



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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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	9.00am	Salesian College (Years 10-12)
	9.15am	St Anne's
	7.00pm	St Anne's -Way of the Cross

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 10.00am—10.30am OLMC

21st February 2016

2nd Sunday of Lent

Psalm Response

The Lord is my light and my salvation

Gospel Acclamation:

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

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless
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 Robyn
HARVEY Judy HOGAN Jeff LEONARD Sean
MCINTYRE Sean MOTT Tess PARNIS Garry
REDDAN Mary VICTOR

Recently Deceased: Mary SCANLON

Anniversaries: Richard ATKINS John & Charlie
CASSAR Connie DUGHETTI Joe GALLO Walter
GRECH Cenon HIPOLITO Snr Tony MAGRIN
Louis, Maryann & Sam MUSCAT Delphine
RASANAYAGAM Jack REDDAN Ashby ROMEO

Seeking the merciful face of Jesus
.....Lenten Program Resource 2016

THE TRANSFIGURED JESUS ENCOURAGES US TO JOURNEY ON.

Prior to the event of the Transfiguration, Jesus had outlined to his followers the demands of discipleship— they will have to carry their cross.

To encourage and refresh his followers, Jesus led three of them, Peter, John & James to a mountain to pray. There his face changed and his clothes became brilliant as lightning (Luke 9:28). There God reveals "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him." It is God who brings the disciples to the mountain and reveals the glory of Christ— his body is transfigured. It is always God who calls and invites us into being a disciple. The gospel continues with Jesus saying to Peter they cannot stay on the mountain, but he and his disciples need to come down from the mountain and journey onto Jerusalem. We need the consolation of prayer, but we need to continue our earthly journey for as St Paul tells us today "For us, our homeland is in heaven". (Philippians 3:20).

ENCOURAGED BY THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH OVER 100 YEARS

The Church teaches that those who consecrate their lives as religious men and women are to be evangelical witnesses to others. By living out the radical demands of obedience, chastity and poverty, they reveal how to live Christian life.

Today, we give thanks to God and celebrate the great witness of the 89 Sisters of St Joseph who have lived and served among us since 1916. This was only fifty years after St Mary MacKillop and a couple of sisters opened their first school in a stable in Penola, S.A.

As Jesus led his disciples up the mountain to pray, Mary MacKillop wrote in 1973, "God gave me such a sense of his watchful presence." From an early age Mary had a deep sense of God working in her life. She made time to be with Christ in the chapel.

Like the disciples who came down the mountain, Mary did not spend all her time in contemplation but was practical: "Never see a need without doing something about it." (1867). She had seen the plight of uneducated children in rural Australia. From her well-educated father Mary knew the benefit of education. She would send her sisters out of the cities, into the country. Following that tradition, Sister Lambert O'Donnell, Sister Francis de Sales and Sister Joseph Fagan came to our parish in 1916 in a small country town of Sunbury.

LIVING OUT THE CHARISM OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS

In 1900, Mary MacKillop urged her sisters "Seek first the poorest, most neglected parts of God's vineyard."

Mary's early life was turbulent. She wrote in 1873: "My life as a child was one of sorrows, my home when I had it, a most unhappy one." Her father was unable to find work and he made risky financial decisions leading to poverty. Mary's parents separated. Hence, Mary was very compassionate to those in need.

The Sisters in Sunbury lived a very simple life, with the parishioners at times supplying them food and other essentials. Only after sixty years in Sunbury did the Sisters get their first car. Fr Jim Feenan now aged 89 years, who is unable to be with us today, taught the Sisters to drive. Fr Jim was our parish priest from 1973 to 1977.

OUR GRATITUDE

The Irish-born Father John Gallivan began serving the Sunbury Catholics in 1887 when Sunbury was part of the Gisborne Mission. After 24 years, he was appointed the first parish priest of the new Parish of Sunbury in 1911. The Sunbury Parish invited the Sisters to come through Fr John Gallivan who personally paid for the land for a new convent in Macedon Street.

The Sisters took over the leadership of OLMC School (the first school in Sunbury) which had educated children since 1860. In 1916, there were 106 students.

This afternoon, an Honour Board with the names of the 89 sisters who have been with us over the 100 years will be unveiled at the convent. We give thanks to God for the gift of the Sisters of St Joseph and thank them for their kindness and generosity over these hundred years, journeying with us in times of joy and of sorrow.

WELCOME BACK

We welcome back the Sisters who were here in the past. We welcome Sr Kerrie Cusack, the Province Leader. We welcome back our past priests, Fathers Greg Bourke, Alan Mithen and Martin Ashe. We welcome past parishioners. We are pleased our locals, Fathers Bert and Will are with us too.

.....Kevin McIntosh

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

What does it mean to you to be called "his beloved"? Sit quietly and tell him what it means to you?

What happens if you say to God in return, "And you God are my Beloved."

In times of desolation, tell God how you feel and ask for help. Seek out companionship. Don't go back on decisions you made in times of consolation. Recall a time of consolation, and go back to it in your imagination. Look for someone who needs your help, and turn your attention toward them.

Which "room" in the House of Mercy will you visit this week-empathy, trust, tenderness, acceptance, forgiveness, compassion or understanding?

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

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.

RCIA: PRESENTATION OF THE CREED & LORDS PRAYER: this Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Lent, at the 8.30am Mass our Elect, Kellie Kuypers, Narelle Campbell and Janice Robins will be presented with the Creed and the Lord's Prayer as they reach another milestone on their continuing Lenten journey towards full communion with the Catholic church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. We offer Kellie, Narelle and Janice our congratulations and prayerful support as Easter approaches.

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.

SALESIAN COLLEGE SUNBURY- YEAR 7 2017: Applications close this Friday 26 February. As there were too many applications last year for the 232 places in year 7, late applications can be unsuccessful.

PARISH POSTIES: the Easter edition of the Parish Neighbourhood Newsletter will be printed shortly. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to help with delivering newsletters in your local area (or if possible to help in other areas). Please call the Parish Office on 9744 1060 with your details.

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. All welcome.

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

Willow VENESS

Deon SWAIN

Jessica BELL

We joyfully welcome them 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 our prayer".

MEETING: OLMC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: on Monday 29 February 2016 at 1pm in St Anne's Church.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 23 February 7.30pm Sunbury Inter-Church Council St Mary's

Wed 24 February 1.30pm Parish /Schools Coordinating Parish Centre

Today's Program

10.30am	Mass at St. Anne's Church
12 noon	St. Joseph Convent
	Macedon Street Sunbury
	Light Refreshments/ tour of the building.
1.00pm	Words of thanks & congratulations
	Fr Kevin McIntosh, PP Sunbury Parish
	Unveiling of Honour Board
	Sr Kerrie Cusack RSJ, Province Leader
	Ms Cath Dillon (OLMC Student & former Josephite Principal)
	Cutting 100 th Anniversary Cake
2-3pm	OLMC School & Church- Open to visitors

Things to look out for during the day

- Foot prints of Sisters.
- Please write your memories in our Memory Book.
- DVD Running (different locations) Memories of the Sister of St. Joseph in Sunbury.
- Lookout for a 'Sister' in one of the original Habits.
- Make sure you get your keep sake 'Book Mark' from the Sisters.
- Make sure you come inside the Convent and explore.
- Please bring a plate of food to share.

All are welcome.

PARKING NEAR THE CONVENT TODAY: there is plenty of space for cars behind the convent on parish land. Please enter from John Street (Melways 382 F4) with easy access via a gate in the convent back fence. Please leave spaces in Macedon Street in front of the Convent for cars carrying people who are elderly or have a disability.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Deborah Hoey/ Win Birt St Anne's Church —Skeeter Jacob Mirian Culhane Cedrick D'Souza Jo Spiteri **COUNTERS** Frank Busutil Jenny & Peter Ryan **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Mary Wicks **LECTORS:** Patricia Altair Jenny Carland Elizabeth Falzon Teresa Quin **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 6.00pm Patricia & Angelo Altair Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Vicki Heath Jim O'Brien Garnet Jacob Paul Fanning 8.30am Tom Allen Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Lili Lupa Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Liz Richards 10.30am Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davies Olga Ellul Johanna Fahey Cathy Gay 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)

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.

Prayer: For our brothers and sisters around the world experiencing extreme poverty and injustice. That people with disabilities will always be supported with the love and respect that is theirs by virtue of our shared humanity.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Maree and Judy as their mother Mary Scanlon entered eternal life last Sunday. During the last four years in Goonawarra Aged Facility our Communion Ministers regularly served Mary. She received Holy Communion up to a few days before last Sunday. Her Funeral Mass was led by her cousin Fr Ray Scanlon of the Columban Fathers, North Essendon.

PARENTING IN FAITH: for parents and children in Prep (Foundation) Year– Tuesday 1 March 6.30pm at St Anne's School and Wednesday 2 March 6.30pm at OLMC School.

CONTEMPLATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: will be offered each Friday from 9.45am to 10.45am in the Chapel (except when the Church is needed for a funeral or other communal liturgy). A time for silent, personal prayer.

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.

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

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 give drink to the thirsty: Mother Teresa wrote a letter to the Missionaries of Charity in Easter 1993, "Jesus wants me to tell you again how much is the love he has for each one of you— beyond all what you can imagine. Not only that he loves you; even more—he longs for you. He misses you when you don't come close. He thirsts for you. He loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy. Why does Jesus say "I thirst"? What does it mean? Something so hard to explain in words. "I thirst" is something much deeper than just Jesus saying "I love you." Until you know deep inside that Jesus thirsts for you, you can't begin to know who he wants to be for you. Or who he wants you to be for him."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 instruct the ignorant. Actions speak louder than words with this work of mercy. We are privileged to be Catholics and hear the precious message from Jesus our Saviour. We are asked to instruct the ignorant by sharing the Good News with those around us who do not share this privilege. Be careful not to bark orders at those who are being 'instructed' as this is not what Jesus would have wanted us to do. Remember Jesus lived the message and shared it with others. A great example of how to instruct the ignorant is from Pope John XXIII. He has been quoted as saying "Anywhere I go in the world, if someone in need passes by my house at night, he will find a lighted lamp in the window. Knock. I will not ask if you are a Catholic. Two brotherly arms will embrace you and the warm heart of a friend will make a feast for you." No wonder, this holy man opened the 'windows' of the Church at Vatican II and let 'fresh air' in.

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

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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.