

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

 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 10.00am—10.30am OLMC

15 May 2016 Pentecost Sunday

Psalm Response

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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 Pat JEFFREY Yvonne LAFFEY Phillip PAYNE John REGAN Bill RICHARDS Felice SALLUZZO Russell SHOEBRIDGE Christine VELTHUIS Beth WARBURTON Doris Williamson

Anniversaries: Guiseppina CUSCUNA John FALZON Lorna HONNER Uncle Norm HUNTER Dot & Roy McGREGOR Helen MICALLEF

> Special Collection This Sunday Chaplaincy Sunday

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The feast of Pentecost celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming down upon the disciples of Jesus empowering them to take over from Jesus the work of bringing God to the world and the world to God. The word **Pentecost** comes from the Greek for *'fiftieth day'*. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter, a period of seven weeks, forty-nine days (seven times seven). In Jewish tradition the fiftieth day after the feast of the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest. The days were getting warmer, the crops were ready to be harvested, and it was a suitable time to pray for God's blessing.

Jesus planted the seed of the kingdom of God: 'The time has come and the kingdom of God is very near, repent and believe the good news' (Mk 1:15) These were the first words spoken by Jesus in the gospel of Mark. Jesus then went about gathering around him men and women disciples. They followed him, watched him, listened to him and learned from him. He trained them, schooled them, and prepared them to be 'fishers of men' (Lk 5:1-11). They followed him right up to the day he was arrested and put to death. They were blessed with appearances from the risen Lord and they witnessed his ascension into heaven. The time had come when they, like a crop, were ripe for the harvest. So on the feast of Pentecost these men and women disciples were ready to receive power from on high. The Holy Spirit descended on them empowering them and giving them the courage to assume the task of spreading the gospel far and wide.

In days gone by we used to pray to the Holy 'Ghost'. Thank God we have stopped using that word. The word 'ghost' had come to signify a weird, misty presence of a past life, haunted graveyards and haunted derelict houses. But that was not the origin of the word. It comes from the old English word 'gust', as in a gust of wind, which springs up out of nowhere. St Luke, in his account of the story of Pentecost, tells of what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven. This is the Divine Wind; the Divine Gust; the Holy Spirit. The Divine Wind is nothing less than the Breath of God. In both Hebrew and Greek, the word for wind or breath or spirit is the same (ruah or pneuma). 'Breathe on me Breath of God' is a prayer for the Holy Spirit to be breathed into us. The hymn goes...'Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew; that I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until I'm wholly thine; until this earthly part of mine glows with thy fire divine.

While the feast of Pentecost celebrates what happened to the men and women disciples of Jesus nearly two thousand years ago, we pray that what happened then continues to happen now with us to whom has been passed the responsibility to continue building the kingdom of God in the world of today. God's plan of salvation was meant for people of all nations. This congregation of worshippers in this church is a sample of those many nations that Christ came to save. We thank God that we have received the gift of the Spirit, and we pray that we may be filled with that same Holy Spirit so that through us our world may be renewed.

....Fr Bert Fulbrook

MORNING TEA: will be hosted this Sunday morning 15 May after 8.30am Mass by the RCIA team as we celebrate with Kelly Kuypers who will have completed her initiation into the Catholic Church with Baptism, Communion and Confirmation at 8.30am Mass.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: All Catholic Parishes in Australia will hold this annual count over the first four Sundays of May. The results will be forwarded to the National Pastoral Research Office.

BEGINNING OF THE EUCHARISTIC JOURNEY:

Congratulations to the children who will begin to receive the Eucharist this weekend. Please pray for the children and their families as they continue their faith journey. Austin Millett Ethan Sultana Jack Urbon Lachlan Urbon Blake Walker Harry Bergamasco Ella Butler Livia Dodd Aysha Egglestone Jessica Goddard Hannah Gutterson Oscar McIntyre lavinia Misuraca Ava Morrison Hannah Perry Keira Sheahan Kitty Stafford Nicholas Dillon Kai Fitzpatrick Grace Byrne Siobhan Gallagher Rachel O'Connor Orlando Marciano Celina Zammit Jessica Bock Charlotte Brennan Harrison Brown Camille Brunacci Bronte Dillon Chanel Hanna Clifford Moore Patrick Said Harrison Siler.

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS APPEAL: Chaplaincy Sunday, in this Year of Mercy, is an opportunity for all of us to commit ourselves to the words of Pope Francis, "it must be a place of mercy where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel". The presence of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. If you would like further information please contact the Development Office: 9926 5731. Donations will go towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- Patients living with HIV/AIDS
- Men & Women in Prisons
- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Seafarers

We thank you for your generous support of the chaplains work.

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 (value \$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.

CATHOLICCARE: provides programs and services to parishioners, their families, friends and community networks. A new poster on the noticeboard is themed "I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10) Please visit www.ccam.org.au for more information.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbish-op Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 5 June at 11.00am. Registrations can be made online at www.cam.org.au/ lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting 9287 5587 or Lmf@cam.org.au.. Registration closes Friday 27 May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

PARISH DANCE: The Ripchords will be back at the Parish Centre, with their great music and dancing, from Rock & Roll to Barn Dancing on **SATURDAY 25 JUNE** SO KEEP THIS NIGHT FREE! Cost is \$20 per head. BYO basket supper. All profit goes to the LAP Project. Make a table and join in the fun. Enquiries to Cathie on 0405 380 560 or the parish office on 9744 1060.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND FRANCIS IN THE INTERNATION- AL SITUATION TODAY: An evening with Dr Massimo Faggioli who is regarded as one of the most significant commentators on the Catholic Church in the Post Vatican II era. His books—*Vatican II: The Battle for Meaning* (2012), Sorting out Catholicism: A Brief History of The New Ecclesial Movements (2014) and A Council for the Global Church: Receiving Vatican II in History (2015) have each received significant acclaim. Thursday 21 July 2016 at 7.30pm, St Carthage's Church Parkville, 123 Royal Parade, Parkville 3052 Admission: \$20.00

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL 'AVE MARIA' - Concert for Organ and Flute Christopher Trikilis (Organ) & Peter Sheridan (Flute) Saturday May 21, 2016 at 5.00pm. This concert celebrates music for the month of May, the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The beautiful works performed by flute and organ are inspired by Marian themes and of nature, many using the much loved 'Ave Maria' prayer as their basis. Cost \$10 or \$5 concession (at door)) Enquiries: paul.taylor@cam.org.au or 9926 5753.

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY began in Australia in 1955 by two Melbourne Irish men—Dr Davis McCaughey Presbyterian Minister and Fr Anthony Cleary, Catholic Parish Priest concluding today. Most Sunbury Churches were represented at our Prayer Service for Unity held in St Mary's Anglican Church last Wednesday. The Sunbury Chorale led bright singing. Our Paschal Candle was a central feature.

CHRISTIAN UNITY IN ACTION: On 16 April, Pope Francis was the guest of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch, Bartholomew as they drove in one car visiting the refugees on the Greek Island of Lesbos. The Greek Christians and Caritas are working together supporting the refugees. At our Good Friday Inter-Church service, \$4,586 was donated to this mission called Hellenic Ministries. Following the damage caused recently by fire in the Greek Church of Evangelism in East Melbourne, we Catholics offered our Church in East Melbourne for their use, a gesture very appreciated by Melbourne's Greek Archbishop.

QUEEN ELIZABETH AND THE PAPACY: During her 64 year reign, she has used her position as Supreme Governor of the Church of England to promote dialogue and respect to people of all faiths. In particular she has reconciled centuries of mistrust and suspicion between Britain and the Papacy. She has visited the Vatican five times and welcomed Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI to the U.K. In 1982, full diplomatic relations were restored between the U.K. and the Holy See after a break of 423 years. For her, her Christian faith is the source of acts of humility, forgiveness and reconciliation. Her message last Christmas began quoting the first chapter of John's gospel. Comments from Francis Campbell former British ambassador to the Holy See.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS FEAST DAY: will be celebrated with Mass at 9.15am on Thursday 26 May followed by Rosary.

OUR LADY OF ALL NATIONS FEAST DAY: will be celebrated on Thursday 2 June with Mass at 9.15am followed by Rosary.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tue 17 May 6.00pm Salesian College Council

Wed 18 May 1.30pm Parish / Schools Co-ordinators—Parish Centre

Thu 19 May 4.30pm Catholic School Leaders—Essendon

PIETY STALL: There are still copies of the Melbourne Catholic Magazine May Issue as well as previous Issues still for sale at the Piety Stall.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil CLEANING: OLMC Church—Peter Readman St Anne's Church – Nil

COUNTERS Kaye Roche Tony Tanti Ian Burnside GIFT SHOP: Carmel Wiegerink Frances Arians 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 Pritchard Barry Roberts 8.30am Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson 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