full.' Mrs Rosenberg replied 'But your sign says that you have vacancies.' The clerk fidgeted nervously and said, 'Lady, you know we don't admit Jews. Try the other side of town.' Mrs Rosenberg stiffened. 'I'll have you know I am a Christian convert.' 'Oh yes? Let me quiz you. How was Jesus born?' 'Jesus was born to a virgin called Mary in a little town called Bethlehem.' 'Very good, tell me more.' 'He was born in a stable in a manger.' 'That's right. And why was he born in a stable?' '...because some idiot behind a hotel desk wouldn't give a Jewish lady a room for the night! ...any more questions?'

When we appear before Peter at the gates of heaven we will not be questioned as to our religion, or race or colour. Being well-connected or belonging to the Catholic Club is not as important as being a good person. Salvation is on offer to every human being on the face of the earth. There is no free entry for ticket holders. On the contrary, we need to try our best to enter by the '**narrow door**'. The '**narrow door**' is a metaphor for effort and struggle. There is no automatic entry. Name-dropping and badge-waving cut no ice with God. It is not enough to say we have shared a meal with Jesus in the Eucharist on the odd occasion. It is not enough to say we have heard Christ preaching in the proclamation of the Gospel once in a while. We must live out the Gospel. We must '**walk the walk**' and not just '**talk the talk**'.

At the beginning of today's Gospel we are reminded that Jesus is '**walking the walk**'. He is on the road to Jerusalem. He is not just walking. He is actively preaching and healing as he goes. Though he is looking ahead, he is not blind to the needs of those around him. He is single-minded in his journey and there's no stopping him. His only stoppages are to preach the word and to do works of mercy.

The questions of '**who will be saved**' and '**how many**' are curiosities and irrelevant. They display a shallow mind. They are a distraction. A better question would have been, '**what must I do to be saved?**' The answer to the latter question, the **real question**, is to be single-minded in our efforts. It is to have a purpose in life. Jesus walked the journey to Jerusalem with purposeful steps. We are told '**he set his face resolutely towards Jerusalem**.' With chin forward and face set like flint, there was purposeful determination in every action he took and every word he spoke.

A committed Christian lives a life of single-minded commitment. It involves a disciplined life, clear priorities and clarity of vision, knowing where to get help, being aware of dangers and pitfalls, off-loading unnecessary baggage, not wasting energy on useless pursuits, and seizing opportunities for doing good. This is what Jesus means when he speaks of the '**narrow door**'. Anyone can hit a big target, but to hit the bull's eye that requires effort and skill. The old understanding of sin was: '**to miss the target**'. Our target is to lead a virtuous life, a life built on gospel values.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

25 August – Twenty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response:

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Denise AZZOPARDI Antoinette BORG
Mary DUGGAN Caleb FARIA Doug & Anna HUTCHISON
Valerie KETTLEWELL Jerry KEOHANE
Garry REDDAN Jack REDDAN
Anne TURNBULL Tim WILKES Elvie WILLIAMS

Recently Deceased: John GLOVER Jo RYAN

Anniversaries: Barbara D'SOUZA Annie PORTA
Emmanuel ZAMMIT



The following children from our parish will be Baptised this weekend:

Jack WATSON
Jeffrey DIMECH
Jack CERVAI
William TODD

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY: will be held on September 7 at St Anne's Primary School in the library. All are welcome to come to discuss the future of the Sunbury Parish. We look forward to any proposals from members of the parish community to be received at the Parish Office by 28 August to discuss at the Parish Assembly.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION—will be held next weekend. This collection supports the Priests who have now retired due to age or illness. Fr Alan Mithen and Fr Jim Feehan, who served our Parish years ago, are some of the priests we now support through this collection. Please give generously to those who gave to our communities.

MARY MACKILLOP FOUNDATION: 2013 Fundraising Dinner on Friday 30 August from 7pm at Mount St Joseph's Girls College, 133 Maidstone St, Altona. \$40 per person (3 course meal, BYO drinks) Call 9926 9300 for bookings.

MORNING TEA: will be held next Sunday after 8.30am Mass. Reservoir Rd Neighbourhood will be hosting the morning-tea this month. All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

SING A LONG: will be held at Goonawarra Nursing home on Friday September 6 from 2.30pm to 3.15pm. All are welcome.

WELCOME: to Fr Adaikkala Raj Lourdusremy from Avondale Heights Parish who is preaching at our Sunday morning Masses today while Fr Kevin is presiding on the renewal of Stewardship giving at St Martin's Parish, Avondale Heights.

CALLING NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Training for young people wishing to become Altar Servers will be held at 11am on Saturdays 24th and 31st August in St Anne's Church. Applicants must be 10 years of age and have received or about to receive Eucharist. Any inquiries can be directed to Michael on 9744-2674.

THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN OUR GROWING PARISH: has been discussed over the last two years at our Parish Education Board and Salesian College Council. The Principals and Curriculum leaders of our three schools in Sunbury are taking part in a program over six weeks looking at the future of education at primary and secondary levels. Our Board has been assisted by the Director of Planning of Catholic Education Melbourne. Salesian College Council has engaged Craig Brown, an architect experienced in developing master plans for schools. A draft master plan is being developed with input from staff.

During our three hour meeting of Salesian College Council last Thursday evening, we heard that the new Year 9 campus is being built and proceeding on time and on budget. The student leaders told us that Australian Catholic University is the most popular choice among students doing VCE.

.....Kevin McIntosh

NATIONAL DAY FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES: Sunday 25 August is the 99th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. A special message from His Holiness Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI "Every migrant is a human person who, as such, possess fundamental inalienable rights that must be respected by everyone and in every circumstance." Pope Benedict goes on to explain that the role of the Church includes developing programs and centres of welcome to help the full integration of migrants and refugees into a new social and cultural context and that "migrants trust that they will encounter acceptance, solidarity and help, that they will meet people who sympathize with the distress and tragedy experienced by others.. And are open to sharing." Please keep migrants and refugees in your prayers.

PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Look upon those who travel in search of a better future for themselves and their loved ones

Look upon those who are forced to flee away from their home because of hatred and persecution

Look upon your pilgrim people in whose hearts faith and hope are inseparable

Hear the cry of the people who lack essential goods, are victims of natural disaster, wars and social unrest

Hear the cry of those whose journey has become an ordeal when undertaken for the sake of survival

May they be treated with dignity and find peace in their new found home

**We ask this through Christ Our Lord
Amen**

PARISH SOCIAL CALENDAR

YOUTH DISCO: will be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday 21 September from 7pm to 10pm. (Please note change of date). Cost is \$15 for secondary students. Pizza and can of drink is included in this price. Contact Garnet Jacob on 0411 286 428 for further information.

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING: will be held after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 6 October in the Parish Centre. If you would like to read one of the Prayers of the Faithful in your native language, please contact the office, so that we can get the prayer to you asap. All families are encouraged to be part of this annual event. In the parish Centre, people are invited to display their culture. Tables will be set up to reflect important historical people representing various countries. If you would like to contribute to your native nations' table set up, please contact Garnet for more information. It may be by performing a song or dance. You are welcome to bring a plate of international food to share. Drinks will be sold at the Parish Centre. Please register your details with Garnet Jacob on 0411 286 428 for further information.

PARISH HIGH TEA: will be held on Tuesday October 15 from 1pm to 4pm. (Please note change of date) Our last event went very well, so please come along and share high tea and a few laughs. We will have the fashion show and a raffle where everyone wins- but there will be a twist this time! Please RSVP to Jo on 9744 1060 by September 23 for catering purposes. Tickets are \$30.00. Fashion show will be by Postie Fashions and 10% of sales go to charity.

YOUTH GROUP FUND RAISING: calling all keen bakers!!!

Our youth group need your best cake and bake recipes to develop the Parish Cook Book. We are just looking for cakes and sweets at this time (if it goes well, a soup, casserole and curry one will follow). Please drop your recipes into the parish office or email sunbury@cam.org.au. All donations for recipes will be acknowledged in the cookbook. Closing date will be 6 October, so book orders can start being taken immediately. Any family legend recipes to share? Gran's best apple pie? Aunt Jenny's chocolate cake?



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: 5-7 DECEMBER IN MELBOURNE: for those who missed out on going to World Youth Day in Rio last week, please consider attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in December. We would like to represent Sunbury in the best possible way! So please let the Parish Office know of your intention to attend the festival by calling 9744 1060. An experience not to be missed for those aged from Year 9 to 25 year olds. The organisers are also looking for volunteers to help at the event. Parents and Grandparents can get behind this event to involve their children/ grandchildren to this special event.

RSJ ASSOCIATES: Next meeting on Wednesday 28 August at 10am in Meeting Room in St Anne's Church. All welcome.

FR BILL JORDAN: Born 1935, ordained a priest in 1960, Bill obtained a doctorate in sacred music in Rome in 1967. Returning to Melbourne, Fr Bill became very involved in church music in Melbourne and was on national and international committees promoting music in the liturgy. He was parish priest of Flemington and Kensington Parishes from 1985 to 2011. He was a great pastor to all, including the Italian immigrants. It was fitting that his funeral Mass was celebrated with great music.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE: a four week program of guided prayer is being offered at Corpus Christi Community, Greenvale starting Monday 18 November. These weeks based on Ignatian Spirituality, are a way of finding God in everyday life. This is a group prayer program where participants pray at home for at least half an hour each day and meet once a week to share experiences of prayer. Further info on the Noticeboard in St Anne's Church. Call Jacinta Bright on 0425 710 797 for more info.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: we talked to the children about humility, and why Jesus said that we should try to be attentive to the needs of others, and not always think of ourselves first. We urged the children to pay special attention to those who others neglect, and to be nice to people who can't pay them back.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church- Gail Ryan Narelle Anderson **CLEANING:** OLMC Church- Raquel Handley & Candice Bowen St Anne's Church - Skeeter Jacob Beth Girdwood **COUNTERS:** Jack Sullivan Kerry Sanford Janet Elliott **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer John Porta **LECTORS:** Teresa Quin Elizabeth Falzon Michael Hetherington Alan Slocombe **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm** Paul Hogan Maree Walsh Carmel Pritchard Jennifer Poon Mary Baensch Diana & Albert Mastramico **8.30am** Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Tom Allen Christine Cassar Lily Lupa Colin & Coreen Wilson Will Honner **10.30am** Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Johanna Fahey Cathy Gay **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe **assistance required**