



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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.00am—10.30am OLMC

12 June 2016

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Psalm Response

Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our
sins.
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: Graham BLAY Vera FENTON Sr Mary
GAVAGHAN Matthew GORMAN Pat JEFFREY
Yvonne LAFFEY Don MILLER Anita ORTEZ
Frances PACE Phillip PAYNE Margaret RAMSAY
Peter TODD Christine VELTHUIS Stellamaria
VICTOR Doris WILLIAMSON

Recently Deceased: Edna GHENT Frances
KEANE Elaine MARSTON

Anniversaries: Roy DENNER Martin DEVENY Fr
John GALLIVAN Michael HOCTOR
Tony MORRONGIELLO George WESTWOOD



THE PHARISEE AND THE WOMAN : Luke 7:36-50

To understand today's gospel it might help if we first set the scene. The scene is the courtyard of the house of Simon the Pharisee. The houses of well-to-do people were built around an open courtyard in the shape of a hollow square. Often in the courtyard there would be a garden and a fountain; and there in the warm weather meals were eaten '*al fresco*'. It was the custom that when a Rabbi was the invited guest, all kinds of people wandered in to listen to the pearls of wisdom which might fall from his lips. These people, including the woman of ill repute, were not gate-crashing the party.

When a guest entered the courtyard three things were always done. (i) The host, as a gesture of welcome, placed his hand on the guest's shoulder and gave him the kiss of peace. (ii) As the roads were dusty tracks, the host saw to it that the servants poured water over the feet of guests to cleanse and to cool them. (iii) As a mark of respect the head of each guest was anointed with fragrant oil. None of these courtesies were afforded to Jesus.

Why did Simon invite Jesus to his house? Was Simon a secret admirer and sympathiser of Jesus? If he was, he would have afforded Jesus the customary courtesies. Was Simon a schemer? Was he hoping Jesus would say or do something that would incriminate him? Nothing in the story suggests that Simon had such a malicious intent. Jesus was a wandering bedraggled preacher. More than likely, Simon invited Jesus not out of malice but out of mere curiosity.

Simon has a name; Jesus has a name; but the other character in the story has no name. All she had was a reputation, and not a good one at that. She had no name, only a '*bad name*'. She might have listened to Jesus teaching the crowds before this day. She might have been on the edge of the circling crowd and caught snatches of what Jesus was saying. Always on the outer she might have listened to what others were saying about Jesus, namely that he is the friend of tax collectors and sinners. As a sinner she felt drawn to this man who would not turn her away. This '*bad*' woman must have been struck by the person and teaching of Jesus and was given the grace to repent. She needed to put her life together...to reach reconciliation within herself. She found in Jesus acceptance and forgiveness.

In the Middle East the dinner guests did not sit on chairs. They reclined on low couches, resting on their left elbow, leaving the right arm free, with the feet stretched out behind. During the meal sandals were removed. The woman was then able to come behind Jesus and minister to his feet. Jesus interpreted her ministry as acts of love and as signs of gratitude for sins forgiven.

Having filled in the background to this dinner scene, we should now be in a better position to reflect on the teaching of Jesus that flows out of the story of Simon and the un-named woman. Many of the important actions in Luke's Gospel take place at tables. At the same time many important teachings of Jesus were delivered at tables. The Eucharist is probably our best source of spiritual nourishment. At the Eucharist we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. But let us not forget that we are also nourished at the '*Table of the Word*'.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

PARISH FESTIVAL: our parish celebrates the feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on the weekend of 16/17 July. Our parish will host a lunch for parishioners on Sunday 17 July at noon in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate to share.

FR BERT'S SILVER JUBILEE ORDINATION: please help us to celebrate this special occasion by coming to the Parish Centre on Sunday 17 July at noon where we will have a double celebration in our parish. Please bring a plate to share.

EMPTY ARMS, HEALING HEARTS: on Sunday July 24 at 2.30pm in Memorial Hall, a special service will be celebrated for those who have lost a child. We will remember the children we can no longer hold but will never forget. Any family who wish to attend are most welcome. The Service is being organized by the Sunbury Churches.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Next Wednesday, Linus and Llewellyn Snell are celebrating 25 years of marriage. They invite you to join them at morning Mass and share morning tea afterwards. May God continue to bless you in your marriage.

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.

SPARC NIGHT: come to St Anne's Church on Saturday 25 June at 7.30pm for a spirit filled and moving Praise and Worship session. We have been granted the privilege of this experience not to be missed. The night consists of the opportunity to receive Sacrament of Reconciliation and also moments of reflection interwoven with beautiful and uplifting contemporary hymns. Supper will be offered afterward. Come along and enjoy this powerful and moving spiritual experience. All welcome.

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. Bookings taken today after Mass. Enquiries to Cathie on 0405 380 560 or the parish office on 9744 1060.

EVERGREENS: our next Evergreens Social Afternoon will be held on Tuesday 21 June in the Parish Centre from 1pm to 2.30pm. Come and enjoy musical entertainment and a game of quots. During afternoon tea, discussion and decision will be made about an outing etc for either September or October. If you can please bring a plate to share. Contact Frances on 9744 1999 or Coreen on 9744 6015.

Pledged Thanksgiving Report

1st Jan 2016 to 31st May 2016

	For period 1.1.16- 31.05.16	Weekly Average
Amount Pledged	\$82,355	\$3,801
Amount Received to 31st May	\$74,870	\$3,403
Average Weekly Shortfall to 31st May		-\$398 (9%)

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to the family of Edna Ghent, aged 70 years who entered eternal life after a couple of days in hospital. Edna was the second of twelve children and became a registered nurse and midwife. She married in St Paul's Parish, Falls Road, Belfast before migrating to live in St Paul's Parish, Benteigh in 1981. We offer our sympathy to her daughter Angela Gallagher of our parish and Edna's son Colin and her husband Peter. Her funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday.

The following child from our parish will be baptized this Sunday:
Violet ASIO
Evie COTTELL
We joyfully welcome him to our parish community of the Church.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Training for young people wishing to join the Altar Server Team will be held at 11am on **18 and 25 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.

MOTOR NEURON DISEASE FUNDRAISER: at 6pm, 8.30am and 10.30am Masses in St Anne's Church on 18/19 June, toy puppies and pens can be purchased from Marion O'Callaghan who is raising much needed funds for Motor Neuron Disease. All money raised helps fund research into finding a cure for this debilitating disease.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 15 June 6.30pm Parents & Children Years 1/2
Thursday 16 June 6.00pm Salesian College Council
Friday 17 June 6.30pm Sunbury Inter-Church Council

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 26 June at 10.30am Mass we will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of past Parish Priest Fr Jim Feenan. Fr Jim served our community from 1973-1977 and it was during his service that our parish came to acquire the land to build St Anne's school and church. Please join us to make this day special for Fr Feenan.

SALESIAN VISITORS: on 28 August our parish will be blessed to host a troop of 45 Samoan Dancers who will sing at all of our Masses. There will be a fundraiser for a new technical school at each Mass with a meal to share at Lakeside Stadium where our 5.30pm Mass will be celebrated. More details will follow closer to the time.

ASSISTED SUICIDE PUSHED: with our society becoming more secular with less belief in our loving God who calls us into life, walks with us in life and calls us to or eternal home, it is inevitable that a vocal minority pushing for legal assisted suicide of those terminally ill will be heard. With the improvements in palliative care, with better pain control, assisted suicide is unnecessary and is open to abuse.

NUNS AND POLICE WORKING TOGETHER: in Britain religious sisters supported by Cardinal Vincent Nicholls are supporting victims of human trafficking. The police refer victims, generally women, to the sisters for pastoral care.

JEWISH-CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP DINNER: on Sunday 17 July at 7pm at Catholic Leadership Centre, cnr of Victoria Parade and Hoddle St, East Melbourne. Cost \$50 each for 2 course dinner and drinks. Bookings close 14 June on 9272 5641 or community@jccv.org.au

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.

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.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church—Raquel Handley-Bowen Candice Bowen St Anne's Church—Nil **COUNTERS** Gerard Duggan Julie Reddan Anne McCormick **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Frances Ariens **LECTORS:** Paul Fanning Tom Allen Mimi Quatrone Alan Slocombe **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 6.00pm Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Vicki Heath Paul Hogan Garnet Jacob Paul Fanning Albert & Diana Mastramico 8.30am Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Liz Richards 10.30am Julie Reddan Anne Smith Sylvester D'Souza Moira Sullivan Aileen & Terry Sweeney **Assistance Required 5.30pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco