



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 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
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.

19 January 2014- 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response

Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Elsie CALIGARI Teresa CHREMPLEWSKA
Mary DAKAKIS Angie FRIZZELL Vicki HEATH
Alison HILTON Kate HONNER Anna & Doug HUTCHISON
Bill & Dawn JANNER Tristan MAMO Suzanne RENNISON
Fabian ROZARIO Irma TAKAKIS Vanessa VARONA

Recently Deceased: Brian HEALY

Anniversaries: Natalie ALMOND Shane CASTLES
Elizabeth MC LINTEN Angela MILLETT
Nora MILLETT Ron PRIOR John RODRIGUES
Joe SPITERI



THE MISSION OF JESUS

While we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus last Sunday, our three readings today give us a very specific slant to the baptism and mission of Jesus.

St John's Gospel is the only one of the four gospels that does not record the account of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River. No doubt, as John was writing seventy years after the Baptism and it was well known to his readers John did not need to give an account. So today, John's Gospel (1:29-34) is a theological reflection on who Jesus is- the Lamb of God.

THE LAMB OF GOD

We Australians who have grown up on roast lamb and have seen sheep farms with thousands of sheep, may fail to appreciate the word 'lamb' as applied to Jesus. Jewish law dictated a lamb from a small flock of a shepherd had to be killed at least once a year at Passover to demonstrate how serious the Jews then were about atoning for their sins. Such a sacrifice was very costly to the shepherd who only had a dozen or so sheep. This was tithing big time (giving one tenth of our assets).

St John is teaching us that as the Lamb of God, Jesus is God's most precious gift; God's own self. God can give us nothing more than Jesus. His sacrifice replaces all the religiously slaughtered lambs in Temple worship.

Secondly, John's original readers would have known that the word in their Aramaic language for sheep is the same word used for servant. So Jesus is servant, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah (49:3-6)

Today in our first reading we hear Jesus is the Lord's servant, the light of the nations. (cf. Richard Leonard SJ)

At every Mass we pray, "Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us" and "we are called to the supper of the Lamb", the Eucharistic Body and Blood of Christ.

OUR OVERSEAS PRIESTS FROM IRELAND: Father Kevin Condon CM of Dublin has researched the early priests of Australia. He found that 406 Irish priests were ordained from All Hallows College, Dublin to serve in the foreign missions in Australia and New Zealand between 1840 and 1896. The All Hallows College supplied the majority of Melbourne priests. When in 1887 Archbishop Thomas Carr came to Melbourne as our second Archbishop, there were 40 of the 51 Melbourne diocesan priests from All Hallows.

One of these forty, Fr Thomas Donaghy introduced the Society of St Vincent de Paul to Melbourne and was a jail chaplain assisting Ned Kelly at his execution in 1880.

Of particular interest to us at Sunbury is the priest who organized the naming of our school and church as Our Lady of Mount Carmel in 1860 was Fr James Moore from All Hallows as was our recent parish priest (1997-2005), Fr Martin Ashe now our Regional Episcopal Vicar in the absence of a regional bishop since 2012.

.....Kevin McIntosh

WITHIN OUR REACH: JOY

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900) famously taunted Christians about the lack of joy on their faces and in their lives. *"They would have to sing better songs for me to believe in their Saviour: his disciples would have to look more redeemed!"*

Nietzsche the German atheist Philosopher, had a point. Christians can often appear joyless, not joyful. We can literally become 'killjoys', murdering the spirit of light heartedness that signifies closeness to God.

There can be a constant 'moralism' in some of our Catholic rhetoric that does nothing but bemoan the evils all around us. It is counter-productive and we end up talking to ourselves. By contrast, Jesus *attracted* people to him with joy - he did not preach 'at' his fellow Galileans. If we are without joy, we exude displeasure and are prone to pick fights. Others perceive a hostile streak in us. We can insult people. We lack patience. What flows from our mouths are not blessings but barbs of bitterness.

We lack gratitude. We also lack human warmth and seem to be angry at ourselves and the world. The profile of such joylessness is clear and distasteful: bitter, impatient, pugnacious, hostile, cold and aloof - all 'killjoy' qualities. By contrast, as Pope Francis constantly reminds us, Christian joy is buoyant and warm, light-hearted, gracious and life-giving.

..... Br Mark O'Connor FMS, December 2013 Director of Archdiocesan Evangelisation Office

The following child from our parish will be baptized this weekend:

Julian CARTY

We joyfully welcome him into our Parish Community



HELP REQUIRED PLEASE: on Wednesday 22 January, after morning Mass in the Parish Centre, we will need volunteers to assist with getting the Thanksgiving envelopes ready. If you have time, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

PROFILE OF OUR PARISH: the Catholic population grew 9.8% in the years 2006 to 2011 to 13232 persons, 35% of the total population. The number of Catholic households is 5855, where 755 Catholics live alone. The total population of our area increased by 8.6% to 36238.

The number of parishioners requiring assistance in self-care, communication and mobility was 565; those Catholics providing unpaid help were 1252.

Those unemployed were 4%, though those aged 15-24 who are in the labour force and unemployed at the time of 2011 were 8.6% (10.2% Australian average).

Those parishioners born in Australia are 83%; other countries: 2.4% Italy, 2% UK, 1.6% Malta, 1.2% Philippines, 1.1% India, 1% Ireland (21 other countries under 1%)

12% of our families are one-parent families (Australian average); 56% of couples have mixed religions, 15% are de facto. 83% of families own or are purchasing their homes.

-from material prepared by the Pastoral Research Office of Australian Bishops from census data from Australian Bureau of Statistics

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 for more information.

CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE: 160TH ANNIVERSARY

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND As part of its 160th Anniversary Celebrations in 2014, the Catholic Parish of Castlemaine is offering a pilgrimage to Jordan and Israel, *Walking with Mary* in September this year. Parishioners would welcome pilgrims from other parishes joining with us. Interested pilgrims are invited to an **Information Session on Saturday 1st February at 2.00pm** in the **Buckley Room. Pilgrimage Information Packages** are available from Fr Tony Doran PP (Anthony.Doran@cam.org.au or 5472 1900).

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE: at 362 Albert St, East Melbourne will be open to the public on Saturday 8 February from 10am -4pm, to enable visitors to take a tour of the Mary MacKillop Museum, pray in the Chapel where Mary prayed, visit the gift shop and enjoy light refreshments in the tranquil surroundings. A guided Mary MacKillop Walking tour will also be available at 11am.

Parish Social Calendar

VALENTINES DAY DANCE: will be held in the Parish Centre on Friday 14 February 2014 from 8pm to midnight. Tickets are \$10 adults and \$5 primary school children. Tickets can be purchased from the Parish Office. Please join us for a fun night of dancing. All are welcome.



PARISH DANCE WITH THE RIPCORDS: Saturday 15 March in the Parish centre will have a return of the Band we had last year for the St Patrick's day dance. 50's, 60's and 70's music. Get in early as we had a very fun night. Check out the photos on the board in St Anne's church. Guess who's behind the glasses?

Something Funny.....

Actual Announcements taken from Church Bulletins (not ours of course!!)

1. Don't let worry kill you- let the church help
2. Thursday night- Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow
3. Remember in prayer, the many who are sick of our church and community
4. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs
5. The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev & Mrs Julius Belzer
6. This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
7. Tuesday at 4pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving mild will please come early
8. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
9. The service will close with "Little drops of water." One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in
10. Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so
11. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music to follow
12. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice



Please smile and have a fun day!!



COLUMBAN CALENDARS STILL AVAILABLE: calendars are still available in the Piety Stall. They are very beautiful and practical calendars and only \$10.00. All unsold calendars will be returned by the start of February.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS: the Parish is able to offer Gluten free breads to be consecrated during Eucharist. If you wish to receive the gluten free host, please inform the person setting up for Eucharist. The Minister for Communion at the central aisle will have your host in a separate pyx.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 21 January	7.45pm	Parish Overseas Aid Project
Wednesday 22 January	7.30pm	Liturgy Planning Group

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church—Elaine Van der Weerden Maree Walsh **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— **assistance required** St Anne's Church - Skeeter Jacob Beth Girdwood **COUNTERS:** John & Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth John Porta **LECTORS:** Barry McAloney Ben Wiegerink Elizabeth Falzon Paul Hogan **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **6.00pm** Diana & Albert Mastramico Shashi Nair Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharma **8.30am** Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Tom Allen Christine Cassar Colin & Coreen Wilson Will Honner **10.30am** Teresa Kiploks Nesta Pardo Sean Quigley Mary Thomas Kathy Porter Sue Wight **5.30pm** Maria Mallia Alan Slocombe Joanne Spiteri