



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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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
Thurs:	9.15am	St Anne's

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 10.00am—10.30am OLMC

4 September 2016
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me
your laws.
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 Joan SMITH Frank
WALKER Matthew WITSEY Bethany WRAGG

Recently Deceased: Gerald FITZPATRICK
Monica HAYES Rosaria NAPPA Adelina TANTI

Anniversaries: Emanuel ATTARD Anthony
ATTARD Antonia BOWELL Stella CARUANA Mary
DUGGAN Ted FANNING Jeannie KILGARIFF
Charlie MUSCAT Vincent MUSCAT Elvira SAN
PEDRO Pauline SAMMUT Bill STAWICKI Jose
VISTAN Addy WRIGHT

Special Collection this week
Priests Retirement Foundation

ALL OR NOTHING CHRISTIANS

Elite sports people— for example the Paralympians or finals footballers— know they must make choices in times of preparation. They must train, eat the right food, sleep sufficient hours. They must make choices.

The wisdom from which the first reading (Wisdom 9:13-16) is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle (Philemon 9:10-17) and the gospel reading (Luke 14:25-33) provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterized in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realization of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.....Dianne Bergant CSS

SAMOAN YOUNG MEN: from Salesian Technical College Samoa gave us such uplifting experiences last Sunday. Their singing, their prayerfulness and their dancing inspired us. We thank them for their visit, led by Fr Chris Ford SDB, a former student and teacher at Sunbury Salesian College. Our parishioners at Mass were very generous donating \$4500 towards extending the building of their college in Samoa.

A WAKE-UP CALL TO THE YOUNG: 1.6 million young Catholics gathered in Krakow Poland for World Youth day a month ago. Pope Francis spent several days in Poland, seeking to inspire the young to leave their own distinctive mark on the world. Francis urged them not to be 'couch potatoes', to switch off their video games and go out to the world's outcasts in particular, to seek out migrants and refugees. The Pope urged them to talk to their grandparents, to cultivate a 'memory' of their identity of who they really are.

At the prayer vigil, Francis urged the young people to consider becoming politicians and social activists, to ensure that their faith would lead to concrete actions.

World Youth Day s (WYD) have inspired young people: some pilgrims who meet will go on to marry, others discern a religious vocation. One third of seminarians in the USA have attended a WYD.

PREPARATION EVENING FOR CONFIRMATION: was held last Tuesday led by Sr Rita Malavisi RSJ. Over a hundred Candidates with their parents heard inspiring words and shared together. The session leaflet had these words on the cover

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."
St Catherine of Sienna.

.....Kevin McIntosh

OLMC CHURCH: a new alarm system has been installed in our church. The system requires a password to operate.

ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS: supports the retired priests of Melbourne Archdiocese. Since last August, the following priests supported by this collection have entered eternal life: Fathers Des Cameron, John Woodcock, John Spillane, Cyril Blake, Ross McKenney and Mick Fitzpatrick.

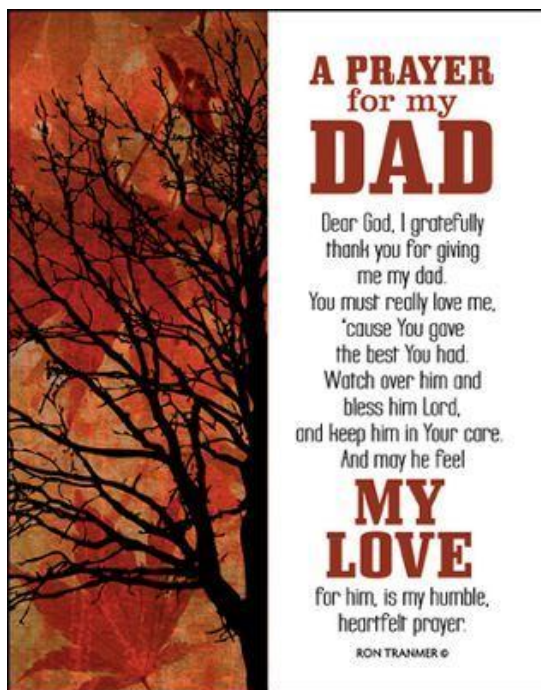
The Melbourne priests who have retired or will soon do so this year are: Fathers Brian Cosgriff, Mal Crawford, Arnold Heredia, Barry Moran, Michael Morgan, Tony Toms and Mick Wheeler. Envelopes are on the pews and can be returned to the office or left on the collection plate next week.

Thank you for your support for those who served our people.

WELCOME: this weekend children preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be attending all Masses to receive the stole they will wear to their confirmations in October and they will also receive a copy of the Creed which we pray at each Mass and confirms our belief in the Catholic faith. The Sacrament of Confirmation completes their initiation as Catholics having received the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Please pray for the children, their families and teachers as the children prepare their hearts and minds for this Sacrament.

MULTICULTURAL DAY: our annual celebration of the cultural diversity of our parish will be held on **Sunday 2 October** in the Parish Centre after 10.30am Mass. Please bring along a dish to share with others. If you would like to showcase a traditional dance or song or anything else, please contact Garnet Jacob on 0411 286 428.

BBQ: Vinnies will be hosting a BBQ after 10.30am mass today to raise funds for families in need.



The following child will be baptized this Sunday.

Seraphina LUFOR

We joyfully welcome her to our parish community of the 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.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: will be meeting on Wednesday 7 September at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

PARISH PLAYGROUP: our parish currently runs a playgroup each Tuesday from 9am to 10am in the Parish Centre. We have an unstructured play time where parents and children can play with the toys and socialize together. All are welcome.

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:

3 Sept	6.00pm	Sue & Bridget
11 Sept	10.30am	Bernadette
17 Sept	6.00pm	Rita

CATHOLICS WELCOME ASYLUM SEEKERS: the nation of Lebanon with a population of four million has welcomed one million refugees from Syria. The Catholics of Lebanon have opened their homes to accommodate refugees.

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.

CATHOLIC CARE COLLECTION: Our generous parishioners have collected \$1006.30 to support the work of Catholic Care who help the most vulnerable of families and individuals. Thank you.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY: a report from the parish assembly which was held on Saturday 3 September will be available shortly.

Happy
FATHER'S
Day

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Danielle Caruana **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Deborah Hoey Win Birt St Anne's Church –Margaret Crooks Beth Girdwood Jo Spiteri **COUNTERS** John & Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim **GIFT SHOP:** Carmel Wiegerink Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS:** Moira Sullivan Colin & Coreen Wilson Jo Spiteri **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **6.00pm** Albert & Diana Mastramico Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts **Assistance Required 8.30am** Andrew Swann Monica Allen Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson Tom Allen Ann Chircop **10.30am** Tony Hendy Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose Noy Christine Cassar Mark Perry Mimi Quattrone Sean Quigley **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace