



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: 7.00pm OLMC
Wed: 9.15am St Anne's
Frid: 9.15am St Anne's

Reconciliation
OLMC 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.

23 February 2014- 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalm Response

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Mikyle CARUSO Philip HARVEY Vicki HEATH
Gerard MAHONEY Anne SAUNDERS

Recently Deceased: Connie DUGHETTI Dawn
JANNER Michael O'FARRELL Bernie SMITH

Anniversaries: Vincenzo BULLO Emmanuel
BUTTIGIEG John FERNANDES Joe GALLO Walter
GRECH Kevin HOARE Bill HOGGIN Danny
KILGARIFF James MILLETT Ashby ROMEO Irene
TYQUIN

**PARISH EXPO 2014
SIGN UP WEEKEND**



All Called to Ministry-Sign Up Sunday

I was pleased to read in "The Tablet" (18 January), that our parish focus on "Our Year of Growth" is being followed by the Diocese of Portsmouth, UK. On 12 January, Bishop Philip Egan called his people to a "Year of Faith in Action". In his pastoral letter, he writes the Church has to move from being overly inward-looking and self-absorbed, to being authentically Eucharistic- a missionary church.

At our baptism, we all are anointed with the Sacred Chrism so as to share in the priesthood of Christ. We are to share in Christ's mission of being priest, prophet and shepherd-king.

Bishop Philip envisages a year of good works of promoting justice, of putting faith into practice through deeds of charity, especially in the local community. He gives the examples of visiting the sick, supporting addicts, loving the lonely, befriending migrants, protecting the unborn child, assisting young parents, giving food and relief, etc.

The Portsmouth diocese is asking people to tithe their time, that is, give 10% of their free time to voluntary work with the Church.

The Bishops letter is on www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

The Reforming Pope Francis calls new Cardinals "servants"

Yesterday, Pope Francis inducted 19 new Cardinals. In the letter of their appointment, the Pope said their induction was not to be seen as a "promotion", much less an "honour", instead the cardinals should see themselves as "servants" marked by "self-abasement and humility". To emphasise the point, he said there should be no lavish celebrations to celebrate their appointments, rather any celebration should follow "the evangelical spirit of austerity, sobriety and poverty". When he became a cardinal in 1998, he urged his people to stay in Argentina and give the money to the poor. In 2012, 1,000 people came from New York to celebrate with the new Cardinal Dolan, their archbishop.

Pope Francis his "Man of the Year" the Anglican leader says

Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury said early last month that the Pope was extraordinary and led by example. "He has changed the sense of direction and purpose of the Church with his personal example and words," he said. Both leaders are understood to be working on a joint initiative on how to combat poverty.

A Centenary of Service Between the Two of them

Last month, two of our parish priest retired- Fr Gerry Beasley of Footscray and Msg Peter Kenny of Moonee Ponds. Between them, they have given 103 years of priestly service- not only in their parish, but also in extra-parochial ministry in welfare, ecumenism and marriage Tribunal. Peter was ordained in 1960, Gerry in 1963.

After Easter, the Franciscan Friars are leaving the parish of Box Hill and Box Hill North after 39 years of ministry due to the lack of numbers. This parish contains two large hospitals with 1,100 inpatients, one parish school and one cemetery. The diocese inviting priests to apply for this huge mission.

Dioceses in England, Ireland and Scotland are facing up to fewer priests and are making plans to merge parishes and close churches. The number of priests in Glasgow was 285 in 1977; now there are 85.

Are we encouraging our sons and grandsons to consider entering the Melbourne seminary to try out a vocation to the ordained priesthood?

Prince Charles fears for Christians in Middle East

At a gathering of faith leaders in London in December, the Prince of Wales said Christianity is under threat in its own birthplace due to a wave of persecution by fundamentalist Islamist militants. "For 20 years, I have tried to build bridges between Islam and Christianity... we have now reached a crisis where the bridges are rapidly being deliberately destroyed by those with a vested interest in doing so- through intimidation, false accusation and organized persecution."

New Mary MacKillop School in South Sudan

Has been funded by Sudanese living in Sydney and this month is taking the first group of secondary girl students. Former refugee Johnson Ngor, of the charity "South Sudan Educates Girls" said "currently only 1 per cent of girls over the age of 12 are able to attend secondary school, but we are determined to change this."

.....Kevin McIntosh

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: "A.D." is a ten-year-old Indonesian girl, without a father, and with a mother infected with HIV-AIDS. She has to be cared for by her grandmother. "A.D." is just one of the children living with the impact of HIV-AIDS who are supported by a small group of care-workers established by the Catholic University in Jakarta.

The Group's motto is ... *"You may be only one person in the world – but you may also be the world to these children"*

If you would like to help in organising next month's parish fund-raising appeal to help make a better world for these children, we would really welcome your support.

You can "sign up" at the Parish Expo over the next two weekends. Thank you ... Parish Coordinating Team

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

Lucas BEVAN
Harlow DICKSON
Rejoice PATRICE
Sila PATRICE



We joyfully welcome them into our Parish Community.

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.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS: Welcome to the newest member of our Altar Server Team Natasha Rachel John. We also thank for their great service - Ethan D'Lima, Nix Hendricks and Kyle Tucker who have retired. We wish Liam Fisher a speedy recovery from his broken hand. New members always welcome 97442674.

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. Tickets are \$25 per person. BYO food and drinks.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: We extend our sympathy to Dawn Janner's family, especially her husband of more than 40 years, Bill. Dawn died peacefully at home on Sunday morning, surrounded by her beloved family. Dawn made many friends in the neighbourhood and the Sunbury Parish and was for many years an enthusiastic member of the Catholic Ladies Guild. Her funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday where the family shared stories of her courage, wit and faith.

We also offer to Veronica and Bernie O'Farrell with their family as their third child, Michael died suddenly of a heart attack last week. Michael attended OLMC School and Salesian College before entering the world of accounting. Michael married Sharon here in 1996 and they have two children. His funeral was celebrated on Friday afternoon.

INTER CHURCH 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.

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.

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

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 notice-board 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.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Monday 24 February	7.00pm	St Vincent de Paul	St Anne's Church
Tuesday 25 February	7.40pm	Liturgy Planning Team	
Wednesday 26 February	11.00am	Kinder Kinda Program	
	6.30pm	Parish Education Board	
	7.30pm	School Advisory Committee	
Thursday 27 February	7.00pm	St Vincent de Paul Regional	St Anne's Church

POSITION REQUIRED: Experienced Senior Software Engineer with Project Management experience is seeking employment in Melbourne / Geelong area. Recently arrived from Ireland, he brings to any prospective employer considerable and extensive experience. A Resume is available on request. Excellent character references also available. For further information and details, please contact Andrew Jarocki on 0404148234, or emailandrew.jarocki@smartermouse.com.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church—Sue Sexton Ann Twomey **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— **Assistance Required** St Anne's Church - Megan Feain Joy O'Connor Joe & Mary Kloss **COUNTERS:** Bernie Owens Mary Reay Mary Alkemade **GIFT SHOP:** Carmel Wiegerink Mary Wicks **LECTORS:** Phyllis Jacob Elena Rodrigues Dian Mardijono Paul Fanning **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm** Paul Hogan Maree Walsh Carmel Pritchard Jennifer Poon Mary Baensch Diana & Albert Mastramico Sue Wight **8.30am** Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Tom Allen Christine Cassar Lily Lupa Colin & Coreen Wilson **10.30am** Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Johanna Fahey Cathy Gay Julie Reddan **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Will Honner Paul Fanning