



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
Wed: 9.15am St Anne's
Fri: 9.15am St Anne's

Reconciliation

St Anne's Saturday 10am—10.30am
(Fr Bert)

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.

4 May 2014—Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm Response

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;
Make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Jenette BLIGHT Brendan BULL Mikyle CARUSO Mary DACACIS Ted FANNING Kate HONNER Vicki HEATH Judith IBRAHIM Pat JEFFREY Gerard MAHONY Anne MAMO Tristan MAMO Maria MEVISSSEN Teresa MILLETT Jack REDDAN William RIMERATA Peter RYAN Irma TAKAKIS

Anniversaries: Laura CLARK Rev Desmond DANIELS Tom DUGGAN Alex MATHEW

KAIROS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND

Liturgy

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus outlines the Christian way. The Great Sermon is the **Magna Carta**, the blueprint of Christian spirituality. His instruction concerning **prayer**, has this to say. *'And whenever you pray, don't be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.'* (Mt 6:5-6)

This instruction by Jesus must be understood in its proper context. Our religious behaviour must never be ostentatious. Almsgiving, fasting and prayers must never be done to attract attention to ourselves to win people's praise and admiration. Concerning prayer, Jesus is not saying we should refrain from public worship: he is alerting us to the danger of wrong motives.

While it is good for me to pray in private and develop a personal relationship with my God, it is equally good for me to remember that I belong to God's family, the people of God. It is good for me to join in prayer with others who share my faith. In public worship I get a sense of belonging and a feeling that I am not alone. There is support out there for me; and I can support others by my presence and participation. There is a time to pray alone and a time to pray, sing and worship with my fellow Christians. There is a time and place for every purpose under heaven.

The word '**liturgy**' is derived from the Greek '**leiturgia**' meaning literally '**the work of the people**'. During the Easter Vigil this truth, viz '**that liturgy is the work of the people**' struck me forcefully. Yes, I was the priest out front leading the ritual, but I was conscious of the back-up work of many others. The secretary and the liturgy team had been heavily involved in the planning stage. The paschal candle had been specially chosen and purchased; so had all those individual non-drip candles. Someone had put their hand up to prepare the paschal fire. The musicians had spent much time in preparation and practice. The coordinator of the altar servers had done likewise, preparing them for service. Lectors, collectors, special ministers of Holy Communion...all did their part. The priest did his part, but he was mindful that many others had made – and were making – their contribution.

Week in and week out we come together in public worship. Even the least of us plays his or her part. Time is set aside specifically for Church. Other things are put on hold. We come to contribute to the assembly by our presence and active participation. We arrive at Church and everything is ready to proceed. A good number do that little bit extra as ministers of one kind or another. Someone opens up the Church and sets up for Mass, then stays behind to lock up. We should never take each others' contribution to liturgy for granted. Liturgy is a team effort. We, individually, left to ourselves, would be the poorer.

....Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

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

Aldree BANTING
Zeph POHLNER

We joyfully welcome them into our parish Community.



MAY MASS COUNT: the Christian denominations each May collect data on the numbers of Australians who take part in Sunday worship. Our collectors will be counting us at each of the May masses.

MORNING TEA this Sunday will be hosted by the Neighbourhood of Sunbury West.



MEETING FOR MINISTERS OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Friday 9 May 9.45am (after mass) in the Parish Centre.

PROJECT COMPASSION : Project Compassion boxes should be returned at your earliest convenience, so funds can be sent to Caritas Australia for distribution. Please place in collection plate during Mass. Thank you for your generosity.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S: meeting is scheduled for Monday night 5th May at 7.00pm in the back of St Anne's Church.

FIRST COMMUNION: children will begin to receive the sacrament of Eucharist on 17/18 May at 6pm, 10.30am and 5.30pm masses



24/25 May at 6pm, 10.30am and 5.30pm, masses and 31 May/1 June at 6pm, 10.30am and 5.30pm masses. Please keep these children in your prayers.

FOUNDATION YEAR 2015 AT OUR SCHOOLS: Interviews of parents and children have commenced and continue until Friday 30 May at the Parish Office. It is essential the prospective student attends with the parents or guardians.

COMMISSIONING MASS SVDP: will be held on Sunday 18 May at 8.30am mass. To be confirmed.

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

"THE MYSTERY OF THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST" TAPESTRY

At our Annual Parish Assembly last September the Parish Team of Bingo volunteers (Graeme, Gary, Ray, Robert and Tony) announced they were donating this tapestry. These very generous volunteers are now in their 22nd year of serving our Parish every Thursday night.

Our Church Renewal Group resumed its work in February 2013, met on many occasions and researched church tapestries both in Melbourne and overseas. We chose Judy and over the months the design evolved.

We also thank Randall Lindstrom our liturgical architect for his input. Finally over recent months, our installers, Tony and Mario have communicated with Judy by email often and have spent several days and nights last week installing the tapestries.

The Paschal Mystery (Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection) is the key-stone of our faith.

These tapestries will be blessed at the 8.30am Mass this Sunday.

A PERSONAL NOTE: After 14 days in hospital, I am now in respite at our Priests' Hostel which is supported by your contributions to the First Collection—thank you. Please continue to pray for my recovery. Thank you for your prayers and good wishes.

.....Kevin McIntosh

PARISH GROUPS (OUR YEAR OF FAITH):

All parishioners belonging to any group are warmly welcomed to a gathering on **Tuesday May 6 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.** There we will discuss the commencement of the **PMN (Parish Meeting Night) Initiative.**



FEAST OF THE VISITATION: The Maltese Gharb Club of Melbourne invites you to celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St Elizabeth on Sunday 1 June at St Bernadette's Catholic Community Centre, Cooke Ave, North Sunshine. Mass at 2.30pm celebrated by Fr John Taliana. Followed by a social function in the foyer.

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 know 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 WINTER INTENSIVE: Jesus Suffering and Ours: The Gospel Stories of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection Lecturer: Rev. Dr Michael Trainor AM Six Days: 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 July 10.00am – 5.00pm Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Audit students welcome RSVP & further information: Jenny Delahunt Phone: 9412 3314 Email: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

Wednesday 21 May at 7.30pm Bishop Paul Bird CSsR Living Liturgy: The Vision of Vatican II Bookings and Info :Email jill.allen@ctc.edu.au or phone 9412 3304.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church—Gail Ryan **CLEANING:** OLMC Church—Deborah Hoey St Anne's Church - Lisa Crotty Mark & Chris Perry **COUNTERS:** Julie Reddan Anne McCormick **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Julie Reddan **LECTORS:** Julie Reddan Peter Readman Michael McConville 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 **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Will Honner **Assistance Required**