



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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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
Wed: 9.15am St Anne's
Fri: 12.30pm St Anne's start of school Mass

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.

2 February 2014- Presentation of the Lord

Psalm Response

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Elsie CALIGARI Teresa CHREMPLEWSKA
Mary DAKAKIS Connie DUGHETTI Angie FRIZZELL
Vicki HEATH Alison HILTON Kate HONNER
Anna & Doug HUTCHISON Bill & Dawn JANNER
Tristan MAMO Carol MARTIN Suzanne RENNISON
Vic SPANO SNR Irma TAKAKIS Vanessa VARONA

Recently Deceased: Maria HENDRICKS Owen JEFFS

Anniversaries: Elizabeth GATT Antonio GUSMAN
Eileen MCGOVERN Paddy MCVEIGH Leonarda REYES



Presentation of the Lord

Having seen Jesus begin his public ministry with his call for repentance, his announcement that the kingdom of God is at hand, and the calling to discipleship of the first four of his apostles - his witnesses - today we take a step back, as if opening a photo album, to an incident in his childhood. We only do this when February 2 falls on a Sunday so let's look carefully at the picture, because it will be a while before we see it again.

Malachi is the last of the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures. Despite the unending history of failure on the part of God's people to live as God's children, which runs through the whole of the Hebrew Scriptures, Malachi's 'last word' is one of hope, based not on Israel's ability to change its ways but entirely on God's faithfulness. God will send his messenger and redeemer, but he will come unexpectedly and he will 'refine', that is 'purify', his people as metal is purified in a furnace or as cloth is cleaned in lime: this will not be a pleasant process but it will result in something wonderful.

The letter to the Hebrews takes up its fundamental theme - that God truly loves his people, and to truly love is to truly share in the joys and hopes, griefs and fears of those who are truly loved.

Luke shows us Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem as the Law of Moses requires, forty days after his birth. He makes no mention of Herod or the flight into Egypt. Luke, himself a Greek and occasionally not as precise about the exact requirements of the Law as Matthew, Mark or Paul, says that it was time for 'their purification'. In fact it was the prescribed time for Mary's 'purification' and for Jesus' 'redemption'. What is that all about?

The Mosaic Law says that a woman is 'ritually unclean' - this has nothing to do with physical cleanliness or otherwise - for forty days after childbirth. [Lv 12:1-8] That sounds very harsh and even abusive to us. In fact, from the woman's perspective it meant that she was exempt from all the requirements of the Law and from all community obligations during that period. ...

In the case of Jesus, he was the first-born son, he was, ritually speaking, the father of the next generation and so, according to the Law [Nb 3:40-51], he did not belong to his parents but, because every generation of this People belonged to God, so the first-born son 'in whom' the next generation 'resides', belongs to God. We see this in the story of Samuel and his mother Hannah. Hannah promises to dedicate her son to God, and when he is weaned she brings him to Eli the priest at Shiloh and leaves him there to serve at the Temple. Joseph is responsible for providing the symbolic sacrifices which enable his wife's return to full participation in the life of the community and Jesus' 'redemption' from a state of 'separation' from the ordinary people to being 'included' among them. This is a powerful image of the Incarnation.

Simeon's beautiful prayer, which has formed the basis of the Church's Night Prayer since the fifth century, is one we should all know by heart and say each night. He recognises the Messiah in this little child and is filled with joy. May we do the same.

... Richard Hallett

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES 2014: letters have been sent to all families of children preparing for First Communion in 2014 that the proposed information and registration session has had a change of date to **Tuesday 18 February** in the Parish Centre at 2pm or 7.30pm.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: are available for collection this weekend. Please collect your new envelopes at each Mass.

MANY THANKS: we thank Jim Reilly and the volunteers who collated the Thanksgiving envelopes two weeks ago. Without the support of volunteers, our parish would not be able to function. We are very grateful.

2014 YEAR OF GROWTH: this year our parish theme is **Year of Growth**. On the weekend of 15 & 16 February and 22 & 23 February, we will have our **Parish Expo**. In the foyer of St Anne's church will be A3 pages with descriptions of the various ministries. Currently the number of parishioners in ministries is really good, but we are looking for new people to help out as well. It will mean our parish will continue to grow and for everyone to feel part of a vibrant and great community. We encourage you all to become part of at least one ministry and try it for just one year. If you like it, continue for another year! If you want to explore something else, you can! You can sign up on the A3 pages in the foyer, or be part of the **Sign up weekend** on 22 & 23 February and 1 & 2 March— Just before Lent! We will ask people at Mass to sign up for a ministry, then will contact them to advise of training for their chosen ministry. It is an opportunity to share our talents with others and received the talents of others.

PARISH COORDINATING TEAM: SUMMARY OF MEETING:

last Wednesday evening fourteen of us held our first gathering for 2014. We began by praying and then continued to have a very productive meeting with some new proposals including discussion on the Overseas Humanitarian Project as voted on at our Parish Assembly, the Expo of our Parish Ministries on 16 February and a pilot development of several neighbourhoods.

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: Following a suggestion at the annual Parish Assembly, the Parish Coordinating Team has recommended that the Parish sponsor and support a program run by the Catholic University in Jakarta that cares for young children from desperately poor areas of the city who are living with HIV-AIDS through no fault of their own. We will have more information on this critical humanitarian project over the coming weeks leading up to the appeal in March. Mick Hetherington and Tony Kiley, on behalf of the Parish Coordinating Team

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP : will resume meeting at St. Anne's Church at 10.00 am next Thursday February 6th. All welcome, including children. For further info/transport please contact Grace on 9746 3294.

ACCOMMODATION -BOARD: Available for a female in Sunbury enquiries phone Misha 0435 435 068.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: first meeting for 2014 this Wednesday 5 February at 10 Moores Rd, Riddles Creek. Assembling at front of St Anne's Church, Riddell Rd at 7.30pm.

MEETING OF SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP: Monday 10th February 2014 at 2PM St Anne's Meeting Room.

SING ALONG: on Friday 7 February at Goonawarra Nursing Home from 2.30pm to 3.20pm. All welcome.

PARISH BINGO HAS RESUMED: on Thursdays at 8pm at the Sunbury Football Club in air conditioned comfort. Final prize is \$200.

Parish Social Calendar

VALENTINES DAY DANCE: will be held in the Parish Centre on Friday 14 February 2014 from 8pm to midnight. Tickets can be purchased from the Parish Office. Get a table together and please join us for a fun night of dancing. Live Band – Colourblind & DJ Music BYO Food & Drinks from 8PM – 11.45PM Adult- \$15 Children \$5 Family \$40 Volunteers to help on the day Welcome. Tickets ready to be purchased at the Parish Office.



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? Tickets are \$25 per person.

NO WEEKDAY MASS DURING HEATWAVES: Our life is a gift from God. Hence, we are not to take unnecessary risks with our health. Health experts like Professor Neville Nichols of Monash University predicted an increase in deaths during the heat wave. Unfortunately his prediction became reality when 180 people died due to the heat, including a husband and wife from a former parish of mine. As reported in the media, Ambulance Victoria had 2500 call outs on each of those four days. In the light of advice from health experts, weekday Mass will not be celebrated when the temperature is forecast to be 35C or more.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to the family of Owen Jeffs who entered eternal life last Sunday aged 81 years after only one day in hospital. Owen and Beverly his wife of 61 years who preceded him into eternal life two years ago came to our parish twenty years ago. They have seven children: Neil, Graeme, Robyn, Lynne, Shane, Gail and Jennifer— many of them living in Sunbury. Owen's funeral was held on Friday afternoon.

We also offer our sympathy to Lydia Chiodo whose husband Angelo died suddenly following the heat wave on 18 January. His funeral has not yet been held as the Coroner's Office has not completed its enquiry due to the large number of deaths from the heat wave.

LIVING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL: in Pope Francis's exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, he talks of 'joy' as a requirement for evangelization, and how 'personal dialogue' is needed for any authentic invitation into the faith. He says trying to spread the Gospel without personal encounter with Jesus is useless. On the Welcome Desk in St Anne's Church is a 2014 Calendar of events run by the Archdiocese. You are very welcome to take a copy.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: will start up again from the 9 February. Please encourage the children to attend the 10.30am Mass to be part of Children's Liturgy of the Word which is directly related to children's faith journey. Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday at 10.30am Mass during school term.

MACKILLOP FAMILY SERVICES: to those who would like to support a great cause, take a look at mackillop.org.au or call 1300 218 935. This charity is supporting vulnerable children through foster care but also helping families after the trauma of domestic violence. If you need assistance, they are there to help too. In good and bad times.

THE FRANCIS EFFECT: Tuesday 25 February from 8.30am to 4.30pm at Catholic Leadership Centre, Melbourne will be a Colloquium on the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis "Evangelii Gaudium". More information from Kevin Meese 9639 1344.

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. Any Evergreens interested in attending please contact Frances Arians on 9744 1999

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church—Anne Burnside **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Michelle Fettes St Anne's Church - Narelle Anderson Maree Cocks **COUNTERS:** Jack Sullivan Kerry Sanford Janet Elliott **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS:** Felicity Joe Kloss Beth Warburton Teresa Quin **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 6.00pm Jennifer Poon Mary Baensch Dolores Kruszynski Diana & Albert Mastramico Shashi Nair Barry Roberts 8.30am Glenda Shanahan Colin & Coreen Wilson Lily Lupa Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Angelo Snell 10.30am Tony Hendy Michael Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Nesta Pardo Sean Quigley Kathy Porter Sue Wight 5.30pm Maree O'Brien Maria Mallia **Assistance Required**