



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: 9.30am St Anne's-Feast of Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues: 10.00am OLMC
Wed: 10.00am St Anne's
Thurs: 9.15am St Anne's
Frid: 9.15am St Anne's
11.00am Lions Hostel

Reconciliation

St Anne's Wednesday 11 Dec 7.30pm
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.

Second Sunday of Advent

Advent is the season of anticipation of the joy of the coming of our Saviour. Last week, Pope Francis published his new document: "The Joy of the Gospel". It is a wide-ranging document setting out an exciting new vision of how to be a church. A prophet is one who speaks for God in a particular time and to a particular society. A prophet is not to foretell the future but rather to look critically at the present reality reading "the signs of the times."

This Sunday the prophet John the Baptist is the centre of our gospel reading (Matthew 3:1-12). John is regarded as the last of the Old Testament prophets. Like others, John rejected the soft religious life in the cities of Palestine and the corruption of the Temple cult. John with others retreated to the desert for a life of prayer and asceticism. Advent is a time for us to try to withdraw a little for prayer and contemplation.

Pope Francis is exercising his prophetic role in his "The Joy of the Gospel". He challenges himself and us with three questions, each flowing naturally from the other:

- 1) Why not look at things from a new perspective?
- 2) Why not be open to doing things in a new way?
- 3) Why not have a new vision for the church?

Pope Francis' vision for the Church is that it is to be a joyful community of believers completely unafraid of the modern world, completely unafraid of change and completely unafraid of challenges.

Our Church a leader in education and health services

Across the world, we provide 140,000 schools, 18,000 clinics, 16,000 homes for elderly and those with special needs, 12,000 nurseries, 10,000 orphanages, 3,7000 centres of informal education and 5,500 hospitals, 65% of them located in developing countries. Last Sunday, our parishioners donated to the Melbourne Overseas Mission which helps education and health in Papua New Guinea (from Lesley-Anne Knight, secretary general of Caritas International 2007-11)

A Vision of Church Reform: Clergy and Laity are One

On 25 October, the Coordinator of the Eight Cardinals appointed by Pope Francis to help reform the Church, Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez gave a bold vision of church reform. He said "No ministry can be placed above the dignity common to all. The Church must break down the walls between the ordained hierarchy and the laity, with all Catholics becoming 'the suffering servant'. Cardinal Rodriguez, a Salesian of Honduras, visited Sunbury last year, spoke to the students at Salesian College and played his saxophone. He also visited Melbourne in 2008.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

On 2 and 3 November, the Vatican held a summit on this evil. The Australia-based Walk Free Foundation gave a recent estimate that there are 30 million slaves in every country of the world. This figure is double the estimate of people taken out of Africa during the 350 years of transatlantic slave trade.

After his election, Pope Francis asked the Vatican Academy of Social Services to "deal with the trafficking in persons and modern slavery".

Slavery today functions for the same purpose as slavery throughout history: to maximise profit by minimising or eliminating the cost of labour. The UN says modern slavery is the second largest criminal activity netting A\$32 billion annually to traffickers.

In Australia, Catholic religious sisters have been working to help slaves brought to Australia.

.....Kevin McIntosh

8 December- Second Sunday of Advent

Psalm Response:

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of
peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Lesbia HARMAN Vicki HEATH Alison HIL-
TON Kate HONNER Anna & Doug HUTCHISON
Bill & Dawn JANNER Flor MADLANGAWA Tristan
MAMO Jack REDDAN Suzanne RENNISON Adri-
an SKILLECORN Brian WALSH

Recently Deceased: Kathleen STORER

Anniversaries: Irene BUTLER Claire DILLON Dud-
ley FLOWER Nancy HEENAN Billy LAIRD Patrick
REDDAN

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND AND
NEXT WEEKEND FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

THE SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

As the Parish will be celebrating the second rite of reconciliation during Advent, parishioners may like to read through this explanation from the Liturgical Commission.

From Liturgy Lines

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The Second Rite of Reconciliation

Communal Reconciliation

Several years after Rome placed greater restrictions on its use, many Catholics still lament the loss of regular celebrations of the third rite of reconciliation. Communal reconciliation is still open to us, however, through the Rite for Reconciliation of Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution, the second rite. Celebrated as it is intended, this form can fill the void left by the loss of the third rite.

The second form of the sacrament of penance is not a 'split-personality' liturgy in which the first half is a communal celebration and the second half a private one. Sometimes, however, the manner of celebration conveys exactly this impression. I have attended second rites where, after the introduction, liturgy of the word, and examination of conscience, the priests moved to the privacy of the church's confessionals and sacristies. One by one, people entered these rooms, often for a considerable length of time, to confess their sins and receive absolution. In fact, from this point on it was just like Saturday afternoon confessions, but with several priests and a much bigger crowd. People were even told to leave after they had had their 'turn' and not wait around for the concluding rites.

This is not at all what the second rite intends. Such poor celebrations turn people away and deprive them of a wonderful opportunity to experience communal reconciliation which 'shows more clearly the communal nature

of penance'. (Sacrament of Penance #22)

The second form of the sacrament of penance is a communal liturgical celebration from beginning to end. It begins with the community listening to the word of God. The homily emphasises our need for repentance and the infinite mercy of God. During the examination of conscience, the assembly reflects together on where and how they have fallen short of their baptismal commitment to follow Christ.

The individual confession and absolution that follows is communal too in that the penitents approach the confessors in full view of all present. The priests stand at appropriate points around the worship space in such a way that penitents can be seen but not heard by others. This is easily arranged in most churches. Those who wish to confess their sins approach one of the priests. While no restriction is placed on the individual's confession, good manners and common sense dictate that people limit the time they spend with confessors. More time for integral confession and spiritual guidance is available at the first rite.

It is a moving experience to witness fellow Christians humbling themselves by publicly approaching a confessor for forgiveness. As they do, we pray for them, that they will know the fullness of God's grace and mercy. After the confessions, the ceremony concludes with a proclamation of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving and a blessing. These are an integral to the celebration, not an optional extra!

To ensure that the rite is celebrated in a fruitful way, both parishioners and the priests who will take part need to be informed well beforehand about the nature and purpose of the rite and their participation in it.

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St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Our Parish will be supporting St Vincent de Paul Society with Special collections rather than having the Christmas Tree present donation.

Vouchers for gifts deliver the dignity to those families in need to be able to buy the gifts they truly need.

This is only one of two collections our Parish has for St Vincent de Paul.

The work undertaken by the volunteers is central to the message of Jesus— look after the poor and give them the dignity they deserve.

Special Collections will be taken up this week and next week



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

Sophie KISS
Adison NEWITT
Nicola VANVITELLI
Audrey WHITE

We joyfully welcome them into our Parish Community.



DIARY DATES FOR 2014 - WELCOMING CHILDREN INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:

First Reconciliation:

Families at OLMC and St. Anne's schools

Information and Registration sessions for parents and guardians:

2pm or 7.30pm, Tuesday 5 August, Parish Centre

Families at all other schools

Information and Registration sessions for parents and guardians:

2pm or 7.30pm, Tuesday 4 March, Parish Centre

All Families:

Celebration of First Reconciliation:

28 and 29 October, at St. Anne's Church

First Communion: All Families

Information sessions for parents and guardians:

2pm or 7.30pm, Tuesday

11 February, Parish Centre

Celebration of First Communion:

17,18,24,25,31 May, 1 June

Confirmation: All families

Information and Registration sessions for parents and guardians:

2pm or 7.30pm, Tuesday 3 June, Parish Centre

Celebration of Confirmation:

2pm and 4pm, Sunday 24 August at

St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne.

Baptism of School Age Children:

Saturday 28 June at 6.00pm Mass and

Sunday 23 November at 10.30am Mass

Contact the Parish Office NOT LESS THAN 6 WEEKS before these dates to arrange preparation.

For more information contact the Parish Office on 9744

1060 or e-mail richard.hallett@cam.org.au



Reflection: Withdraw a little this week from the hectic celebrations of Christmas cheer and concentrate instead on waiting and prayerfully preparing for what is to come. Give thought to the real meaning of Christmas and contemplate what the 'advent' of Christmas meant to the world.

CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN: The Message of salvation through Jesus Christ will be brought to the community by a Nativity Stable, activities and songs on Saturday 14 December. Festivities on the Village Green start at 5pm, followed by the Carols at 7pm.

Entertainment and Children's Activities; live crib, food, music 5-7pm

Christmas Carols 7-9pm BYO Chair

Looking for little Angels! Come all heavenly Angels- Dress up children, wear 'your wings' and receive a gift!

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

3-5pm setting up of marquees and nativity stable

5-7 and 7-9pm serving at the food stalls

5-7pm helping with children's activities

6-9pm keeping grounds and toilets tidy

After 9pm taking down of marquees and stable of our parish donkey

Please find the volunteers sheet on the St Anne's Noticeboard and sign on to help making this event a success. If wanting to help with the children's activities, contact Wilmy 9740 9448.

EVERGREENS: Christmas Lunch & Nativity Play on Friday 13 December.

OLMC Years 1 & 2 have invited us to their Nativity play from 12-12.30pm. Afterwards we will cross the road to the Ball Court Hotel for our Christmas Lunch and break up. Cost \$20. Bookings Frances 9744 1999. All Welcome.

ADVENT MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Friday 13 December 11am Lions Hostel

Tuesday 17 December 2.30pm Goonawarra Nursing Home

Thursday 19 December 10.00am St Anne's Church

Friday 20 December 10.30am Riddell Gardens Aged Care

TRUTH JUSTICE AND HEALING COUNCIL (TJHC): the Catholic Church will be the focus of the public hearing in December when "Towards Healing" (the Church document used for handling allegations of abuse) will be examined. Church entities are also likely to be the subject of public hearings in 2014.

The TJHC have prepared some flyers for parishioners to take. They will be in the St Anne's foyer on the Welcome Desk. We encourage all parishioners to access the website at www.tjhcouncil.org.au for regular updates. Also, please continue to pray for those who are suffering from the abuse and betrayal of our Church.

Also, a very important statement is printed in this Newsletter regarding the Churches commitment to ensure a safe future for the vulnerable and children. Please refer to attachment.

YOUTH DESSERT COOK BOOK ON SALE NOW: please order your Dessert Cook Book at the Parish Office on 9744 1060. Thank you to all those who contributed recipes. 30 pages of yummy dessert recipes that will make your mouth water. Cost of book is \$5.00.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 9 DECEMBER: Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am. Rosary and other prayers will be recited from 12noon to 1pm.

SING A LONG: the next sing a long at Goonawarra Aged Care will be on Friday 20 December at 2.30pm.

HELP WANTED TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS MASS: On 20 December, we shall set up Rupertswood Stadium for Christmas Mass. If you can assist with setting up chairs in the Stadium from 6pm on 20 December, it would be great. Many hands make light work and it is usually over in about half an hour.

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

SCHOOL THANKSGIVING MASSES: will be celebrated at 10am on Tuesday at OLMC Church and on Wednesday at St Anne's church. All welcome to give God thanks for the blessings in the school year.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church- Jeanette Coyne Christine Wallace Anne Smith **CLEANING:** OLMC Church- **Assistance Required**
St Anne's Church - Margaret Crooks Bernie Owens **COUNTERS:** Bernie Owens Mary Reay Mary Alkemade **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Julie Reddan **LECTORS:** Michael Hetherington Michael McConville Monisha D'Lima Anthony Aboud **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm** Dawn Westwood Raeleen Cataldo Lucy Foran Paul Hogan Maree Walsh Carmel Pritchard **8.30am** Glenda Shanahan Colin & Coreen Wilson Lily Lupa Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Tom Allen **10.30am** Julie Reddan Mary Thomas Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Sue Wight **5.30pm** Maree O'Brien Joanne Spiteri

The Catholic Church in Australia, in its submissions to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and in its communications with both the Catholic and broader communities has made the following commitment:

The leaders of the Catholic Church in Australia recognise and acknowledge the devastating harm caused to people by the crime of child sexual abuse. We take this opportunity to state:

- 1 Sexual abuse of a child by a priest or religious is a crime under Australian law and under canon law.
- 2 Sexual abuse of a child by any Church personnel, whenever it occurred, was then and is now indefensible.
- 3 That such abuse has occurred at all, and the extent to which it has occurred, are facts of which the whole Church in Australia is deeply ashamed.
- 4 The Church fully and unreservedly acknowledges the devastating, deep and ongoing impact of sexual abuse on the lives of the victims and their families.
- 5 The Church acknowledges that many victims were not believed when they should have been.
- 6 The Church is also ashamed to acknowledge that, in some cases, those in positions of authority concealed or covered up what they knew of the facts, moved perpetrators to another place, thereby enabling them to offend again, or failed to report matters to the police when they should have. That behaviour too is indefensible.
- 7 Too often in the past it is clear some Church leaders gave too high a priority to protecting the reputation of the Church, its priests, religious and other personnel, over the protection of children and their families, and over compassion and concern for those who suffered at the hands of Church personnel. That too was and is inexcusable.
- 8 In such ways, Church leaders betrayed the trust of their own people and the expectations of the wider community.
- 9 For all these things the Church is deeply sorry. It apologises to all those who have been harmed and betrayed. It humbly asks for forgiveness.

The leaders of the Catholic Church in Australia commit ourselves to endeavour to repair the wrongs of the past, to listen to and hear victims, to put their needs first, and to do everything we can to ensure a safer future for children.

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Sunbury Catholic Parish Advent Calendar 2013

Wed 11 December	7.30pm	Second Rite Reconciliation	St Anne's Church
		(Visiting Priests Available– refer above)	
Tues 17 December		Novena Starts	
Sun 22 December	7.30pm	Festival of Readings & Carols	OLMC
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	"	"