



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,
SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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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	St Anne's—Liturgy of Word
Tues:	11.00am	Cathedral—Chrism Mass
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
	11.00am	Lions Hostel—Mass & Anointing
	3.30pm	Goonawarra Aged Care— Mass & Anointing
Thurs	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	8.30pm – 10.00pm	Silent Adoration
Fri	9.00am	OLMC Way of the Cross
	10.00am	Combined Churches Sunbury— Memorial Hall
	3.00pm	Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion—St Anne's
Sat	8.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass—St Anne's

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.00am—10.30am OLMC

20th March 2016

Palm Sunday

Psalm Response

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on
the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave
him a name above all other names.
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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: John BALNAVES Carmel BRENNAN Jesse
HOGAN Judy HOGAN Elaine KING Yvonne
LAFFEY Jeff LEONARD Phillip PAYNE Bill
RICHARDS Russell SHOEBRIDGE Mary VICTOR

Recently Deceased: Silvano ZANTO

Anniversaries: James GATT Felisa HIPOLITO Jan
TYQUIN

The good news of mercy proclaimed in the Passion of Jesus..... Lenten Program Resource 2016

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: the annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MASS: at 6pm Mass this weekend, all three Sunbury Catholic Schools will take part in our Mass. We are very fortunate to have a high standard of Education in our parish through Salesian College, St Anne's Primary School and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School. Our children are supported by very dedicated teachers and staff for which we give thanks.

YOUTH SUNDAY: this weekend is also a day to remember and celebrate our Youth. Please keep them in your prayers as they grow in faith and see the blessings they have in their lives. May they see God's love in all they do.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE: last Wednesday we celebrated the Lent Reconciliation Service. We had 4 priests to absolve our sins. There was a great number of people who attended on the night which was lovely to see. As Pope Francis says to us in this "Year of Mercy", our Reconciliation service was about knowing the boundless forgiveness of our loving Father. Many people felt unburdened of their sins.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: the second edition of Melbourne Catholic is now available free of charge from the Welcome Desk in the foyer of St Anne's Church and at the back of OLMC church. Some of the articles include From dark to light: the Easter Vigil; The miraculous heart of the Eucharist; Only in God is there perfection. Please take your free copy today.

TWILIGHT SCHOOL: UBUNTU Australian Tour at Salesian College, Sunbury. An unforgettable experience embracing masterful drumming, evocative songs and mind blowing dance moves. Held on Tuesday 12 April at 7pm. Bookings through www.kwaya.org.

PARISH DANCE: The Ripchords will be back at the parish Centre on Saturday 25 June with their great music and will get you up dancing all night! Cost is \$20 per head. BYO basket supper. All profit goes to LAP Project. Make a table and join in the fun. Enquiries to Cathie on 0405 380 560.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR NEW STUDENTS IN 2017: will be held this Wednesday 23 March at 2.00pm and 7.30pm in our Parish Centre for parents enquiring about enrolling their children in Prep (Foundation) Year at both our schools in 2017. The presentation with time for questions will last about one hour.

GOOD FRIDAY: is a day of fasting (one main meal, 2 lighter meals and abstinence from meat. All who have completed their 18th year and have not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain. (Canon 1252)

REMEMBRANCE CARDS: cards are available at the back of our churches for you to place the names of those who cannot be with you at Easter time for whatever reason. Please write the names of your loved ones on the card and place in the boxes. Our community will remember them and pray for them during Holy Week.

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM: this week spend several times before a crucifix and simply gaze on it in silence. As you do, ask Jesus to transfer your wanting to believe, into the hearts of all those who have given up and who cannot see a way forward in their lives. Then on Easter Sunday, go out and live the Resurrection. Do something that speaks of 'new life', both for you and someone else. Which "room" in the House of Mercy will you visit this week— empathy, trust, tenderness, acceptance, forgiveness, compassion or understanding?

MUSICIANS PLEASE: our parish is fortunate to have been blessed with many talented musicians and singers who give so generously of their time and talent each week by leading the music at our Masses. We would love to hear from anyone who is able to help out, even if it is not on a regular basis. Please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060 if you would be interested in helping at Mass with music in any way.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY COMBINED CHURCHES OF SUNBURY: will hold their service on March 25 at 10am in Memorial Hall with Fr Kevin beginning the Service.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CATHOLICS: At the Easter Vigil on Saturday 26 March, we will celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist with our Elect, Narelle Campbell and Janice Robins as they come to full communion with the Catholic Church. After the Mass we will share supper with them and their families in St Anne's Church foyer. You are all invited to join us in congratulating them and celebrating Easter as a Parish Community. Please bring a plate of food to share.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Prayer: *for our brothers and sisters around the world experiencing extreme poverty and injustice: that through our efforts they will be given greater opportunities for education and be empowered to recognize their right to strive for a better quality of life. We pray to the Lord.* Please return your envelopes or boxes.

PRAYER SERVICE AND WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES: is being held today, Palm Sunday at 1.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne.

PARISH EDUCATION BOARD: will meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 23 March at 5.00pm

LENT FOCUS: YEAR OF MERCY: One of the corporal works of mercy is to clothe the naked: Matthew 25 reminds us 'Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Corporal work of mercy is to bury the dead: Our faith in the Resurrection does not mean we can avoid the truth of death. In fact, in the prayer of the Hail Mary we say "pray for us now and at the hour of our death". No wonder then the care and love we as Christians give when we lovingly 'bury the dead'. Every person deserves the beauty and dignity of being lovingly farewelled. In the Irish tradition, there is the beautiful practice of the 'wake'- where friends and relatives hold vigil and 'accompany' the deceased person before the final rites of the Church. The body is revered and blessed because it is the 'seed' being planted that will rise to new life. One of the greatest challenges in this work of mercy is 'letting go'. A consolation is that our memories don't leave us. 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 forgive offenses willingly: in last weekends Gospel of the woman caught in adultery, Jesus did not condemn her even though the law of Moses would have had her stoned to death. Glad to see that Jesus, who knew the law of Moses, did what was right not what was lawful. Forgiveness is the most common message Jesus gives us throughout the Gospel. We are forgiven countlessly by God our merciful Father, so we should extend this forgiveness to those around us who have sinned against us.

Spiritual Work of mercy to pray for the living and the dead: how fortunate we are in our Parish to have Ministers of Communion living out this Spiritual Work of mercy on a daily basis. They live this work by visiting the lonely, housebound, sick, elderly parishioners who cannot get to church. The need for parishioners to receive Communion is very real. The Ministers of Communion and care workers help keep the dignity of those they care for. When they die, many of the Communion Ministers and carers come to the funeral of those they cared for. Their memories of the deceased stays with them and they also lend support to the families of the deceased at their time of loss.

Lenten Parish Liturgy Program:

Thursday 24 March	Holy Thursday	St Anne's	7.30pm
Friday 25 March	Good Friday- Way of the Cross	OLMC	9.00am
	Combined Church Service	Memorial Hall	10.00am
	Good Friday- Veneration of Cross	St Anne's	3.00pm
Saturday 26 March	Easter Vigil Mass	St Anne's	8.00pm
Sunday 27 March	Easter Sunday	St Anne's	8.30am, 10.30am
		OLMC	5.30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Saturday 19 March 6.00pm Mass Catholic Education Week
All children are welcome to be part of Children's Liturgy of the Word which is held in the foyer of St Anne's Church.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Lucette Debono St Anne's Church –Lisa Crotty Chris Perry Narelle Anderson
COUNTERS Bernie Owens Mary Reay Mary Alkemade **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Frances Arians **LECTORS:** Easter Program
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharma 8.30am Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Liz Richards Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen 10.30am Cathy Gay Tony Hendy Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose Noy Moira Sullivan Mark Perry Mimi Quattrone 5.30pm
Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco