

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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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: 9.15am St Anne's

10.30am Funeral Mass-Marianna Batosik

Frid: 9.15am St Anne's

Reconciliation
OLMC Church 10.00am –10.30am
Every Saturday

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
OLMC Principal: Paul Hogan

Baptisms: Celebrated on Sundays.

Please contact the Parish Office for details of the

next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

# 24 August 2014– Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

#### **Psalm Response**

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

### **LET US PRAY FOR**

Sick: Mary BUCHANAN Rosemary CHISHOLM Mary DACAKIS Alex & Auring DONALDSON Anna & Doug HUTCHISON Bill JANNER Frank JANSEN Fr Kevin MCINTOSH Anne & Tristan MAMO Maria MEVISSEN Teresa MILLETT Jack REDDAN Mariella SCHEMBRI Evelyn SKILLECORN Irma TAKAKIS Conchita YAPIT

**Recently Deceased:** Marianna BARTOSIK Sr Cathleen GAFFY OSH

**Anniversaries:** Douglas JACOB

## **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Two Sundays ago, we listened to Peter losing faith and sinking while attempting to walk on the water due to the buffeting of the waves. Today Peter makes his profession of faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Like us, Peter had his ups and downs in his faith journey. Later, he will deny knowing Christ on Good Friday. After the resurrection, Peter will again express his love for Christ and be given a leadership role in the Church.

Keys are a symbol of authority that Jesus gave Peter and the 266 popes following Peter. Let us hold our present Pope Francis in prayer in his daunting responsibility.

Pope Francis has asked people to join him in prayer after he found out last Tuesday that two of his little great nephews, Antonio and Joseph and their mother Valeria were killed in a car accident in Argentina. His nephew Emanuel is seriously ill in hospital.

May all of us recall the authority each of us exercises— we all live under authority and we all have authority at home, at work, in our society. May we exercise that authority with wisdom and compassion.

**Paul VI's Encyclical "Ecclesiam Suam" August 1964:** Pope Paul built on the work of Pius XII who in 1943 taught the Church was not just a wooden institution but something dynamic in which everyone was a member of the one body of Christ. The Church was not just priests and bishops—it's all of us.

Fifty years ago Pope Paul ushered in a new stage in our understanding of the Church that the world and the church "should meet together, get to know one another and learn to love one another." (No 3). The Church exists to serve the world and to learn from the world. The Pope was not naïve. "The fact we are distinct from the world does not mean we are entirely separated from it. Nor does it mean we are indifferent to it, afraid of it or contemptuous of it" (No 63)

The way to be open to others was dialogue. The relationship which God established with humanity was a dialogue. Prayer is a dialogue. Pope Paul wrote of concentric circles of dialogue beginning with all humanity, other faiths, other Christians, and finally the Church. Pope Francis often quotes Pope Paul when he speaks of the Church as a servant. (adapted from article by Archbishop Kevin McDonald of London, August 2014)

Christians now the Most Persecuted group in the World: A major 106 page study of 170 sources over 14 years of reports found that the "overwhelming majority" of victims of religious persecution today are Christians in countries from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. Some entire Christian communities have been wiped out, such acts being "tolerated by central governments." The report was by the ecumenical group Maranatha

**Pokie Clubs lobby at Elections:** In 2011, the gambling industry to which each Australian on average loses \$961 a year, targeted federal Labour marginal seats. In 2014, the industry is targeting 22 state Liberal marginal seats in Victoria because the Napthine government last year increased the tax from pokies by 4.2%.

The gambling industry is a very powerful lobby. They claim they put back \$300 million back into the community– most of this is normal business expensed– wages, capital works, etc. They claim they give \$60 million to charity, most of this is to special interests, like the football departments of AFL clubs.

Pokes cause considerable damage in Sunbury according to our local welfare groups, such as suicide, divorce, bankruptcies, depression, etc.

Taxes to the state for fixing child protection, mental health provision, etc. are better than improving an AFL teams performance.

(cf Tim Costello, chairman of Australian Churches Gambling Taskforce, August 2014)
.....Kevin McIntosh

**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 Tucker 9746 3294.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY: will be held in St Anne's Primary School on Saturday 6 September at 9.00am. All parishioners are welcome to submit a proposal for the Parish Assembly to address. Please collect a form from the parish office or write your concern in the form of a letter and leave at the parish office for the assembly to address.

**CONFIRMATION:** children and their families from our parish will be celebrating Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral today. Please keep them all in your prayers.

**URGENT PRAYERS NEEDED:** the Melbourne Archdiocese has received a heartfelt plea for prayers and action for the Christians in Iraq. You may be aware of the plight of the Christians in Iraq being persecuted and under threat because of their faith. Please continue to pray for those who are persecuted because of their love of Christ our Lord. May a peaceful resolution present itself. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:1-12)

Pleas have also come from the people of Gaza for peace to come to their region of the world. War can only be overcome by peace. Please continue to pray for peace. This world has too many conflicts and uprisings. It is time for peace in this world. May all good people in the world unite in prayer for peace for all.

Copies of both letters are on the Noticeboard in St Anne's Church foyer.

#### **NATIONAL DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES:**

next weekend is national day for migrants and refugees. The Melbourne Archdiocese has two special events to note.

- Colloquium on Ethics and Migration talk on Thursday 28 August from 7.30pm-9pm at Australian Catholic University, Brunswick St, Fitzroy
- 100th world day of Migrants and Refugees "Towards a Better World" Annual Mass Sunday 31 August 2.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral

Information will be on the Noticeboard in St Anne's Church.

TIME TO SHINE: is the name of the upcoming performance by Catholic Secondary School students. The performance will be staged on 13 September 2014 at noon and 5pm at the Palais Theatre, St Kilda. More than 300 secondary school students will present two hours of music, song and dance, showcasing their enormous talent. The program is rich, diverse and cosmopolitan with a taste of everything from Bollywood, *Riverdance* and African dance through to solo and choir-based renditions of contemporary and classic hits all to the sounds of a live orchestra. The entertainment line-up will be enriched by the guest appearance of internationally-acclaimed songstress Silvie Paladino. Tickets can be purchased through www.ticketmaster.com.au.

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

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

**THANK YOU:** to the generous parishioners who supported Catholic Mission. Our parish sends \$1627.10 to support the work of Catholic Mission overseas.



**WELCOME:** To Paul Craig as the new Baptist Pastor and Directior of Ministries. Paul and his wife Dawn have moved to Sunbury after sixteen years at Diamond Valley Baptist Church. Paul has been ministering in various churches in Victoria since 1980. He was inducted at Sunbury Baptist Church last Sunday.

**ST VINNIES:** are in urgent need of your **good** donations. For pick up phone **1800 621 329** or deliver to the shop at 156 O'Shanassy Street, Sunbury.

**CALLING ALL YOUTH:** the Archdiocese Office of Youth has some exciting special events coming up in the next few months. Flyers are up on the Noticeboard in St Anne's Church.

- Blueprint Workshop Day will be held on Saturday 30 August from 10am-5pm
- Foundations in Catholic Social Teaching Monday 8,15,22,29 September
- Mission Expo II on Thursday 30 October from 7.30pm to 10pm Please refer to the flyers for further information.

Who may be able to assist with the Multicultural Day coming up on Sunday 19 October. If you can help, please call the Parish Office on 9744 1060 to let us know. We look forward to this annual event as it brings our multicultural community together to share food and talents. It is always a friendly and happy event. We look forward to as many parishioners participating as possible.

#### **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

Monday 25 August 2pm Historical Committee St Anne's Meeting Room

& Social Justice Committee

Monday 25 August 7pm St Vincent de Paul St Anne's Meeting Room Thursday 28 August 7pm St Vincent de Paul– Regional St Anne's Meeting Room

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:

#### **ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND**

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church—Michelle Dunlop Roselle Duckworth Sue Sexton Ann Twomey Levit De Andrade CLEANING: OLMC Church—Mary Alkemade St Anne's Church—Nil COUNTERS: Bernie Owens Mary Reay Mary Alkemade GIFT SHOP: Dolly Causer Mary Wicks LECTORS: Patricia Altair Colin & Coreen Wilson Sam Custodio Christine Wallace MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Garnet Jacob Angelo Snell Albert & Diana Mastramico Val McManus Sashi Nair 8.30am Lucy Foran Rex Jacob Andrea Luckett Lili Lupa Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Kathy Thompson 10.30am Aileen & Terry Sweeney Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Johanna Fahey Cathy Gay Julie Reddan Anthony Aboud 5.30pm Daniel Baldwin Paul Fanning Will Honner