



# 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 Rupertswood Stadium  
10.00pm St Anne's Church  
Wed: 8.30am St Anne's  
10.30am St Anne's  
Frid: 9.15am St Anne's  
11.00am St Anne's-  
Funeral- Derick Delos Santos

## Reconciliation

OLMC Church Saturday 10am- 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  
Deacon: Rev Linh Pham  
St Anne's Primary School 9744 3055  
St Anne's Principal : Noelene Hussey  
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.

## 22 December- Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Psalm Response

Let the Lord enter, he is the king of glory.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A Virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be  
Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.

Alleluia!

### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Censina CALLEJA Teresa CHREMPLEWSKA  
Mary DAKAKIS Celine D' CRUZ Peggy GARDNER  
Lesbia HARMAN Vicki HEATH Alison HILTON  
Violet HOLDER Kate HONNER Anna & Doug  
HUTCHISON Bill & Dawn JANNER Flor  
MADLANGAWA Tristan MAMO Jack REDDAN  
Suzanne RENNISON Fabian ROZARIO Adrian  
SKILLECORN Vanessa VARONA Brian WALSH

**Recently Deceased:** Barbara BELL Derek DELOS  
SANTOS

**Anniversaries:** Paulina CARASIG Margaret CAUCI  
Nina CAUCHI Kit DILLON Calogero FOTI Timothy  
& Tomasina GAFFNEY Krystyna GINTER Kazimiera  
KULINSKI Jeremiah & Norah MAHONY Rose MIZZI  
Elzbieta PIECHACZYK Patrick WALLACE Betty  
WARREN Paul ZAMMIT

## Advent 'O Antiphons'

I am reading a book entitled '**Who is Jesus?**' The question we should ask ourselves this time of the year is: **Who is this Jesus whose birth we celebrate at Christmas?** Another question worth asking is: **What does the Church in its liturgy proclaim Jesus to be?** From the 17<sup>th</sup> of December to the 24<sup>th</sup> the Church uses seven '**O Antiphons**' to tell us what we should believe about the One whose birth we celebrate on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December.

An antiphon is a song, prayer or part psalm chanted in responsorial fashion. The '**O Antiphons**' of Advent are proclaimed in the seven days leading up to Christmas Eve. During the Advent season, the closer we get to the great feast of Christmas, the more the liturgy accentuates the call to the Saviour to '**Come**'. During the praying of **Vespers** in the week before Christmas, priests, religious and some lay people who pray the **Office**, proclaim an '**O Antiphon**' before and after the Magnificat.

The **seven O Antiphons** of Advent summarize the hopes of the people of the Old Testament who waited for the coming of the Messiah. They also summarize our desire for Christ to come into our hearts.

<b>O come, thou Wisdom</b>	Christ comes as personified Wisdom. Christ is the divine wisdom, the <b>Word made flesh</b> . 'In the beginning was the Word ( <b>Logos</b> ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' <b>Jn 1:1</b>
<b>O come. thou Lord of Might</b>	Christ comes as the powerful One of God, who showed his mighty power in the history of the Chosen people, especially in the great story of liberation, the <b>Exodus</b> . Christ comes with divine power to save his people from sin and endless death.
<b>O come, thou Flower of Jesse's Stem</b>	Christ is the full blossoming of the Jesse family tree. Jesse was the father of King David and Jesus is the promised One who fulfils God's promise to David that his kingdom will have no end. 'The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever.' <b>Lk 1:32-33</b>
<b>O come, thou Key of David</b>	He who holds the key holds power. The key is a symbol of authority. 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.' <b>Mt 28:18</b> Christ holds the key to the kingdom of heaven. In turn, Christ, as head of the Church, has entrusted his power and authority to Peter, his vicar, and to Peter's successors. 'To you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven...' <b>Mt 16:19</b>
<b>O come, thou Dayspring</b>	Christ is the ' <b>Radiant Dawn</b> ', the daybreak from on high, bringing in a new day. Christ is the ' <b>Light of the world</b> ', bringing an end to the darkness of sin and evil. Christ is the ' <b>sun of righteousness</b> '. What the sun does in the sphere of nature, Christ does in the spiritual sphere, emitting rays of holiness and grace.
<b>O come thou Desire of the Nations</b>	Christ is universal king, bringing salvation to all nations. He sends his apostles to the ends of the earth. 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' <b>Mt 28:19</b>
<b>O come, Emmanuel</b>	' <b>Emmanuel</b> ' is a name applied to Jesus by Matthew. <b>Mt 1:23</b> . He tells us it means <b>God-with-us</b> . In Christ, God makes his home in us. 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of time.' <b>Mt 28:20</b>

Those who sing the seven verses of the hymn, '**O come Emmanuel**' are inviting Christ who is **all the above** to come into our world. Those who go to daily Mass in the last seven days of Advent will come across the seven O Antiphons in the Gospel acclamations. Let us make room for Christ to come into our hearts this Christmas. **Live, Jesus, in our hearts forever.**  
.....Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

The following Child from our Parish will be Baptised this weekend:

Nathalie COSTALES

We joyfully welcome her into our Parish Community.



**Reflection:** Try to be intuitive to God's voice this week. What is being communicated to you at this time in your life?

**THANK YOU:** St Vincent de Paul Conference would like to thank each of you, our parish community at Mass, on behalf of the friends we visit, for your generous donation of \$3990.00. Various parishioners and school staff donated toys and other gifts. Your continued prayers and support are much appreciated.

#### **PARKING ATTENDANTS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS:**

On 24 December, we need attendants to help park cars. Traditionally, we have 1650 people at Rupertswood Stadium and parking is made much easier with the assistance of volunteers. Please advise the Parish Office on Monday if you are able to assist with this very important service.

#### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CELEBRATES 40 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA IN 2014:**

**Marriage Encounter (ME)** in Feb 2014 will be celebrating **40 years** of running weekends in Australia. We want to hear from couples and priests who may have been involved with ME in the past and who would like to gather and share memories, celebrate what has been and hear about ME today and our vision for the future. We are having a special celebration on Saturday February 22nd. So we ask you all to start spreading the word. Please ask people to contact Helen & Leo Wursthorn or call (03) 9874 6979 or [helenandleo@gmail.com](mailto:helenandleo@gmail.com) for more information.

**LEGION OF MARY:** will continue with Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Friday 3 January from 7-8pm. They will pray the Rosary on Saturday 11 January at 9.00am in St Anne's Church. All are welcome.

**MODIFIED PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** during early January our parish office hours will be modified. The office will be closed on Tuesday 31 Dec and Wednesday 1 Jan, Tuesday 7 Jan and Thursday 9 Jan 2014. Normal hours (Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm) will commence from 13 January 2014.

**ANGLICARE VICTORIA:** become a foster carer and provide a secure and loving temporary home for a child in need. Foster carers can be single people, couples with or without children, or families with grown up children. Anglicare's Foster Care Program provides training, equipment and 24 hour professional support to caregivers. We also pay a foster care allowance (\$140-\$224 per week per child) to help cover costs. Phone Anglicare on 9301 5200 and be part of the real spirit of Christmas.

**FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS:** will be held this Sunday 22 December at 7.30pm at OLMC Church. Readings will be from the Old and New Testament beginning with the Fall of Adam and Eve and concluding with God's coming at Bethlehem. Well-known hymns and carols will follow each of the Readings which have been used for 400 years in England.

A sausage sizzle, champagne and orange juice will be served after 5.30pm Mass for those who would like to stay. All we ask is for some assistance moving the pews in the church around and lots of singing.

**"TIME"- PERSON OF THE YEAR IS POPE FRANCIS:** the editor said our Pope has become a new voice of conscience "For pulling the papacy out of the palace and into the streets, for committing the world's largest church to confronting its deepest needs and for balancing judgment with mercy. Pope Francis is TIME's 2013 Person of the Year," wrote managing editor Nancy Gibbs.

"Rarely has a new player on the world stage captured so much attention so quickly— young and old, faithful and cynical— as Pope Francis."

"In his nine months in office, he has placed himself at the very centre of the central conversations of our time: about wealth and poverty, fairness and justice, transparency, modernity, globalization, the role of women, the nature of marriage, the temptations of power."

**OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY:** we offer to Concordia Delos Santos as her only child, Derick, aged 28 years, died suddenly. Derrick was a student at OLMC School and became a plumber. Members of the Plumbers Union are assisting his mother. His funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday at 11am concluding with committal at Sunbury Cemetery.

**YEAR 6 GRADUATES:** 126 students from our two schools graduated at two Masses last Monday and Tuesday evenings. The celebrations continued in the Parish Centre with musical and computer presentations during supper.

**PARISH BINGO:** Thursday evenings at Sunbury football Club, Riddell Road, where all are friends. Santa came last Thursday and gave a lucky bingo player \$2000. Ray Lethlean, a parish volunteer for 21 years retired last Thursday. Thanks for your great generosity, Ray. Parish Bingo resumes on Thursday 16 January at 8pm.

**BELIEVE YOUTH CONFERENCE FOR LIFE:** January 17-19 at St Mark's Parish, 9 Lee St, Fawkner. Early bird rate \$35 sign up by January 6 or \$50 after 6 January. For further info, contact Believeit2014@gmail.com or Abraham 0411 515 828.

**KIMBERLY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE:** The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. In particular we are seeking a couple to oversee the needs of several church properties. The role is based in Broome but will include travel to remote missions. Accommodation, transport and food provided. For further details, and an application form, please contact: **Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr Phone: 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org**

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:** are given to support the 230 active and 92 retired priests of the Melbourne Archdiocese.

#### **Sunbury Catholic Parish Advent Calendar 2013**

Sun 22 December	7.30pm	Festival of Readings & Carols	OLMC (Champagne, Orange Juice and Sausage Sizzle will be served beforehand from 6.30pm)
Tues 24 December	7.00pm	Christmas Mass	Rupertswood Stadium
	10.00pm	"	St Anne's Church
Wed 25 December	8.30am	Christmas Mass	St Anne's Church
	10.30am	"	"

#### **ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND (sorry, incorrect week roster posted last week)**

**ALTAR CARE:** St Anne's Church—Sue Sexton Ann Twomey **CLEANING:** OLMC Church—Natasha & Angelo Snell St Anne's Church - Joe & Mary Kloss Jo Spiteri **COUNTERS:** Frank Busutil Jenny & Peter Ryan Jack Sullivan Kerry Sanford Janet Elliott **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Mary Wicks **LECTORS:** Brendan Morganti Barry McAloney Teresa Quin Mary Macdermid **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **6.00pm** Pauline Sharma Jean Skillecorn Dawn Westwood Raeleen Cataldo Paul Hogan Maree Walsh **8.30am** Angelo Snell Andrew Swan Graeme & Lynne Simpson John & Sheila Stafford Lily Lupa Katherine Thompson **10.30am** Sean Quigley Julie Reddan Mary Thomas Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter Bernadette Anderson Sue Wight **5.30pm** Maree O'Brien Maria Mallia **assistance required**