



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	9.00AM	OLMC - ANZAC DAY MASS
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
Fri	9.15am	St Anne's
	9.45am	St Anne's Hour of Adoration
Sat	10.00am	OLMC Funeral—Joan Dole

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 9.30am—9.45am OLMC

24th April 2016

5th Sunday of Easter

Psalm Response

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh

Assisting Priest: Rev Bert Fulbrook SDB

Pastoral Assoc.: Sr Jose Noy RSJ

Pastoral Co-ord: 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 Severina, Myrna & Dianne DE ARMAS Matthew GORMAN Jesse HOGAN Yvonne LAFFEY Doris MIFSUD John O'MEARA Phillip PAYNE Bill RICHARDS Felice SALLUZZO Russell SHOEBRIDGE Christine VELTHUIS Beth WARBURTON

Recently Deceased: Fr Cyril Blake P.E. Joan DOLE Giuseppa FALZON Eugene LOCK

Anniversaries: Petrus ARIANS Maria BITO Yvonne DOUGLAS Maria & Joseph ELLUL Bernie MAHONY Anne MEAD Nicolaas & Rosalia VAN LEEUWEN Tom & Rose REDDAN



THE INSPIRATION OF THE ANZACS

Because the bodies of the deceased soldiers were not brought back to Australia to be buried and hence have a tombstone, after the First World War, towns and cities built war memorials to honour the memory of their fallen. On many of the memorials were inscribed: "No man hath greater love than to lay down his life for his friends". (John 15:13)

Those who gave their lives for their country are living out the words of Jesus in today's gospel: "I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another" (John 13:34)

SELFLESS LOVE—A NEW COMMANDMENT

In the Hebrew scripture (Old Testament) there were the two commandments: love God and love your neighbour as yourself.

At the Last Supper, once Judas has departed to carry out his betrayal of Jesus, Christ closets his disciples and teaches them that his love is sacrificial. He tells the disciples (and us), that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. At the Last Supper, as he gave himself to the disciples under the form of bread and wine.

"This is my body which will be given for you"... "this cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you " (on the cross) (Luke 22:20)

EXAMPLES OF TRUE LOVE TODAY

Are often seen in families where parents give themselves to the care of their children, even when it seems their care is not appreciated. It's the love seen when adult children give themselves to the care of an aged parent who can no longer remember them.

When a mother or a father sits by the hospital bedside of their child suffering terribly, invariably such a parent will say "I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die".

SACRIFICIAL LOVE IS NEVER DESTRUCTIVE

While sacrificial love demands of us that we die unto self, Jesus never asked us to 'kill' ourselves. The distinction matters. We should not put up with undignified behaviour from others. Sacrificial love is never destructive. It is a free gift where we sometimes forego other options, opportunities and even good things for a love and life that is even better. The Lord laid down his life for us and in turn the Father raised him up to glorified life. What's true for him is true for us. We lay down our lives for each other so we can take up a new and richer life. We are never meant to destroy ourselves or stay in relationships that rip our dignity from us. Sometimes the most Christian thing we can do is to set up boundaries or make decisions that protect ourselves from behavior which is neither loving nor Christian.

..... Kevin McIntosh

PREP ENROLMENTS-2017: OPENING DAY / EVENING Applications for St Anne's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Schools are now being received. Application packages will be available at the respective schools. Both schools will be having an **OPEN DAY / EVENING** on **Tuesday 26 April at 9.30am and 7.30pm**. Applications close on **Friday 6 May**.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, called for by Pope Francis, we pray in grateful thanks for all who bear witness to the Mercy of the Father—especially our priests and those in consecrated life. Please pray for more young people to respond to be ministers of God's Mercy to their sisters and brothers.

SPARC NIGHT: for the first time in our parish we will be privileged to have a praise and worship night with Reconciliation and Adoration offered. It will be held in St Anne's Church on Saturday 25 June at 7.30pm. You are welcome to come to Mass at 6pm and stay for an inspiring and moving prayer service. This is an experience to share with loved ones as we have an opportunity to give thanks to the Lord, to say sorry for our shortcomings and listen to uplifting music. We share this with our community so that you may be inspired by the work of the Lord.

KINDA KINDER : is running in the parish for the next 4 weeks on Tuesdays from 9am in the Parish Centre. Kinda Kinder is a structured education based play session which is run in collaboration with Victoria University. After the 4 weeks, we will return to the normal playgroup environment for parents and children to still play and socialize in the Parish Centre.

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.

"PRAISE AND WORSHIP—HOLY HOUR" is offered on the 1st Friday of the month, 6th May from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

THANKSGIVING MEALS: based on Jesus celebrating the Passover Meal at the Last Supper were held last week over two evenings. Thanks to our principals and teachers who were present on both evenings and for those parents who helped clean up on the last evening. Both celebrations were enjoyed by the children and adults.

FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES: Starting the weekend Saturday 14 May to Sunday 29 May, our children, families and friends will be celebrating at our weekend Masses at 6pm, 10.30am at St Anne's & 5.30pm at OLMC. Please extend a warm welcome to our visitors.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: 2016 Knox Public Lecture, Monday 16 May at 7.30pm. Archbishop Mark Coleridge—Archbishop of Brisbane. **From Wandering to Journeying: Thoughts on a Synodal Church.** Bookings and info: jill.doncovic@ctc.edu.au or 9412 3304. R.S.V.P. 11 May. Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, Victoria & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne.

SUNBURY CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER

Do you enjoy eating out? Would you like to support Sunbury Chaplaincy? Sapore Nostro Restaurant and Sunbury Chaplaincy are offering discount meal vouchers. From every voucher sold, \$9 goes to Sunbury Chaplaincy! Vouchers cost \$18 (valued \$20, one voucher per booking) and are available from the Parish Office until Sunday 15 May (valid for use until 30 June). See flyer on noticeboard.

The following children from our parish will be baptized

This Sunday:

Luis ALGER

Patrick GARNER

Evelyn STREET

We joyfully welcome them to our parish community of the Church.



MT CARMEL TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY: Mt Carmel Tennis Club is holding a family Open day on Sunday 1 May from 12.00pm until 3.00pm. There will be lots of free activities for everyone including:-

- tennis lesson
- social play
- ball machine
- speed gun
- face painting
- BBQ provided
- freebies for the kids

Mt Carmel Tennis Club is on Stewarts Lane next to St Anne's Primary School.

CYRIL BLAKE—PASTOR—MISSIONARY

Cyril was ordained a priest for the Melbourne Church in 1958. At 85 years he was still ministering in the team ministry of the Bentleigh / Bentleigh East / Moorabbin Parish until he entered eternal life last Saturday after fatally being injured in a fall at Hall's Gap. One of seven children, Cyril had many nieces and nephews who have written wonderful tributes in the daily press: "Your faith nurtured, guided and blessed us; your love strengthened us. Your mind and creativity inspired us " " few have given so much, for so many, so freely...."

Between 1969 and 1981, Cyril worked tirelessly in southern remote Papua New Guinea in the Melbourne Overseas Mission. There he built a church, schools, medical facilities, agricultural facilities and an airstrip—transforming the lives of the indigenous peoples in a most remote area. In return, he was deeply loved and respected by the Kamea people.

Returning to Melbourne he was appointed Parish Priest of Highett for 25 years before he retired as pastor in 2011 and moved to the Moorabbin Presbytery. His funeral Mass is on Tuesday at 2pm in St Paul's Church Bentleigh.

SEMINARY ENQUIRY AFTERNOON—14 MAY

Those wishing to learn about the life of the seminary in view of trying out a vocation to the priesthood in the Melbourne Church are asked to contact Fr Kevin by 9 May for catering purposes. The afternoon includes meeting seminarians and staff, Prayer of the Church and evening meal.

JEWISH PASSOVER 2016: was celebrated on Friday. The feast has been held for over 3,000 years to remember the Jews passing from the slavery of Egypt over the Red Sea into the Promised Land. In 1965, 2,000 Catholic Bishops with Pope Paul VI taught the Jews have always been God's chosen people and hence they are our elder sisters and brothers in the faith. Let us work that peoples of all religions can live peacefully together.

CATHOLICS SHELTERED JEWS: "Compass", on ABCTV last Sunday narrated how a Sydney solicitor's mother, as a 8 year old child in Poland, was sheltered by Maria, a Catholic in her farm barn in 1942. Soon, the Nazi's came and took over the farm house while the girl remained out of sight for two years. After the Nazis left in 1946 she was taken in by the local Catholic priest who was already hiding fourteen Jews. "Compass" is on 6.30pm on Sunday and replayed on Monday at 11am. This week, the program is on Archbishop Mannix and Billy Hughes.

SUNBURY INTER—CHURCH COUNCIL

Will meet Tuesday 26 April at 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish House.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Natalie Xerri **CLEANING:** OLMC Church—Deborah Hoey Win Birt St Anne's Church—Nil

COUNTERS Gerard Duggan Julie Reddan Anne McCormick **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS:** Paul Fanning Peter Readman Mimi Quatrone Jo Spiteri **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 Lu-pa Liz Richards **10.30am** Moira Sullivan Grace Tucker Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis Olga Ellul **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace