



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	St Anne's—Liturgy of Word
Tue	7.00pm	OLMC
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
Fri	9.15am	St Anne's
	7.00pm	St Anne's Way of the Cross

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 10.00am—10.30am OLMC

14 February 2016

1st Sunday of Lent

Psalm Response

Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless
glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that
comes from the mouth of God.

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glory!

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: Alwyn BARRETT Carmel BRENNAN Movita
CARAG Robyn HARVEY Judy HOGAN Jeff
LEONARD Sean McINTYRE Alan MASTERS
Lawrence MILLETT Winston MILLETT Sean MOTT
Tess PARNIS Mary SCANLON Mary VICTOR

Recently Deceased: Vera LAIRD Fr Patrick
NEGRI SSS Fr John SPILLANE PE Gloria
VALVASON

Anniversaries: Fred & Margaret CARLSON
Michael O'FARRELL

***The merciful Father protect us
from evil; we must trust his
merciful love***

.....Lenten Program Resource 2016

JESUS— HUMAN LIKE US

Every first Sunday of Lent has the gospel account of Jesus being human having to face temptations from the devil. There are three temptations (Luke 4:1-13). The first temptation was to miraculously feed himself—is his ministry to be about himself or others? The second temptation was to dominate the world, not to be a servant, while the third temptation was about grandstanding, throwing himself off the top of the high Temple.

MODERN TEMPTATIONS

We can translate the three temptations of Jesus into saying: I want the whole world to satisfy me— be self-centered; I want to exercise power and control over others; I want to take stupid risks and be unharmed eg. Drink too much alcohol and drive too fast. The great spiritual writer, St Ignatius of Loyola tells us the worst temptations are greed, pride and riches (not sex).

DEALING WITH TEMPTATIONS

Temptation is not sin, and hence does not need to be forgiven. Sin only comes when we freely and knowingly choose to act on temptation. Temptations appear often as good, but are destructive in the end. The more we give into temptation, the easier it becomes and we develop sinful habits. Finally, temptations should be dismissed quickly.

LIVING LENT

The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.

Many of our parishioners began Lent well by participating in one of our three Masses in full churches on Ash Wednesday.

FR JOHN SPILLANE— A GENTLE PASTOR

Was a priest for 68 years before the Lord called him home last week. During his ministry, he was parish priest for 46 years at Doncaster, West Brunswick and finally West Essendon from where he retired at the age of 83 years in 2006. He was known to be gentle, kind and a great visitor to his parishioners in their homes. Fr Greg Bourke preached beautifully at Fr John's funeral last Thursday. Fr John and his group of close priest friends holidayed in northern New South Wales every year— no wonder he lived a long healthy life!

SALESIAN COLLEGE SUNBURY— YEAR 7 2017

The closing date for applications is Friday 26 February, not 29 February as mistakenly published last Sunday. As there were too many applications last year for the 232 places in Year 7, late applications can be unsuccessful.

.....Kevin McIntosh

PRAY TO LET THEM STAY: Tuesday 16 February, 11am-12 noon St Patrick's Cathedral, Cathedral Place, East Melbourne All are welcome at this special prayer service in support of refugees and people seeking asylum. It will be led by Bishop Vincent Long, ofm conv, himself a refugee to this country and now the Australian Catholic Bishops' spokesman on refugees. In response to Federal government plans to send 267 people seeking asylum from Australia to Nauru, a contingent of Catholic school students, teachers, parishioners, service providers and Catholic leaders will gather at St. Patrick's Cathedral in East Melbourne to show support and solidarity for the affected 267 people now facing an uncertain future. Please come along to participate in this liturgy for solidarity. #LetThemStay

THE EMMAUS PRAYER GROUP will join Fr. Bert's Lenten Program on Thursday mornings at 10.00 am until Easter in St Anne's Church.

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM: the week ahead.....

Jesus told us in St John's Gospel that there are many rooms inside his Father's house. There are indeed many rooms inside the Father's House of Mercy— empathy, trust, tenderness, acceptance, forgiveness, compassion and understanding.

Each week of this program, close your eyes and visit one of these 'rooms'. Jesus will be at the front door to welcome you and show you in.

CENTENARY OF SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH: will be celebrated next Sunday. The planning group has been large and very productive. A great article was in the "Sunbury Leader" last week.

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.

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.

RCIA: ANNOUNCE RITE OF ELECTION AT CATHEDRAL: today, the first Sunday of Lent our Candidates, their sponsors and families together with the RCIA Team will join hundreds of others at the Rite of Election at St Patrick's Cathedral at 2.30pm this afternoon. The Candidates and Catechumens are presented, on our behalf by their sponsors to the Archbishop and reaffirm their commitment to becoming members of the Catholic Community. It is a very moving ceremony which marks the beginning of an intense period of preparation for those who will be received into the Church, by Baptism, Confirmation and reception of the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil. If anyone is interested in attending this inspirational ceremony, you will be most welcome. Please contact Jo Wiegerink on 9744 5788 if you are interested in coming.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The local Regional Council of St Vincent de Paul 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.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY: to Carmen and Eddie Grech who began their marriage 50 years ago in Malta. May the Lord continue to be with you on your journey of life together.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 16 Feb	7.30pm	Information First Communion	Parish Centre
Wed 17 Feb	2.00pm	Information First Communion	Parish Centre
	3.00pm	Josephite Centenary Group	Convent
Frid 19 Feb	11.30am	Lenten Prayer Service Yr Prep-2	OLMC

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

Adelyn FIELDER

We joyfully welcome her to our parish community of the Church



LITURGY DURING LENT: during Lent, the liturgy will have small changes so as to differentiate the period of waiting from the normal "ordinary time" liturgy. There is no "Gloria" during Lent and the Gospel acclamation which normally begins with "Alleluia, Alleluia" will start with "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!". Also, during this Year of Mercy, the Liturgy team decided to keep the theme of mercy through the Prayers of the Faithful, the response will be "In your mercy, hear us".

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SERVICE: Wednesday 16 March at 7.30pm in St Anne's Church, we will have a Reconciliation Service. Normally we run a Penitential Service, but as Pope Francis has called for the Year of Mercy, we would like to encourage parishioners to take part in this special Lenten Service.

PARISH PLAYGROUP: will replace Kinder Kinda due to funding changes for the Victoria University Program. The sessions were a structured educational based play session. Due to the changes, we will now run an informal play session every Tuesday from 9am-10am in the Parish Centre starting 12 April 2016.

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

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ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Anne Smith **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Yvonne Sparks St Anne's Church –Nil **COUNTERS** John & Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim **GIFT SHOP:** Pat & Peter Readman John Porta **LECTORS:** Felicity Wicks Della Oswald Terry Sweeney Kevin Crowley **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **6.00pm** Albert & Diana Mastramico Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Carmel Prichard Barry Roberts **8.30am** Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson Assistance Required **10.30am** Grace Tucker Terry & Aileen Sweeney Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis **5.30pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco

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 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: 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", an emotional family movie will start around 8pm, when the sun sets. Even if it rains, the movie will be screened 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. Parents will be informed of the preparation program and be able to choose the date in May when they wish their child to begin receiving the Eucharist.

Lenten Parish Liturgy Program:

Fridays in Lent	Way (Stations) of the Cross	St Anne's 7.00pm
Wednesday 16 March	Parish Reconciliation Celebration	St Anne's 7.30pm
Thursday 24 March	Holy Thursday	St Anne's 7.30pm
Friday 25 March	Good Friday– Way of the Cross	OLMC 9.00am
	Good Friday– Veneration of Cross	St Anne's 3.00pm
Saturday 26 March	Easter Vigil	St Anne's 8.00pm
Sunday 27 March	Easter Sunday	St Anne's 8.30am, 10.30am, OLMC 5.30pm

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 this 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.

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.

ART FOR THE HEART: exhibit your art, craft and writings of loss, love and hope. A free community service provided by Tobin Brothers Funerals. Registration and Enquiries to www.tobinbrothers.com.au/artfortheheart or phone 9373 7000 or email artfortheheart@tobinbrothers.com.au. Registrations close Friday 8 April 2016. Exhibition will be held at Parliament House, Queens Hall 2-5 May 2016 free admission daily from 9am—5pm.

LENT FOCUS: YEAR OF MERCY:

One of the corporal works of mercy is to feed the hungry. One "angel" of grace for our times was Dorothy Day. She embodied living out the corporal works of mercy, especially 'feeding the hungry'..... Dorothy would insist "Those who cannot see the face of Christ in the poor are atheists indeed". Dorothy Day reminds us that we are here to follow Christ. Christ has told us plainly about the Last Judgment. We will be judged on our readiness to let the mercy of God pass through us to others. Love is the measure.From Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation reflections written by Br Mark O'Connor FMS and originally published in Kairos Vol 22.

One of the Spiritual Works of mercy is to admonish sinners. "Admonish" means speak sternly and is a verb— a doing word. It is an act of speaking to someone who is making some bad choices in their life so that they might be able to change their ways and make some wiser choices. The word 'admonish' is not necessarily a tone we need to take. It would be better to establish a rapport with someone who needs guidance so as to build a respectful relationship and then give guidance and support which would probably get a better outcome than the 'stern' words which could be patronizing and belittling to an already fragile soul.

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 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT – THANK YOU!: To the wonderful people of the OLMC Parish Community – thank you for your generosity! Over \$2,700 has been raised from last Sunday's fundraising appeal. The Parish Office will be forwarding the funds direct to the LAP Team in Jakarta caring for the children living with HIV-AIDS. We know how grateful they will be for your wonderful support. Thank you, again, – Mick Hetherington, Frank O'Connor, Julie Reddan and Tony Kiley on behalf of the Parish Coordinating Team.