



# 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
	9.15am	St Anne's—Liturgy of Word
Mon	9.15am	St Anne's—Liturgy of Word
Tue	7.00pm	OLMC
Wed	9.30am	St Anne's— with school
	12.30pm	OLMC— with school
	6.30pm	St Anne's
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
	7.00pm	St Anne's— Youth Mass
Fri	9.15am	St Anne's

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday 10.00am—10.30am OLMC**

**7 February 2016**

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Psalm Response**

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises,  
Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you  
fishers of my people  
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 Movita CARAG Robyn  
HARVEY Judy HOGAN Jeff LEONARD Sean  
McINTYRE Alan MASTERSON Lawrence MILLETT  
Winston MILLETT Eddie SAMMUT Mary SCANOLN  
Mary VICTOR

**Recently Deceased:** Michael RAJAH Andy RAYSKI

**Anniversaries:** Georgina CHETCUTI Richard  
D'SOUZA Norberto GABALES Antonio GUSMAN  
John MCMAHON Carol MARTIN Benjamin &  
Lurdesmary RAJAH Donald SMITH Leo STEAD  
Tara STOKOV

## UNDERSTANDING SIN

Sin is a problem in our society today. Rather, the problem is that people are not aware that sin is part of their DNA. Over the last fifty years people have gradually become desensitised to sin in their lives. Their consciences have become numb and dull. More than fifty years ago Pope Pius XII said that the greatest sin of our age is the lack or loss of the sense of sin. It explains why less than 1% of Catholics frequent the sacrament of reconciliation. They have nothing to confess: so they think.

On the surface level of conscience sin is understood as the person having done something morally wrong or failing to do the right thing. These transgressions or omissions can be given specific names such as lies, theft, impatience, disobedience, or missing Mass. Not only can they be named but they can also be numbered. These named and counted sins are like bad fruit on a tree. We can pick them out, confess them, and get rid of them. Then we get on with life and they reappear again and again. Confession does not solve the problem. The Lenten call to repentance is a call to look at eradicating the problem by examining the root causes.

There is a traditional list of seven poisonous roots usually called the **Seven Capital Sins** which are causing the rot: pride, covetousness (greed), lust, envy, anger, gluttony, sloth (laziness). Every act of sin, every piece of bad fruit, can be traced back to its root source. The financial troubles of the world and the drug epidemic ruining the lives of the young can be traced back to covetousness (greed for money). The rich want to get richer. Enough is not enough. The rapes, the infidelity to one's spouse, sexual abuse...can be traced back to lust. Impatience and the loss of temper have their root source in anger. We can be rightfully angry; but how do we channel that righteous anger is another question. The alcohol problem of our society, the binge drinking, the violence that is the result of drunkenness, can all be traced back to their root source, gluttony. The shirking of one's duty, offloading onto others most of our responsibilities, not pulling our weight... all have their root source in sloth or laziness.

However, there is a deeper level of conscience which needs examination. How close am I to my God? What is my relationship to God? When Isaiah and Peter received a personal experience of God they were overwhelmed by the sense of their unworthiness, their sinfulness. *'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'* (Isaiah 6:5) *'Leave me, Lord, I am a sinful man.'* (Luke 5:8) A mature conscience makes one acutely sensitive to one's unworthiness in the sight of the All Holy God. Having been loved by God so much one has a sense of not having adequately responded to that love. It explains why saints have wept for their sinfulness even though they were not guilty of what we call outright sins. St Francis wept because **'LOVE is not loved.'** In the light of the saint's intimate relationship with God, to say *'I am a sinner'* is deeper than to say *'I have sinned.'*

Lent is on the horizon. Ash Wednesday is only three days away. In this **Year of Mercy** this should be a record year for our parish to experience the mercy of God by approaching the sacrament of reconciliation, either through individual confession or as part of a communal gathering in the second rite of reconciliation. Lent is a good time for us to repair our relationship with God and the people in our lives.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** *Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!* Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.* **2016 Melbourne weekend dates : 8-10 April, 17-19 June, 19-21 Aug, 11-13 Nov**

**Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.**

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733

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**PARISH MEETING NIGHT WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 7.30PM ST ANNE'S CHURCH— ALL WELCOME**

**JOSEPHITE CENTENARY WORKING BEE SATURDAY 13**

**FEBRUARY 2016:** in order to prepare the Convent for the celebrations planned for the 21 February, a working bee has been scheduled between 9am and 12 noon on Saturday 13 February at the Convent of St Joseph, 37 Macedon St, Sunbury.

Please bring the following tools and equipment, if you have them, otherwise just yourselves and everyone will be made welcome; gloves, rakes, spades and brooms. Thank you for your participation and for further information call Jo Wiegerink on 9744 5788.

**LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM:** A program for small group prayer and reflection will be held during Lent. The first group will be each Thursday after morning Mass (10am), lead by Fr Bert starting on 11 February. The second gathering will be Thursday evenings 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

Both will be held in St Anne's Church meeting room. A small cost will cover the resources. All are welcome and need to register at the Parish Office (9744 1060) as resources need to be purchased.

**OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT:** a fundraising appeal to assist the LAP Group in Jakarta to continue their critical work will be held at all Masses this weekend. Thank you again for your continued support...Mick Hetherington, Frank O'Connor, Julie Reddan and Tony Kiley on behalf of the Parish Coordinating Team.

**MORNING TEA:** special invitation from the LAP fundraising team to get together over morning tea after the 8.30am mass this Sunday. Everyone welcome.

**THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:** advise that the restoration of the Aboriginal paintings has been completed. The paintings are located along the passage way beside the Piety Stall in St Anne's Church. This work was able to be undertaken without changing the unique appearance of the paintings with support of Hume Council through the 2015 Community Grant and the workmanship of Ron Macdermid. We are also grateful to Mary Macdermid for matching paint for some minor touch ups. Thank you Ron and Mary.

**SALESIAN OPEN DAY:** will be held on Friday 12 February from 9.30am. Enquiries to 9744 0000.

**SALESIAN COLLEGE SUNBURY ENROLMENTS FOR 2017** Close on 29 February. As there were too many applications last year for the 232 places in Year 7, late applications can be unsuccessful.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** will be celebrated at the Baptist Church, Gap Rd, Sunbury on 4 March at 7.30pm. A great opportunity to gather with our Christian brothers and sisters of Sunbury. All Welcome.

**MASS IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM:** at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 16 February at 11am. Principal Celebrant Bishop Vincent Long. All are welcome.

**NORTHERN REGION YOUTH CELEBRATION:** The Northern Region of our diocese comprising of about seventy parishes is holding a Mass and gathering in our St Anne's Church led by Bishop Terry Curtin, our Regional Bishop on Thursday 11 February at 7pm. All youth are invited.

The following children from our parish will be baptized this Sunday:

Amelie LEWIS

Maddie QUIRKE

We joyfully welcome them to our parish community of the Church

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday 10 February	5.30pm	Parish Education Board
	7.30pm	Parish Monthly Meeting
Thursday 11 February	7.00pm	Northern Region Youth Gathering—St Anne's

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The local Regional Council of SVDP Society, who meet once a month in Sunbury, is in urgent need of a Secretary and a Treasurer. All training and equipment will be provided for these posts. You do not need to be a current member of the Society but will be required to complete a police check and Working with Children Check. Can you help? To volunteer or get more information please call the Regional President, Arthur Donovan on 0427 394 495.

**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 Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 9744 4029.

### 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 noon

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

9744 1060

**ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND**

**ALTAR CARE:** Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Jo Spiteri St Anne's Church —Lisa Crotty Chris Perry Narelle Anderson **COUNTERS** Kaye Roche Tony Tanti Ian Burnside **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS:** Michael Hetherington Peter Readman Michael McConville Christine Wallace **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 6.00pm Patricia & Angelo Altair Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Vicki Heath Paul Hogan Garnet Jacob Paul Fanning 8.30am Colin & Coreen Wilson Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Liz Richards Glenda Shanahan 10.30am Mimi Quattrone Sean Quigley Julie Reddan Anne Smith Sylvester D'Souza John & Sheila Stafford Moira Sullivan 5.30pm Alan Slocombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace

## Lent 2016

The Lenten season has a twofold character:

- It recalls baptism or prepares for it
- It stresses a penitential spirit

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced.

Hence,

- Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy
- The same approach holds for the penitential elements

During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social...

In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.

.....Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

### Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing one of the following:

- Prayer
- Self-Denial
- Helping Others

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain from meat (Canon 1252)

The season of Lent is a time of penance..

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once per year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 10 February and Trinity Sunday 22 May 2016 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift from our merciful Father. All the faithful are bound to confess any grave sins at least once per year.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** this year Caritas celebrates 50 years of the national Project Compassion campaign. Over the past 50 years Project Compassion has enabled Caritas to work in partnership with local communities in 118 countries. Your support has enabled Caritas Australia to assist marginalized communities throughout Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Pacific as well as Australia's First Peoples.

The theme for Project Compassion this year is **Learning More Creating Change**. During this Lenten season, the Church invites us to be more loving and generous with our time, our talents and our material possessions. Let God's abundant love motivate us to reach out to love others, family and friends, neighbours and those who need our compassionate love.

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE:** is a new monthly magazine which contains a wonderful variety of interesting and inspirational stories, along with commentary on contemporary issues. The price for an annual subscription is \$36. Please take a free copy from the Welcome Desk and enjoy the first edition of the new publication.

**TWILIGHT MOVIE ON THE GREEN:** Saturday 20 February from 6pm-10pm. This free community event will encourage families to BYO their own chairs, beanbags and rugs. Food trucks, face painting and entertainment will be available in the Village Green with a paper plane making competition starting from 7pm. The movie "Paper Planes", a nice family movie will start around 8pm, when the sun sets. Even if it rains, the show will be aired in Memorial Hall. Please come along and enjoy the community atmosphere.

**EASTER BISCUITS FOR VICTORIAN PRISONERS:** Christian Prison Fellowship will again provide every Victorian inmate with 10 Home made biscuits with an Easter card to show God loves them. 65000 biscuits are needed. Details on the noticeboard in our gathering space. Biscuits to be delivered to our parish office by 4 March.

**FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:** session for parents will be held in our Parish Centre on Tuesday 16 February at 7.30pm and Wednesday 17 February at 2pm.

### **Lenten Parish Liturgy Program:**

<b>Wednesday 10 February</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Masses 9.30am St Anne's; 12.30pm OLMC; 6.30pm St Anne's</b>
<b>Wednesday 16 March</b>	<b>Parish Reconciliation Celebration</b>	<b>St Anne's 7.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 24 March</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>St Anne's 7.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 25 March</b>	<b>Good Friday- Way of the Cross</b>	<b>OLMC 9.00am</b>
	<b>Good Friday- Veneration of Cross</b>	<b>St Anne's 3.00pm</b>
<b>Saturday 26 March</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>St Anne's 8.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday 27 March</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>St Anne's 8.30am, 10.30am, OLMC 5.30pm</b>

**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE POSITION:** in our parish is currently being advertised throughout our diocese. The position is mainly involved in Religious Education. An immediate start. Please contact the Parish Office for a detailed job description. Applications are to be sent to the Human Resources Office of Archdiocese of Melbourne, PO Box 146, East Melbourne 8002

**COMMISSIONING MASS:** at next Sunday's 10.30am Mass, we shall commission students, teachers, catechists and other parish staff as they take on positions of responsibility in our parish this year.

**FORMATION OF NEW PRIESTS:** Next Sunday eight new students to serve in our diocese of Melbourne will commence their formation in Carlton bringing to total of fifty students from Victoria and Tasmania at Corpus Christi College, which is building more rooms for the increased number. Last year our parishioners donated \$1643 to this building program.

### **4 FEBRUARY 2016 MEDIA STATEMENT FROM BISHOP VINCENT LONG OFM CONV, AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS DELEGATE FOR REFUGEES REGARDING THE HIGH COURT'S DECISION ON OFFSHORE PROCESSING**

"Following the High Court decision, the Australian Government's response to people seeking asylum—including babies born in Australia and their parents- should focus on protecting them from harm and respecting their human dignity."

"I urge the Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Minister for Immigration Peter Dutton to show compassion and mercy towards these families and not act in a way that will cause even more harm than has been done already."

"The Catholic Church is prepared to collaborate with other community organisations to provide support for asylum seekers."

"I urge the Australian Government to ensure that no child is subject to an unsafe and harmful environment and that no-one is returned to where they may face physical, psychological and sexual violence and harm."

"The Catholic Church opposes mandatory detention and offshore detention because these policy responses do not respect the dignity of people seeking our help."

"Governments have a responsibility to manage migration flows, but the Australian Government's current approach is harsh and should change."

Bishop Vincent Long is the Australian Catholic Bishops spokesman on refugees and a former refugee.

***Special Collection this  
Weekend  
Overseas Humanitarian  
Project***