

# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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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

Tue 7.00pm OLMC Wed 9.15am St Anne's Thurs 12.30pm OLMC Fri 9.30am St Anne's

11.30am St Anne's - Funeral Craig McDonald

7.00pm St Anne's - Hour of Praise

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 10.00am—10.30am OLMC

## 29 May 2016 The Body & Blood of Christ

# **Psalm Response**

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. **Gospel Acclamation:** 

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.
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 Sr Mary GAVAGHAN Matthew GOR-MAN Pat JEFFREY Yvonne LAFFEY Anita ORTEZ Phillip PAYNE Margaret RAMSAY Bill RICHARDS Felice SALLUZZO Russell SHOEBRIDGE Peter TODD Christine VELTHUIS Stellamaria VICTOR Doris WILLIAMSON

**Recently Deceased:** Nobel ARANDEZ Craig McDONALD

**Anniversaries:** Arpenio AZORES Lesley CALLA-GHAN Fr John CONSIDINE Wilfred & Sheila D'SOUZA Raymond & Dorothy PINTO

Special Collection Next Weekend Vinnies Winter Appeal

# THE EUCHARIST - OUR SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT

Luke's story of Jesus feeding the hungry crowd has a Eucharistic flavour. The actions of Jesus in *taking*, *blessing*, *breaking* and *distributing* the food would become the Eucharistic actions of the followers of Jesus as they gathered to celebrate his memory: 'Do this in memory of me.' At the offertory part of the Mass, the priest 'takes' the gifts of bread and wine. During the Eucharistic Prayer, after giving thanks, the priest prays that the Holy Spirit 'bless' these gifts of bread and wine and transform them into the Body and Blood of Jesus. After the Lord's Prayer and during the *fraction rite* at the recitation of 'The Lamb of God', the priest 'breaks' the bread ready for 'distribution' in Holy Communion.

The work of the apostles was foreshadowed when Jesus said to them, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' Bread was the staple food of the people in the Roman Empire, and continues to be a symbol of nourishment for the poor in a world where half the population faces physical and spiritual starvation. Luke's Gospel, which champions the rights of the poor, has a fascination with food. Every chapter of Luke's Gospel has mention of food or eating. It has been noted that in Luke's Gospel Jesus is either: going to a table; is sitting at a table; or coming from a table. The Franciscan priest Robert Karris has written a book entitled, 'Eating Your Way through Luke's Gospel'.

In her canticle, the *Magnificat*, Mary praises God for *'filling the hungry with good things while sending the rich away empty.'* Jesus was born in Bethlehem meaning *'the house of bread'*. Luke tells stories of Jesus celebrating meals with friends, as in the story of Martha and Mary. Jesus is criticised for eating with tax collectors and sinners. Because Jesus loved food, wine and the company of people, he is accused of being a glutton and a drunkard. Jesus tells the parable of the prodigal son whose return is celebrated with a party.

Luke presents Jesus as the guest who brought to the table more than he received. At various tables Jesus brought pardon to the sinful woman, conversion to Zacchaeus, and faith to the despondent disciples on the road to Emmaus. Much of Jesus' teaching was imparted at meals. There he unmasked the foolish pride of those who vied for places of honour at table. With the parable of the poor man Lazarus at the gate of the rich man's house, Jesus challenges the rich to share their good fortune with the poor. Jesus was so often at the meal table, it is no wonder that the disciples recognised him 'at the breaking of the bread'.

At the Eucharist we are spiritually nourished by the wisdom of God at the 'table of the Word'. The word of God is a light for our feet on the path of life. In the Eucharistic meal where Jesus gives us his **Body** to eat and his **Blood** to drink, we are nourished with the Bread of life and our spiritual drink. Bread nourishes and wine gives joy to the heart. The Eucharist has been described as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

.....Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb





**RECEIVING THE BLOOD OF CHRIST:** At the Last Supper, Jesus Said "Take all of you, the cup of my Blood which will be shed for you..." For centuries, only the priest accepted this invitation. Now, all at Mass are invited to receive the fullness of the sign of the Eucharist. It is noteworthy that all our medical practitioners at Mass received Communion under the form of the Precious Blood.

**REVERENCING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** At the celebration of Mass, the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Tabernacle should be reverenced at the beginning and the end of Mass; however in between, during the celebration of the Mass, the focus is on the altar, the Table of the Lord to which we should bow, and not to the Tabernacle.

#### **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 Isobel Fettes, Jack Ladek, Cooper Spiteri, Isabella Broomfield, Michelangelo Cammaroto, Maksymilian Czapnik, Ella Darroch, Jordan Fragione, Ava Harnden, Danielle Matina, Sophie O'Shannassy, Amelia Powles, Tara Daniels, Charlotte Bordon, Lauren Harris, Kayley Irvine, Tara Murphy, Ella-Grace Santos, Katie Warburton, Jessica Bondon, Julian Bondon, Joshua Valdes, Lillian Burley, Adam Fisher, Patrick Higgins, Ashlee Kleiner, Bayley Lattenstein, Ella Mortensen, Mia Schultheiss, Jordan Scordia, Meagan Troon, Aaron Tucker, Elis Fahy, Michael Saurini, Charlotte Weir, Kyana Duffin, Lexie Spiteri, Luke Tabone, Olivia Fitzpatrick.

By this evening, 111 of our parish children have begun to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist this month. Let us congratulate their parents who have guided their children in their formation to this milestone in their lives of faith. We thank the teachers and catechists who have given the formal education of the Eucharist to these children. Today is the conclusion of the First Eucharist Masses for the year. We thank all who have helped to celebrate the Liturgy at the eight Masses—those who clean the churches, the musicians, the welcomers and the planners

MORNING TEA: The children of St Anne's School who have recently celebrated their First Eucharist will attend 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 1 June. They will then host morning tea for the parishioners afterwards. Please come along as all parishioners are warmly welcome to celebrate and congratulate these young people.

**PARISH POSTIES:** Our Parish letter is hand delivered 3 times a year to all registered Catholics in our community. It is a personal contact to each family, letting them know that we are thinking of them and that they are valued as members of our community. The next letter will be delivered in **JUNE**. We are always grateful for anyone who has some time to deliver the letters to a parishioners' letterbox in their Neighbourhood. Please contact the Parish Office-9744 1060.

**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.

IF ANYONE HAS BORROWED THE BLUE TROLLEY FROM THE PARISH OFFICE, COULD IT PLEASED BE RETURNED ASAP, THANK YOU.

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

Adeline WATSON

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



## MARY MACKILLOP FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING DINNER:

All donations and money raised at the dinner on Friday 26 August 2016 at Mount St Joseph Girls' College, Altona West go directly to the funding of small life changing grants and Indigenous Tertiary studies. The Foundation has supported more than 600 community projects as well as supporting 74 Indigenous students to complete their tertiary qualifications and is currently supporting 66 students in Tertiary studies. Help us keep alive the spirit of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop by supporting the Foundation. For more information call MMHC (03) 9926 9300.

# **OUR HISTORY, OUR STORY, OUR FUTURE.**

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK begins on 27th May. The date 27th May recalls the 1967 Referendum when more than 90% of Australians voted to amend the Constitution to include Aboriginal people in the census and allow the Commonwealth to make laws for them.

Reconciliation Week ends with June 3rd being the anniversary of the Mabo Declaration that TERRA NULLIUS NEVER WAS.

It was during Reconciliation Week in 2006 that our Parish hosted one of the Message Sticks relaying around Australia bearing the message of Reconciliation. There are many activities and events on offer during Reconciliation Week and they can be found on the Reconciliation Victoria website www.reconciliationvic.org.au.

...... Social Justice Group.

**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** Training for young people wishing to join the Altar Server Team will be held at 11am on 11 and 18 June in St Anne's Church. Candidates should be at least 10 years of age and have received their first Eucharist. Enquiries Michael McConville 9744 2674.

**ABUSE IN THE CHURCH:** is the topic at the Twilight School, at Salesian College next Wednesday 1st June at 6.00pm for 6.30pm. The speaker will be Francis Sullivan, national director of the Truth, Justice and Healing Council of the Australian Catholic Church. Light refreshments available. All welcome.

ST VINNIES: Next weekend, 4/5 June, the Society of St Vincent de Paul invites parishioners to donate to their annual Winter appeal. All donations are used to assist the needy in Sunbury.

SUNBURY CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER: The Sapore Nostro Restaurant discount vouchers are still available to buy from the Parish Office, with a special offer of an extra voucher when 5 are bought. The 'valid until' date has been extended to 31st July also.

**OUR LADY OF ALL NATIONS FEAST DAY: will be celebrated on** Wednesday 1 June with Mass at 12.30pm St Anne's Church followed by rosary.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART: will be celebrated over two days. Thursday at 12.30pm OLMC and Friday at 9.30am at St Anne's.

### **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

Tue 31 May 2.00pm Parish Historical Committee - St Anne's Meeting Room Wed 1 June 2.00pm Religious Education Leaders - Parish Centre

Wed 1 June 6.00pm Twilight School - Salesian College

#### **ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND**

ALTAR CARE: Nil CLEANING: OLMC Church— Abbie Lever St Anne's Church - Nil

COUNTERS Frank Busuttil Jenny & Peter Ryan GIFT SHOP: Dolly Causer John Porta LECTORS: Moira Sullivan Colin & Coreen Wilson Mary Macdermid Deb Williams MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm Albert & Diana Mastramico Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts 8.30am Andrew Swann Monica Allen Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson Tom Allen Ann Chircop 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