



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 St Anne's
Mon: 9.15am St Anne's-Liturgy of the Word
Tues: 6.45pm St Anne's
Wed: 9.15am St Anne's
Thurs: 9.15am St Anne's
Frid: 9.15am St Anne's

Reconciliation

St Anne's 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.

16 February 2014- 6th Sunday of Ordinary

Time

Psalm Response

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Peter CANNON Pat CARROLL Mary
DACAKIS Angie FRIZZELL Kate HONNER Anna &
Doug HUTCHISON Bill & Dawn JANNER Tristan
MAMO Suzanne RENNISON Irma TAKAKIS
Anne SAUNDERS Vic SPANO SNR

Recently Deceased: Teresa CHREMPLEWSKA
Tracey TWYXCROSS

Anniversaries: Angelo CHIODO Leonie
D'MONTE Anthony KAIRUZ Lily KAIRUZ Francis
MILLETT Delphine RASANAYAGAM



PARISH EXPO 2014

When we hear the word ministry in church circles we immediately think of the priest. He is ordained for priestly ministry, but, by virtue of his/her baptism, every Catholic is called to ministry. So there are clerical ordained ministers and there are lay ministers. Ministry is simply a Latin derivation referring to dedicated service of a particular kind. On the last weekends of February we are having a **PARISH EXPO**.

Our parish is amazingly vibrant, because many of our parishioners are offering their God-given gifts to give life to our parish. Some are blessed with musical talents; some are blessed with a good reading voice; some are blessed with carpentry or gardening skills; some are blessed with financial expertise; some are blessed with technological know-how; these and many others – too numerous to mention – are blessed with a spirit of generosity and self-giving. They serve and minister to our parish community in many wonderful ways. Some parishioners do quiet, hidden, and unspectacular work behind the scenes. God, who sees what is done in secret, will reward them.

The **PARISH EXPO** gives us an opportunity to thank and acknowledge the self-giving ministry of these generous people. In the **Christmas edition of the Neighbourhood Newsletter** some twenty ministries existing in our parish were given a brief write-up. These write-ups have been reproduced in LARGE PRINT and exhibited on A3 paper in the foyer. They are there for you to view; and, if the spirit of generosity moves you to join one of these ministries, I urge you to listen to that spirit: it is Jesus inviting you to minister to his Body, the Church in Sunbury.

2014 brings us exciting new opportunities of enriching our parish community. Many people support our parish through many and various ministries. 2014 has been ear-marked as a **Year of Growth**. We are talking here of a year of growth in generosity of spirit. The great J.F. Kennedy once said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you: instead, ask what you can do for your country.' The not-so-great Fr Bert says, 'Ask not what your parish can do for you: instead, ask what can I do for my parish.'

Of course, if you can't sing, don't join the choir; if you can't read, don't offer to be a lector; if you find it hard to come to Church early, don't offer to set up for Mass; if you can't teach, don't offer to help with the children's liturgy of the word; ...etcetera. One can only share what one has been given. Many have been given other gifts, including the gift of time and the gift of a generous heart. Whatever gift you have been given, the gifts of love and generosity must accompany any service you give. **'Brother/Sister, let me be your servant; let me be as Christ to you. Grant that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.'**

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

SUNDAY MASS AT 5.30PM IN OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

CHURCH: Mass will be held in St Anne's Church until the end of Daylight Saving at end of March due to the extreme heat. St Anne's has very good cooling, whereas OLMC has no cooling. We appreciate your understanding. This is to benefit everybody's health.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: The 2014 edition of the Carroll Directory has just been released. It contains some of our Parish photos. Historical Committee.

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

Nicholas DE RUITER

Tyler PELLY

Samuel TAYLOR

Bella POLIDORO

We joyfully welcome them into our Parish Community.



OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: The small group of care workers established by the Catholic University in Jakarta is dedicated to reducing the mortality of children living with HIV-AIDS by providing nutrition and medication to those most in need.

The group operates at the "grass roots" level and, hence, has no "Marketing Team" to attract donors. Rather, they rely on the generosity of individual people to fund their critical work. That's why our Parish has committed to support them, beginning with a fund-raising appeal next month.

Like to help in organising the appeal? – We would really welcome your support. You can "sign up" at the Parish Expo over the next two weekends. Thank you ... Parish Coordinating Team

WELCOME AND THANK YOU: to the Columban priests who will be celebrating 10.30am Mass and Baptisms this weekend.

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP : meets at St. Anne's Church at 10.00 am on Thursdays. All welcome, including children. For further info/transport please contact Grace on 9746 3294

SOCIAL 'INJUSTICE': have a read of the Media Release about the Rejected Asylum seeker who suicide in the Maribyrnong River on 5 February. It is on the noticeboard and parish website. May we all pray for a fairer system to give dignity to these individuals who are seeking a better life. The story of Rezene is so sad and unfortunate and what is worse, is he is not the only one this is happening to. Pope Francis has asked for changes to the handling of refugees. Let us pray that policy makers will realize the plight of these desperate people and act with justice.

POPE FRANCIS: With the recent publication of Pope Francis's new apostolic exhortation 'The Joy of the Gospel' we have an exciting challenge ahead of us for 2014! So many "firsts". First pope to choose the name Francis; The first in centuries to live outside the papal palace; first to give a press conference. The first pope to tell the world so much about his inner life, including weaknesses, for which he expresses regret. **Here is a man who learns from his mistakes** and who clearly yearns to grow in holiness, which he associates with patience toward himself and everyone else as well. When Francis was recently asked: "Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?" He replied, "I am a sinner . . . whom the Lord has looked upon. . . . I am one who is looked upon by the Lord."

For our new Pope the vital thing is to know oneself as a loved sinner – where the adjective is more important than the noun. And God's work is always done by graced sinners who rejoice in being called *just as they are*. Again and again since his election the message of Pope Francis is simple and profound: **we who follow Jesus must meet people on their own terms rather than on ours. Love for the other comes first.**

Since March 13, 2013 we have learned that **Francis preaches this message more through his actions and style than by his words.** This is why the world has opened its heart to him - because he has so opened his heart to the world. Everything else is then possible and yes – possible here in Melbourne 2014! We are sent with the joy of the Gospel!
Br Mark O'Connor fms Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation Enews February 2014

Parish Social Calendar

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. BYO food and drinks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Please encourage the children who 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.

PARISH BINGO HAS RESUMED: on Thursdays at 8pm at the Sunbury Football Club in air conditioned comfort. Final prize is \$999.

LAY ECUMENICAL CHOIR: has resumed practice at 7.30pm every Monday evening at St Mary's church. Contact Gwen Hutchinson 9740 5258 for more details. New members are always welcome.

RUPERTSWOOD CRICKET CLUB: McGrath Foundation Pink Stumps Day High Tea on 22 February in the Clubrooms. Tickets are \$35 per head with door prizes, raffles, fine food and champers! See the noticeboard for more info or call Wayne on 0418 322 486 for bookings.

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.

JOIN AN 'ENCOUNTER' TO EAST TIMOR OR KIRIBATI WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA: a Catholic organisation which has been preparing, placing and supporting skilled Australian volunteers in placements in Asia, Africa and the Pacific for 50+ years. A Palms Encounter is perfect for anyone interested in learning about another culture, as well as those interested in social justice and reducing poverty. During this cross-cultural experience, you will gain insight into the life of work of Palms' volunteers, and learn about the pressing development issues facing our neighbours. **Dates are 14-26 April 2014 and 26 July-7 Aug 2014.** For further information visit: <http://www.palms.org.au/encounters>, email: encounter@palms.org.au, or call **Palms on 02 9518 9551**. Limited places remain as numbers are restricted to ~8 per Encounter.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CELEBRATES 40 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA IN 2014: Marriage Encounter (ME) 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**. Please contact Helen & Leo Wursthorn : (03) 9874 6979 or helenandleow@gmail.com for more information. **2014 ME weekends in Melbourne: 4-6 Apr, 13-15 June, 15-17 Aug.** Bookings: Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk, (03) 9733 0997 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS FOR SACRED HEART PARISH, PRESTON: Sunday 23 February at 10.30am, Mass will be celebrated to mark the Centenary for the Parish. For catering purposes, please RSVP by Sunday 16 Feb Ph.9484 2124.

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILIES 2014: families of children preparing for First Communion in 2014 will need to attend the information and registration session on **Tuesday 18 February** in the Parish Centre at 2pm or 7.30pm. This year First Communion will take place during Easter.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church—Michelle Dunlop Roselle Duckworth **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— **Assistance Required** St Anne's Church - Miriam Culhane Cedric D'Souza **COUNTERS:** Kelly Stark Vern & Maureen Walters **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth John Porta **LECTORS:** Julie Reddan Peter Readman Mary Macdermid Alan Slocombe **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm** Maree Walsh Carmel Prichard Jennifer Poon Mary Baensch Dolores Kruszynski Diana & Albert Mastramico **8.30am** Graeme & Lynne Simpson John & Sheila Stafford Lily Lupa Christine Cassar Tom Allen **10.30am** Cathy Gay Tony Hendy Teresa Kiploks Nesta Pardo Sue Wight **assistance required 5.30pm** Maree O'Brien Maria Mallia Paul Fanning