



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,
SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy Times this Week

Sat	6pm	St Anne's
Sun	8.30am	St Anne's
	10.30am	St Anne's
	5.30pm	St Anne's
Mon	9.15am	Liturgy of Word
Tue	10.00am	St Anne's— Australia Day
Wed	No Mass	
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
Fri	9.15am	St Anne's
	2.30pm	St Anne's
		Funeral Mass— Nic De Ridder

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 10.00am—10.30am OLMC

24 January 2016

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners
Alleluia!

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh

Assisting Priest: Rev Bert Fulbrook SDB

Pastoral Assoc.: Sr Jose Noy RSJ

Pastoral Coord: Lyn Plummer

St Anne's Primary School: 9744 3055

Principal: Noelene Hussey

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344

Principal: Paul Hogan

Baptisms celebrated on Sundays.

Please contact the Parish Office for details of the
next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Carmel BRENNAN Jeff LEONARD Sean
McINTYRE Lawrence MILLETT Winston MILLETT
Michael RAJAH Jean SKILLECORN Mary VICTOR

Recently Deceased: Nic DE RIDDER Shirley
MULLINS Fr John WOODCOCK

Anniversaries: Lydia AZZOPARDI Giovanna
BRULLO Rose CHETCUTI Jimmy DIMOPOULOS
James GATT Maryanne & Anthony MAGRO Doris
O'BRIEN Allan OSWALD Gerard QUIN John
RODRIGUES Maryanne & Grezio SCHEMBRI
Frank TWYCROSS

YEAR C – THE YEAR OF LUKE

Welcome to the Year of Luke's Gospel. Most Sundays of 2016 we will hear the priest say, **'A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.'** The gospels of Matthew (Year A), Mark (Year B) and Luke (Year C) are called **Synoptic Gospels** because they see eye-to-eye and have much in common. But they vary in length: Matthew (28 chapters); Mark (16 chapters); Luke (24 chapters). They also vary in narrative, material and style. Luke, in particular, is unique in what he offers the reader.

To Luke we Christians owe thanks for the stories featuring Mary the Mother of Jesus. We have the following narratives:

The story of the annunciation, where the angel tells Mary that she has been chosen by God to be the mother of his Son,

The story of the visitation, where Mary visits Elizabeth and praises God in the **'Magnificat'**

The story of the angels appearing to the shepherds in the fields at the birth of Jesus,

The story of Jesus at the age of 12 being lost and found in the temple.

In all these stories Mary plays a prominent part. Luke also provides us with many other stories and parables found only in his gospel.

The raising of the widow's son at Nain (7:11-17)

John the Baptist still wondering if Jesus is the one who is to come (7:18-23)

The story of Simon the Pharisee who is shocked by Jesus' allowing the sinful woman to touch him, anointing him, pouring tears over his feet, kissing them and wiping them with her hair (7:36-50)

The story of the Good Samaritan (10: 25-37)

The story of Martha and Mary (10:38-42)

The parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the prodigal son (chapter 15)

The parable of the cunning steward (16:1-9)

The parable of the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus (16: 19-31)

The story of ten lepers, only one of whom (a Samaritan) returned to thank Jesus for his cure (17: 11-19)

The story of the boastful Pharisee and the humble tax collector (18:9-14)

The story of Zacchaeus (19:1-10)

The list could go on and on...into the passion narrative and into the resurrection stories, the highlight of which is the story of the Emmaus journey of two despondent and dejected disciples (24:13-35). To them Jesus reveals God's plan of salvation.

One feature of Luke's gospel is the number of times we see Jesus at table enjoying a meal in a social setting. It is interesting to note that the two disciples on the way to Emmaus failed to recognise Jesus until they sat down at table with him. We are told they recognised him at the breaking of the bread. Robert Karris has written a book, which I hope to purchase. The title of the book is: **'Eating Your Way through the Gospel of Luke'**. Brendan Byrne SJ is the author of another book that highlights Jesus enjoying table fellowship. The title of his book is: **'The Hospitality of God'**. For those interested in understanding the Gospel of Luke, I am toying with the idea of offering a series of talks on Luke later in the year. Each Sunday this year we will be served a **'snippet'** from Luke's gospel. Robert Karris suggests that unless we understand Luke's gospel as a whole and have a feel where Luke is taking us, we will fall into **'snippititis'**. To me that sounds like a disease to be avoided at all cost.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb



CENTENARY OF SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH—2016: After a great meeting last Thursday, we are seeking those who would like to share their memories of the Josephites in Sunbury. We would also like to hear from those who are able to help on the day. Please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY : as last year, our Sunday Evening Mass at 5.30pm during these two months of summer will be celebrated in St Anne's Church which has air-conditioning for the health of those taking part.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS: the first Friday of the month there will be a Praise and Worship service at St Anne's Church from 7pm—8.15pm. This service will be organized by our OLMC Youth group. Please support their efforts.

AN EVERYDAY HERO: My name is Rebecca Livingstone and I wanted to get in touch with you as I'm about to complete a huge personal challenge. On April 16th & 17th I am participating in a very special event called **The Weekend to End Women's Cancers™**. I'll walk approximately 60 kilometres in two days in order to raise money for the Peter MacCallum foundation. My goal is to raise \$2000 for cancer research. The funds I raise will help equip some of Australia's **leading cancer researchers** with the specialised tools and equipment needed to help make **breakthroughs** in the search for new cancer cures. It will help raise funds to find **new** and **better** ways to **prevent, detect, and treat** cancers. I want fewer people to ever have to face a cancer diagnosis. I want cancer treatment to be more **effective**, and less gruelling. I want more people to survive cancer. And I think the best way to do that is to raise funds for Australia's largest cancer research base, **Peter Mac**. In order to raise money I am running a Charity Golf Day on February 7th at the Goonawarra Golf Club. At the event I am hoping to run a raffle and am hoping that you would be able to generously donate anything that we could include as part of the raffle prizes. I am also writing to extend an invite for anyone to attend my golf day as I believe it will be a great event for our community. Please get involved or if you wish to make a donation please call the parish office on 9744 1060 for details.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we extend to Jacqui De Ridder and her four children as her husband Nic entered eternal life last Wednesday after a long illness. His funeral will begin with Vigil Prayers on Thursday at 7.30pm in St Anne's Church, continuing next day with Mass at 2.30pm and concluding with Committal at Sunbury Cemetery.

THANKS AND FAREWELL: we extend to Kathryn Lara who has resigned for family reasons as pastoral associate in our parish. We thank her for her contribution in the Religious Education in our parish and wish her and her family well for the future.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY: to Father Brian McMahon PE, who was the first of only two parishioners in 105 years to be ordained a priest for our Melbourne Church. Fr Brian retired as parish priest of Reservoir East five years ago and is now celebrating Masses in Kyneton and other places including our parish. We wish him peace and happiness in the future.



Happy Australia Day

The following children from our parish will be baptized this Sunday:
Massimo MISURACA
Xavier BROWN
We joyfully welcome them to our parish community of the Church



OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: During her "thank you" talk at our Masses in November, Nita Anggriawan from the LAP Care Group in Jakarta made the following comment about the Parish's donations to help the children living with HIV AIDS **"With your contribution, not only you give them a chance to have a better quality of life as a child, but also bring them hope that no matter what their conditions are, they can still have their dream, and when their time in this world is up, at least they know that somebody cares"** Your generous support at our fundraising appeal at all Masses – on the 6th/7th Feb would again help the LAP Group to continue their crucial work. Thank you Mick Hetherington, Frank O'Connor, Julie Reddan and Tony Kiley on behalf of the Parish Coordinating Team.

**The Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
cordially invite you to join us in Thanksgiving
celebration for a Hundred Years of service
of the Sisters of St Joseph since 1916.**

**Commemorative Mass will be celebrated
at St Anne's Church**

on Sunday 21 February 2016 at 10.30am

**Light refreshments served at the convent to
renew acquaintances and share memories from
12.30pm**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and School will
be open from
2-3pm**

**Please bring a plate to share
tea and coffee will be provided**

RSVP by 8 February 2016 to Parish Office

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ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Lucette Debono St Anne's Church –Margaret Crooks Beth Girdwood Bernie Owens
COUNTERS Vern & Maureen Walters Kelly Stark **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Frances Arians **LECTORS:** Patricia Altair Tom Allen Moira Sullivan Teresa Quin **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **6.00pm** Garnet Jacob Paul Fanning Albert & Diana Mastramico Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon **8.30am** Colin & Coreen Wilson Tom Allen Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Liz Richards **10.30am** Moira Sullivan Grace Tucker Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis Assistance Required **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace