



# 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 Liturgy of the Word- St Anne's  
Wed: 12.30pm OLMC  
Frid: 9.15am St Anne's

## Reconciliation

St Anne's Church 10.00am - 10.30am

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh  
Assisting Priest: Rev Bert Fulbrook SDB.  
Deacon: Rev Linh Pham  
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  
OLMC Principal : Paul Hogan  
Baptisms: Celebrated on Sundays.  
Please contact the Parish Office for details of the next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

## 13 July 2014- 15th Sunday Ordinary Time

### Psalm Response

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

## LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Gina BOSCOLO Mary DACAKIS Ted FANNING Merrill GODFREY Eileen HEAD Kate HONNER Anna & Doug HUTCHISON Anne MAMO Tristan MAMO Maria MEVISSEN Sr Barbara PEDLEY Jack REDDAN Evelyn SKILLECORN Irma TAKAKIS Fr Justin WOODFORD

**Recently Deceased:** Stuart KERR Dorothy POLETTI Alex SPITERI Bart TOOHEY

**Anniversaries:** Jermael HIPOLITO Louizena RODRIGUES

**Special Collection this weekend**

**Peter's Pence**

**Annual Collection for the Holy Father's Humanitarian Relief**

This coming Wednesday, 16 July, is the official feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and ten days later is the feast of Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne. Because the festivals of both our parish patrons occur so close together we will celebrate our parish festival next weekend. Also on Wednesday all members of all our parish groups are invited to come to our first Parish Meeting Night at St. Anne's School, beginning with prayer together at 7.30. Each group will then hold its meeting for an hour within the school buildings, followed by supper together.

Our parish festival and meeting night are very much in keeping with the 800 year old family oriented traditions of the communities of Saint Mary of Mt. Carmel and the extended family of Jesus. There are two fundamental principles at work in these traditions:

First, the genuine recognition that we are all brothers and sisters in one extended family. Being a member of a family brings us rights and responsibilities. We can rightfully expect that all our family members will show interest in us, be aware of us and of what is happening in our lives, care for us, provide friendship and practical support, rejoice with us in our good times, sustain and comfort us in our sorrows. For this to be a reality, and not mere words or a pious ideal, each of us has the responsibility to take an active part in the life of the family. At one level, this simply means 'turning up' for family gatherings, and making simply 'turning up' a priority when choosing how we spend our time. At a deeper level it means bringing our giftedness, wisdom, skills, compassion, material resources, to the support of our brothers and sisters. This sounds obvious and self-evident, but it is certainly not easy. It is precisely the willingness to forego our own independent freedom of choice [sacrifice] in order to participate in the common family life which Saint Paul presents to us as the foundation stone of the Gospel of the Christ. It is precisely this that Eucharist re-presents [makes present again] for us, and it is precisely by participating in the common [communion] family life that we emerge into that greater peace, freedom and fullness of life which Jesus proclaims - this is the establishment, here and now, of God's kingdom. Of course we can always choose not to participate, just to live loosely on the margins, while retaining our individual freedom. We all know of family situations in which this occurs, but ultimately this is not life-giving either to us or to our family.

Second, by the way we actively participate in the life of this extended family, to provide a practical demonstration and invitation to others of the reality of God's loving participation in the life of each person, of all human history and of all creation. This responsibility is called 'prophetic witness'. Life only comes to fullness in us to the extent that we give it away to others. We see this powerfully expressed in today's reading from Isaiah - God's word is always powerful and fruitful. Paul reminds us that the joy and freedom which we experience as people who are 'in Christ', even in the midst of difficulties and suffering, are to extend to the whole of creation which is in the process of 'giving birth' to 'eternal' [fullness of divine] life. As he sits in the boat Jesus sets out the difficulties, the apparent uncertainty but ultimate and abundant fruitfulness, of the life-giving task of his disciples: 'Imagine that you are a sower going out to sow . . .'

..... Richard Hallett

**PARISH MEETING NIGHT:** The first PMN will take place on this Wednesday night at 7.30pm, gathering in the library at St Anne's school. Please park in the Stewarts Lane Car Park.

**PARISH GROUP CARDS:** at all Masses last weekend, cards were handed out to those interested in being part of a Parish Group. Would any further volunteers willing to join please place your completed card either in the collection plates or drop them into the Parish Office over the next few weeks. Someone from the Parish Group will contact you shortly after return of the forms.

**ST ANNE'S BANNERS:** the one panel directly to the left of the cross will change with each season of the Church's year. We have celebrated the joy of Easter and the panel was adorned with gold and white, depicting the hope of the Resurrection. The panel is now in the green colour of Ordinary time, a time that is not unimportant but a time when weeks are numbered in order. It is a time for prayer, reflection and growth which extends to the season of Advent.

**KINDA KINDER:** will resume in the Parish Centre on 22 July after the Victoria University holidays. Parents with children aged from 0 to 5 years are welcome at this weekly program.

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE:** Study Tour and Pilgrimage: "The Experience of Catholic Culture" 3 September – 3 October 2015 Ireland, Scotland, England and Italy. Tour Leaders: Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OM and Dr Frances Baker SMC. Details on College website at [www.ctc.edu.au](http://www.ctc.edu.au) **Information Session at Catholic Theological College: Saturday 26 July at 2.00pm** RSVP & further information: Jenny Delahunt T: 9412 3314 E: [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au)

**DATES TO KEEP FREE FOR THE PARISH:** OLMC Youth Group are organizing some Parish Activities. All Parishioners are invited to attend the activities and be part of the vibrant community we share.

Saturday 26 July	6.00pm	Christmas in July	Parish Centre
Friday 10 October	5pm-7pm	Family Disco Night	Parish Centre
Sunday 19 October	11.15am	Multicultural Day	Parish Centre
Sunday 7 December	11.15am	Youth Christmas Carols	Parish Centre

Are you new to the Parish? Changed Address in the last year? Need Thanksgiving offering envelopes or make changes to your current pledge? Please let us know as we would like to hear from you! Please complete the details below, detach from the Newsletter and drop in the collection plate. The Parish Secretary will be in contact with you shortly.

Name:  
Address:  
Phone:  
Email:

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY DANCE:** OLMC Youth Group will be hosting Christmas in July Dance in the Parish Centre on Saturday 26 July from 6pm. Tickets cost \$15. Pizza and drink provided with cost of ticket.

**MORNING TEA:** our next Morning Tea will be after 8.30am Mass on **Sunday 20 July** to celebrate our **Parish Feast Day**. Old Town Neighbourhood will be hosting. Please bring a plate to share.

#### MEETINGS:

Monday 14 July	7pm	St Vincent de Paul	St Anne's Church
Wednesday 16 July	4pm	School Age Children Baptism Prep	St Anne's Church

**SVDP SUNBURY CONFERENCE:** would like to thank all parishioners for your generous donation to our Winter Appeal. We raised \$7,362 which will be used to assist the people we serve in our local community. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for us.

**PRIESTS' ASSOCIATION ENDORSED AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS ON ASYLUM SEEKERS:** Our bishops put out a statement on 8 May 2014 speaking to the entire Australian community urging respect for the rights of asylum seekers. The bishops questioned is there an underlying attitude of racism and also of the selfishness of the rich. The bishops call on parliamentarians of all parties to turn away from harsh policies to the path of a realistic compassion that deals with both human need and electoral pressure. They "call on the nation as a whole to say no to the dark forces which make these policies possible. The time has come to examine our conscience and then to act differently". The full text is available on the Catholic Bishops' Conference website.

The Australian Council of Priests endorsed the bishops' statement on 14 May 2014.

**TWO PEACEMAKER POPES—JOHN XXIII AND FRANCIS:** Both have stepped over the barriers of ideology or religion to evoke bonds of a common humanity committed to promoting the wellbeing of all people, especially the poor and marginalized.

John XXIII was a stretcher bearer in the First World War and saw first hand the carnage of war and human suffering. In April 1963, he published his encyclical "Peace on Earth" (Pacem in Terris) in which he called for dialogue between different political systems to lessen the chance of another frightful war.

Pope Francis is seeking a similar path as capitalism struggles to manage gross inequalities in living standards. He used to visit the poor areas in Buenos Aires. (full text—"Eureka Street" 23 April 2014).

Inequality is present in our own country. The Business Review Weekly states the top seven richest Australians own \$56 billion while 4,500,000 Australians at the other end, own \$54 billion. (Australian Bureau of Statistics).

**POPE FRANCIS: "I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING ON MY OWN":** On 30th June, in an interview with Italian daily "Il Messaggero", the Pope was asked what was his plan. He replied "The plan I follow is what the Cardinals have requested during the General Congregations before the Conclave (March 2013) ..... My decisions are the fruit of the pre Conclave meetings. I haven't done anything on my own" (English translation by Zenit 2 July 2014).

**OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY:** we offer to Elaine Spiteri as her younger son Alex entered eternal life last weekend. Alex the son of Elaine and the late Mark became a child of God when he was baptized in our parish on 8 February 1998, a brother to Trae and Jayde. Alex attend St Anne's School and Sunbury College. His Funeral Mass on Friday was attended by a very large gathering of his family and friends.

#### ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

**ALTAR CARE:** St Anne's Church—Gail Ryan Narelle Anderson Lynne Dillon Julie Wright Joanne Spiteri **CLEANING:** OLMC Church—Natalasha & Angelo Snell St Anne's Church—Nil **COUNTERS:** Judith Ibrahim Tony Tanti Ian Burnside **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Mary Wicks **LECTORS:** Mick Hetherington Della Oswald Elizabeth Falzon Christine Wallace **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm** Pauline Sharma Jean Skillecorn Maree Walsh Dawn Westwood Moira Sullivan Mary Baensch Sahi Nair **8.30am** Kathy Thompson Carmel & Jo Wiegerink Tom Allen Lloyd D'Crus Glenda Shanahan Colin & Coreen Wilson **10.30am** Julie Reddan Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Joshua Debenham Johanna Fahey Sr Jose Noy **5.30pm** Rita Rocco Alan Slocombe Maria Mallia