



# 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: 6.30pm OLMC  
Wed: 9.15am St Anne's  
7.30pm St Anne's  
Thurs: 9.15am St Anne's  
Frid: 9.15am St Anne's  
7.30pm St Anne's-Way of the Cross

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.

## 6 April 2014- 5th Sunday of Lent

### Psalm Response

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of  
redemption.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless  
glory!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

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glory!

### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Brendan BULL Mikyle CARUSO Edward  
FANNING Lesbia HARMAN Kate HONNER Vicki  
HEATH Pat JEFFREY Gerard MAHONEY Anne  
MAMO Tristan MAMO

**Recently Deceased:** Noelle BEDFORD Emmanuel  
FALZON Peter MCCARTHY

**Anniversaries:** Sam BONELLO Lilly, Maria & Felix  
D'SOUZA Terence FARIA Victor FERNANDEZ Ron  
PAGE Praxedes VISTAN Vicki WARD John  
WRIGHT Lorraine ZAMMIT



## 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

As we draw towards the end of our Lenten preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus, we hear three readings today which encapsulate and bring to completion the scriptural account of God's creative and saving action in individual people, in communities and in the world as a whole.

Ezekiel, who, when God's people were in despairing exile in Babylon, assembled the great majority of the books of the Old Testament, encapsulates the whole of his teaching and that of the Scriptures, in his dramatic vision of the valley of dead bones. God breathes God's own spirit into them and they are restored to life, to a life much greater than they had before. Paul's letter to the Romans is the masterpiece of his exposition of the Christian experience, and this experience is contained in the words we read today: 'If the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies through his spirit living in you.'

Restoring Lazarus to life is the ultimate 'sign' of Jesus' mission and the ultimate confirmation that God is working in and through him to transform and to give new and abundant life - even when this seems impossible.

As I write this and as you read it, several thousand asylum seekers, the great majority of whom are fleeing situations which would terrify us, are imprisoned in our name by our government in conditions which are a violation of their dignity as our brothers and sisters and as children of the living God. Next Sunday - Palm Sunday - you and I are being called by our bishops to attend a prayer service in solidarity with refugees and asylum seekers at 1.00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This time of prayer and of witness to the injustice being done to these most vulnerable women, men and children, will be led by Bishop Vincent Long, himself an asylum seeker and refugee who came here by boat.

As Christians each one of us has a fundamental responsibility to speak up for, and to work for justice. Silence and inaction in the face of such blatant cruelty is a denial of our faith in the one who came to give each one of us, particularly the most vulnerable, the gift of a new and abundant life. **Make every effort to come to the Palm Sunday prayer service next Sunday, remembering Jesus' words, 'Whatever you did, or failed to do, to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did, or failed to do, to me.'** (Matthew 25:31-46- this is the end of Jesus' teaching)

.....Richard Hallett

**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR LENT:** will be held on Wednesday 9 April at 7.30pm. The theme of the service will be 'healing for growth'. Several priests will be available. This is a great opportunity as a community to express our sorrow for our sinfulness and move on in growth.

**NEXT SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY:** Our Mass will commence outside our Churches with the Blessing of Palms and procession recalling Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem to complete his saving work.

**"PASCAL MYSTERY"- TAPESTRIES:** as announced at our Parish Assembly last September, we have commissioned tapestries for our Church which are based on the Paschal Mystery- the Mystery of Death and Resurrection of Christ. The artists are Judy and Debbie Dioszegi of Chicago. Our Church Renewal Group who guided the renovations in 2009 has inspected Judy and Debbie's work in Holy apostles Church, Sunshine. After twelve months, the tapestries are complete and are being shipped to us so that it can be blessed on the Third Sunday of Easter, 4 May, when we will hear the Journey to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), so appropriate!

## Lent 2014:

**Heal us so we may grow in faith and love**

### OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT:

To the wonderful people of the OLMC Parish Community – thank you for your generosity! Over \$5,500 has been raised from last week's fundraising appeal and proceeds from the St. Pat's Day dance. We will be forwarding the funds direct to the group at the Catholic University in Jakarta caring for the children living with HIV-AIDS. We know how grateful they will be for your wonderful support.

We would also like to thank a number of Parishioners who have already filled in pledge cards authorising regular contributions to the project. If you are considering making a regular contribution, pledge cards can be handed in at Masses or at the Parish Office. We will have more information on the total value of these regular contributions in the next week or so.

Thank you for your generosity and support – Mick Hetherington, Julie Reddan and Tony Kiley on behalf of the Parish Coordinating Team.

### SUNDAY MASS AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH:

a reminder that 5.30pm Mass will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church from Sunday 6 April.

**DONATION OF PALMS:** are sought for next Sunday.  
Please bring to St Anne's Church by next Friday evening.

**PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION:** In this Sunday's Gospel we meet Lazarus and his two sisters, Martha and Mary. They were friends of Jesus, always making him welcome in their home. The death of Lazarus in today's story moved Jesus to tears – and it brought forth Martha's acknowledgment of her faith in the power of Jesus. "if you had been here, he would not have died." Jesus went to the tomb and called, "Lazarus, come forth!" The dead man responded, stumbling out of the vault, still wrapped in his funeral sheet.

We stand in awe at the power of Jesus to restore the dead to life. Jesus commissions us to follow his example, to bring life to others, through the power of the Holy Spirit vested in us.

*Project Compassion boxes can be collected from the gathering space of St Anne's church.*

**WAY OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:** will be held in St Anne's Church Friday night from 7.30pm to 8pm during Lent. The Way of the Cross is in the light of the Resurrection and follows Scripture. All are welcome.

**HARMONY DAY LENT SHOWCASE GATHERING:** will be held in the Parish Centre on **Sunday 6 April** after 10.30am Mass. An Easter movie will be shown from 12pm. We invite families to bring traditional food to share between 11.30am and noon. Those who bring food will be in the draw to win a Buntings voucher worth \$15.

**OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY:** is offered to the family of Noelle Bedford who after marriage came to a farm on Sunbury Road, Bulla in 1960. She became the mother of seven children. She entered eternal life last Tuesday. Her Funeral will be advertised in the press next week.

**PRAYER SERVICE IN SOLIDARITY:** Palm Sunday 13 April from 1pm to 1.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Bishop Vincent Long will pray for the plight of Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Then from 2pm, a Walk for Justice for Refugees to the State Library will commence.

**KINDER KINDA PROGRAM:** our Parish and both of our Primary Schools are very happy to announce the Kinder Kinda Program starting on **Tuesday 29 April** in the Parish Centre each Tuesday morning during school term. The parish and schools see this as a great beginning for families:

- Youngsters access early childhood learning play for development of literacy and numeracy and motor skills
- Parents/ Grandparents get to meet other parents/ grandparents and feel part of the community
- Parents/ Grandparents will learn skills to help their children with early social and educational development
- Young teachers from Victoria University will learn how to teach youngsters and develop fun and engaging activities with age appropriate games.

We hope that you will support the program by letting relatives know as it is a really great community project which will strengthen the community support to all families. 34 other communities are already running the program with great success. The program is free and no bookings are required. Call the Parish office on 9744 1060 for further information.

**LENTEN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS:** Be 'life-giving' to others this week. Acknowledge and affirm them in particular ways.

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 8 April	12 noon	Sunbury Ministers	St Mary's
	7.30pm	Sunbury Inter Church council	St Mary's
Thursday 10 April	7.30pm	Parish Finance & Development	Parish Centre

**CITIZENS ADVOCACY SUNBURY:** Do you know someone? An important part of the Citizen Advocacy Sunbury program is to find suitable community members to become part of the Committee of Management.

Citizens Advocacy Sunbury needs a Treasurer. If you someone who might be able to take on the role, please contact Brendan Morganti on 0408 021 070 who will be more than happy to discuss it in detail and provide any further information required.

### CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE THE STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS:

15 November – 18 December 2014 Jordan, Israel, Palestinian Territories, Turkey and Greece. Tour Leaders: Rev Anthony Dean cm & Dr Rosemary Cavanagh. **Information Session: Saturday 12 April at 2.00pm** RSVP & further information: Jenny Delahunt T: 9412 3314 E: [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au)

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** This weekend is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship in a very positive way. There is no group sharing. Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together in the first place. Your marriage deserves that kind of attention. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **2014 weekend dates : 13-15 June, 15-17 August and 21-23 November** in Melbourne. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. For further information and bookings: **Contact** Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

### Easter Timetable

Wednesday 9 April	7.30pm	Lent Reconciliation	St Anne's Church
Saturday 12 April	6.00pm	Palm Sunday	St Anne's Church
Sunday 13 April	8.30am	Palm Sunday	St Anne's Church
	10.30am	Palm Sunday	St Anne's Church
	5.30pm	Palm Sunday	OLMC Church
Thursday 16 April	7.30pm	Holy Thursday	St Anne's Church
Friday 17 April	9am	Way of the Cross	OLMC
	10am	Inter church Service	Memorial Hall, Sunbury
	3pm	Passion of our Lord	St Anne's Church
Saturday 18 April	10am	Lent Reconciliation	OLMC
	7.30pm	Easter Vigil	St Anne's Church
Sunday 19 April		normal Sunday Mass times	

### ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

**NO ALTAR CARE DURING LENT** **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Raquel Handley & Candice Bowen St Anne's Church - Megan Feain Joy O'Connor Joe & Mary Kloss **COUNTERS:** Bernie Owens Mary Reay Mary Alkemade **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Mary Wicks **LECTORS:** Julie Reddan Mick Hetherington Peter Readman Barry McAloney Michael McConville Terry Sweeney Teresa Quin Paul Fanning **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **6.00pm** Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharm Jean Skillecorn Dawn Westwood Sue Wight Diana & Albert Mastramico **8.30am** Tom Allen Angelo Snell Elizabeth Falzon Andrew Swann Lloyd D'Crus Glenda Shanahan Katherine Thompson Christine Cassar **10.30am** Nesta Pardo Julie Reddan Mary Thomas Aileen & Terry Sweeney Kathy Porter **Assistance Required** **5.30pm** Maria Mallia Alan Slocombe Paul Fanning