

# 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

Tues: 6.30pm OLMC Wed: 9.15am St Anne's Thurs: 9.15am St Anne's Frid 9.15am St Anne's

## Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 10.00am—10.30am OLMC

# 21 August 2016 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Psalm Response**

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
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: Grace BOOTH Brian HETHERINGTON Matthew JURICIC Peter & Tricia KENNEDY Margaret MCCONVILLE Arthur PALSER Brian RAMSAY Elizabeth ROZARIO Matthew WITSEY Bethany WRAGG

**Recently Deceased:** Christine FENN Colin FERGUSON Fr Brendan DAVEY Therese TANTI Mario UKOTIC

**Anniversaries:** Millie CRONIN Henry LEECH Censina MICALLEF

Special Collection next week Samoan Technical School

#### ALL ARE INVITED- WHAT IS MY RSVP?

In times of uncertainty, there is a rise of rigid people who want to exclude 'outsiders'. Some declare only a few will be saved; that the fruits of the earth should not be shared by all. This is plain selfishness.

Our biblical readings this Sunday highlight the universality of God's love and his redemption offered to all. The Prophet Isaiah written about 450BC teaches us that "The Lord says this: I am going to gather the nations of every language" (Isaiah 66:15). Luke quotes Jesus "These people will come from east and west, north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God." (Luke 13:30) Our response to God's invitation is our own personal decision. He calls us to enter by the narrow door, in other words, suffering may be involved. We can be tempted to go around instead. There is no privileged entry into the kingdom of God. We may need to make hard decisions— no pain, no gain.

#### WHO ARE WE EXCLUDING?

Last week, files of 2000 reports containing explosive claims of physical and sexual abuse including children were published. The reports were from Nauru detention centre written by guards, caseworkers and teachers.

The director of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, Fr Maurice Pettena said, "It is a grave concern that more than half of the 2000 allegations involve children even though they make up 18% of those detained."

"The majority of asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island have now been proved to be refugees. They are not going to accept cheques to go back home and face renewed persecution". Fr Frank Brennan SJ (15 August 2016) Fr Patena said "despite the Nauru senate inquiry and the Moss inquiry, the situation has not changed.....The Catholic Church opposes mandatory detention and offshore detention because these policy responses do not respect the dignity of people seeking our help." (16 August 2016)

# REFUGEES ARE JUST LIKE US, BUT THEY'VE LOST EVERYTHING: POPE FRANCIS

On World Refugee Day, sponsored by the United Nations on 20 June, Pope Francis urged: "Refugees are people like everyone, but war took away their home, work, relatives and friends."

After the Angelus on 19 June, the Pope said seeing the faces and hearing the stories of refugees should lead Christians "to renew our obligation to build peace through justice. This is why we want to stand with them— to encounter them, welcome them, listen to them— in order to become together with them artisans of peace, according to God's will."

The International Catholic Migration Commission stated the telling of stories from resettled refugees calls attention to the benefits refugees bring to host countries. (20 June 2016.)

**PAUL HOGAN:** has been appointed the Principal of St Mary's School, Ascot Vale from next term. We congratulate him on his new appointment and wish him well. We thank him for all he has done for our children and parish over these last seven years. Paul has helped develop educational practices and overseen the building of new classrooms, a new oval, a new soccer field and other landscaping.

I have appointed Mark Gleeson as the Acting Principal and Ann Douglas as the Acting Deputy Principal from 3 October. ......Kevin McIntosh

**FR BRENDAN DAVEY:** was ordained in 1961 at the age of 25. He served in a couple of Ballarat parishes and later was parish priest of Ararat for 28 years. In 2012, he was inducted as a Legend of St Patrick's College, Ballarat. He celebrated Mass at the Ararat Prison on most Friday afternoons. Brendan and two other pastoral workers would come to our parish once a year to share about parish renewal. Great numbers celebrated his funeral last Wednesday.

**EVERGREENS:** our next parish Evergreens Group Social Afternoon is on this Tuesday 23 August; 1-2.30pm in our Parish Centre. Come and hear our guest speaker Naomi from Hume Council; enjoy musical entertainment and afternoon tea. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** please join us on Saturday 3 September at 7pm in the parish centre as we gather to watch the inspirational movie called "Courageous" developed by the Baptist Church in Georgia, USA. It is very timely for Fathers Day as it is about four men who are learning the art of being Fathers to their kids! Inspiring and riveting! Bring your bean bag, blankets, snacks and get ready for a great family movie. No RSVP required, just turn up.

SALESIAN STUDENTS FROM SAMOA: we will welcome next Sunday at our first three Sunday Masses: These young men are being given a second chance at secondary education by the Salesians in Samoa. These men will lead our singing and add a few small parts to our Mass. These parts were developed by the late Cardinal Pio of Samoa. A collection will be taken up to build an apprentice school for such youth. On Sunday at 7pm the men will give a dance concert in our Parish Centre. Admission is FREE.

RITE OF ACCEPTANCE: our parish community welcomes the children who are preparing to begin celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their families who are attending all Masses this weekend as part of their preparation. We would like to ask parishioners to pray for the children as they learn about the importance of this Sacrament. The children will be asking parishioners to be a "Prayer Companion" which means that parishioners can pray for the child who gives them a card with their name on it.

MERCY BBQ FUNDRAISER: please come join us on Sunday 4 September after 10.30am Mass at St Anne's church for our fundraiser. This is to support a small number of families with absolutely no income/ not eligible for Centrelink payment. Currently these families are supported but have to suffer the indignity of having no access to cash what so ever. Please join us and all are welcome. This will replace the morning tea normally held after 8.30am on the first Sunday of the month.

#### **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday 23 August 1pm Evergreens Parish Centre

7.30pmSunbury InterChurch Council St Mary's

Wed 24 August 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee

Frid 26 August 7.00pm HIS School Disipleship St Anne's

Sat 27 August 10.30am Parish Consultative Group

The following children will be baptized this Sunday: Charlotte BARBETA Sebastian BATTAGLIA Oliver HUGGETT



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

**PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:** will be held as usual on the first Saturday in September this year 3 September from 9.30am-12noon in the Parish Centre. The Assembly will hear annual reports from various parish organisations, as well as future plans for the repairs of the church, for the new school and for membership of the Parish Coordinating Team. There will also be a consultation on times of Masses.

**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL SOUND RECITAL:** soprano, flute and organ on Tuesday 30 August 6.30-7.30pm. \$20 at the door. More info is on the noticeboard at St Anne's Church.

AN AFTERNOON OF SPRING DELIGHTS: at St Andrews Uniting Church cnr Brook and Barkley Sts, Sunbury on Thursday 15 September at 1.30pm. Donation of \$10 will support The Leprosy Mission Projects in India and Nepal. Musical program by Kristin Britten and afternoon tea. Enquiries to Joycelyn Young 9740 5948.

**THE HIS SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP:** continuing on Friday 26 August at St. Anne's Church at 7.00pm. The main purpose of the school is to train people to learn, live and share their faith. Come and check it out during August before committing to the year long course. Everyone is welcome, including children, who will be catered for. For further information please contact Elaine on 0418 322 596

**PARISH PLAYGROUP:** our parish currently runs a playgroup each Tuesday from 9am to 10am in the Parish Centre. During the year we have the Kinda Kinder program run by Victoria University for 5 weeks twice per year. The other weeks we have an unstructured play time where parents and children can play with the toys and socialize together. All are welcome. **Kinda Kinder Program is now running until 30 August.** 

**CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD— TERM 3:** Currently our parish runs children's liturgy at one Mass per weekend during school term. If you are interested in helping to run these sessions to teach the children of our parish about our faith, please contact Jo at the Parish Office on 9744 1060.

Term 3 program is as follows:

20 August 6.00pm Rita

28 August 10.30am Christine & Carol 3 Sept 6.00pm Sue & Bridget 11 Sept 10.30am Bernadette 17 Sept 6.00pm Rita

**CHOSEN GENERATION: YOUTH RETREAT:** Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 September from 10am-6pm at Salesian College, Chadstone. 2 days of praise, worship, music and inspiring talks and messages from gifted ministers. More info Nicola 0410 423 350.

**ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS: Sunday 28 August** Rosary at 2pm, Mass at 3pm St Patrick's Cathedral. Main Celebrant Archbishop Denis Hart. All welcome.

#### **ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND**

ALTAR CARE: Nil CLEANING: OLMC Church— Yvonne Sparks St Anne's Church – Nil COUNTERS Kaye Roche Ian Burnside Tony Tanti GIFT SHOP: Roselle Duckworth Frances Arians LECTORS: Patricia Altair Jenny Carland Teresa Quin Brigid McConville MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm Patricia & Angelo Altair Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Vicki Heath Jim O'Brien Garnet Jacob Paul Fanning 8.30am Tom Allen Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Lili Lupa Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Liz Richards 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