



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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Liturgy Times this Week

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| 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 |
| Frid: | 9.15am | St Anne's |

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.00am—10.30am OLMC

11 September 2016

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response

I will rise and go to my Father.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.

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 Matthew JURICIC Peter &
Tricia KENNEDY Margaret MCCONVILLE Arthur
PALSER Brian RAMSAY Elizabeth ROZARIO Joan
SMITH Frank WALKER Matthew WITSEY Bethany
WRAGG

Recently Deceased: Margaret BRETHERTON Fr
Andrew CAMILLERI PP Fr John COWBURN SJ
Sr Margaret DWYER RSC

Anniversaries: Movita CARAG Edwin D'CRUZ
Leonarda DE GUZMAN Vera D'SOUZA Michael
DILLON Jack DORNEY Sophie FERNANDES
Dolores GRECH Gerard HUMPHREYS Albert
JANSEN Florie MATHEW Deglia MILLETT

Special Collection next weekend
Overseas Humanitarian Project

PARISH WISDOM

The Parish Assembly on Saturday 3 September threw up some words of wisdom, some gems from those who attended. Asked to introduce themselves and express in one word what parish meant for them or what they hoped to contribute to the parish, here is a list of some of the words that come to mind: *welcoming, support, belonging, engagement, encouragement, renaissance, fellowship and friendship, gratitude, love....*

Welcoming: A number of participants mentioned 'welcoming'. They saw their contribution to the parish as being welcoming to friend and stranger. Every person – big or small, rich or poor - that comes to our church should experience a warm welcome. Every visitor to our parish should be made to feel welcome. They should take away the impression that ours is a welcoming parish.

Support & Care: A few mentioned 'support'. Some saw themselves as being called by God to support those in need. They lend support by offering transport to those unable to drive; by visiting the shut-ins; by taking communion to the sick and the elderly. Another word for 'support' is 'caring', caring for others. Support cuts both ways. Through the support provided by carers all in our parish should feel cared for and supported.

Belonging: We can all pray to God in our private homes. But the Catholic religion is more than 'just me and my God'. The parish gives us a sense of 'belonging'. We belong to the people of God. We belong to the universal Church. We belong to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. But it's in our local parish Church, where we feel most at home.

Engagement: What do we understand by the word 'engagement'? Most of us want to be useful. We want to be 'engaged', involved. We feel we have a contribution to make. We want our gifts to be recognised. We do not want to bury our gifts. We would like to use our gifts for the benefit of our parish community.

Encouragement & Growth: To 'encourage' someone is to help that person to grow. We encourage others when we give them affirmation, show them appreciation, and give them positive feed-back. We have the opposite effect on people when we belittle them, put them down, and are negative towards them. To encourage is to promote growth in a person.

Fellowship & Friendship: Some have made friends through coming together at parish events and through working together in parish groups and in parish projects. The parish provides many people with a social outlet. It is good to see people talking together after Mass rather than rushing off without engaging with fellow worshippers.

Gratitude: The humble person appreciates the gifts of others and the service they provide. The grateful person does not take others for granted. The Eucharist essentially means 'thanksgiving'. Our Sunday Mass gives us an opportunity to thank God for his many gifts and blessings. Our gifts of nature, friends, family - even our health - are not taken for granted. We have much to be thankful for.

Renaissance: Someone mentioned 'renaissance' which means rebirth, renewal, and a whole host of other things. At our parish assembly, seeing what's happening in our parish and the plans for the future, gives one a sense that our parish is alive. There is a sense of rebirth, new life. Ours is not a perfect parish. We can always do things better, but there are signs that we are moving in the right direction.

Love & Mercy: Finally, someone mentioned 'love'. In a sense, all the above are manifestations of 'love'. To serve others and the parish community with love is the hallmark of a Christian. To give of our time and resources to the poor and needy through the corporal works of mercy is to show our love. The above is just a sample of the wisdom and spirit that flowed through the parish assembly. At a later date a fuller report will be forthcoming.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY is always an advocate for those in need. Recently they held their inaugural Just Art Competition. This was accessible to all people of all ages through the artistic representation of contemporary social justice issues. This year focused on Asylum Seekers— stories of humanity. Below is the winning entry called the “Crying Dove” by Lucia Roohizadegan from McKinnon Secondary College. The following is the message Lucia conveyed with this powerful piece.

“...delivers the message of asylum seekers through symbolism. The dove conveys the idea of hope, freedom and spiritual enlightenment as opposed to the bars with the innocent children trapped behind them. A beautiful golden wattle in the beak of the dove is a symbol of inspiration drawing the conclusion that the freedom and safety will be found ‘down under’. Colours are complimentary to the way the picture makes us feel from sadness and melancholy towards more positive emotions.”



Children from St Anne's Primary School had submitted pieces in support of Vinnies. Bronte from St Anne's was a finalist for Visual Arts (Primary School Age) with this piece. *“...I drew this because when you see or hear something about Asylum Seekers you can't imagine what they've been through and what their past was like so this picture represents that”*

Elizabeth S from St Anne's was the winner of the Creative Writing category with her piece titled “Leaving Home”.

To view the whole document its worth looking at the following link:

<http://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/vinnies-exhibit-the-art-of-humanity>

The powerful images in this document are quite profound when you consider the children's interpretation of the subject. The artwork is quite moving with incredible messages for us all to ponder on the plight of our brothers and sisters.



The following children will be baptized this Sunday.

Charlie HALLY

Ivy HURREN

Sienna WILLIAMSON

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



EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meetings will be cancelled until Thursday 6th October.

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.

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:

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| 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.

WELCOME TO CHILDREN PREPARING FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: and their families this weekend at all parish masses. This weekend the children will receive a copy of the “Sorry Prayer” which they will use at their Reconciliation Celebrations on Tuesday 13 & Wednesday 14 September. Please keep our children in your prayers.

PS MY FAMILY MATTERS— MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT: The purpose of the expo is to showcase the mental health and carer support services available across the Macedon Ranges Shire to our community. One of the recurring themes we have found since establishing PS My Family Matters is that there are some great services available, but there is a lack of understanding of other services that can assist with mental health needs. The expo will be held during Carers Week on Wednesday the 19th October from 5.30pm-7.30pm at Macedon Ranges Health. with speakers from 6pm - 7pm. This year we are focusing on the NDIS and what this means for our community in relation to Mental Illness. Mike Hamer Vice President PS My Family Matters will facilitate these discussions. For any queries contact Tamara Wilson on 0401 042 777.

TWILIGHT SCHOOL: Rosalie Ham, the author of “The Dressmaker” will be in conversation with Bruno Lettieri on Wednesday October 26 at 6 pm for 6:30 pm start at Rupertswood Mansion. **Cost: \$10 RSVP:** Bruno Lettieri (**important!**) Blettieri@scr.vic.edu.au

STRENGTHENING PARISH SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS: Tuesday 20 September 5.30pm-8.15pm Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne. The night covers the ways parishes can support asylum seekers and has speakers and workshops available. RSVP 13.09.16 via www.trybooking.com/LWTS Cost \$15 to cover light refreshments and resources

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

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY: 11 SEPTEMBER: The images of child sexual abuse have continued to affect our entire community and diminish the trust some have placed in our Church. That trust has been further eroded when the institution has failed to appropriately respond to the victim's needs. Yet the Catholic Church is in unique position to offer much within this focus of creating stronger communities, safer Children. One such example can be seen in Pope Francis' Apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, in which families and consequently communities are encouraged through love, strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience to become stronger more capable and more resilient. Stronger families and Church communities can then help to keep our children safe. As the Royal Commission begins to finalise hearings and close registration for private sessions, Child Protection Week, and in particular Child Protection Sunday provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the steps we have taken to make children safer in our communities; at home, in our churches, schools and Catholic agencies. Here at Sunbury Parish we can see evidence of the strength of our community providing support, protection and opportunities to help keep our children safe through regular audits of the Working With Children Checks for all volunteers who work with or near children and vulnerable adults in our parish.

LEGION OF MARY: wish to thank the parishioners and school children who attended Mass on Thursday 8 September for the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday. We thank Fr Brian McMahon who came from afar to celebrate Mass for our community. We also congratulate Stephanie Rozario who pledged herself to the works of our Mother Mary and became a member of Legion of Mary.

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT – FUNDRAISING APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND: According to official figures over 4,200 children in Indonesia have been infected with HIV AIDS whereas in Australia there has been an average of only ONE new case per year for the past five years. Your donations over the past two years have enabled the LAP Care Group in Jakarta to support almost 100 children with nutrition and medication. Your generous support at our fundraising appeal at all Masses –next week end would again help the LAP Group to continue their crucial work. Please see the following link on our Parish website for more information on the recent activities at LAP. <https://olmcsunbury.com/our-overseas-project/> Thank you Mick Hetherington, Frank O'Connor, Julie Reddan and Tony Kiley on behalf of the Parish Coordinating Team.

MORNING TEA NEXT SUNDAY HOSTED BY LAP TEAM: The LAP Team is looking forward to hosting Morning Tea after the 8:30 Mass next Sunday.

SILVER JUBILEE OF ORDINATION: on 31 August Father Gerard Keith celebrated 25 years of ordained priesthood. Fr Gerard was an assistant priest among us from 1995 to 1998. He is currently parish priest of three parishes in Geelong: Bell Park, Geelong West and Manifold which have four churches.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR CENTURY: to Don Barker who turns 100 next Tuesday. Don is a recent arrival among us and is a regular worshiper at 10.30am Mass coming with his daughter Joan.

NUNS REFUSE TO ABANDON CITY: Religious sisters, including a French Carmelite sister said in August: "It is the poorest of people who are still in Aleppo Syria... We have no water, no electricity, and the fighting is continuing incessantly. How can we abandon these people in their suffering?" Aleppo has 250000 residents, including 40000 Christians.

25000 AT BISHOP'S FUNERAL: Bishop Edward Daly of Derry died on 8 August. As a priest in 1972, the civil rights advocate went to the aid of those injured on Bloody Sunday 1972 when British troops killed 13 protesters in the street. The photograph of him waving a blood-stained white handkerchief as he escorted a group carrying a dying man to safety went global. "He was a gentle shepherd with a sensitive heart and a generous disposition; ever caring to the sick, the bereaved and to victims of all sides of the Troubles." said Archbishop Eamon Martin of Dublin.

CATHOLICS' NEW VIEW OF LUTHER: The German Catholic Bishops have published a 206 page report conceding Rome had made mistakes in its handling of the leader of the Reformation, Martin Luther (1483-1546). They write the Reformation has not reached its original target of reforming the Church but has led to division and this is a tragedy.

The Bishops say while Luther's work still posed some challenges, Luther shall now be seen as "a religious pathfinder, Gospel witness and teacher of the faith."

Pope Francis is to attend a Catholic-Lutheran prayer service at the Protestant Cathedral of Lund, Sweden on 31 October marking the year-long commemoration of the Reformation.

134 CHURCH WORKERS AT 50TH CONVENTION: last week, church workers in marriage tribunals including men and women, 40 priests and 8 bishops gathered from Australia and New Zealand to learn more of the new streamlined procedures for people seeking an annulment of their failed marriage. The number of people enquiring has trebled at the Melbourne Office (9639 4211) since the Pope issued the new procedures on the Feast of the Birth of Mary our Mother on 8 September 2015. Fr Frank Morrissey OMI of Canada, a member of the Pa-pal Commission addressed us.

FR ANDREW CAMILLERI: aged 69 years entered eternal life on Thursday at his presbytery in Thomastown West after a few days of serious illness. Born in Malta he was ordained a priest in Valletta in 1981 and came to Melbourne where he has served in various parishes since 1991. We offer our prayerful sympathy to the parishioners of Thomastown West who are shocked at their loss of their priest who served them for eleven years. Fr Andrew was the life of the party among the Maltese priests in Melbourne. His large physical stature was matched by his generosity, kindness and welcome.

FAREWELL TO PAUL HOGAN: will be held on Thursday. Families of present and past pupils are invited to a picnic on the school oval from 5pm to 6.30pm. You may bring your own food or BBQ food will be available for purchase. The present students have a fun run from 4.30pm

RESPONDING TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY WITH SAME SEX ATTRACTION: in today's current climate, knowing how to respond to those experiencing same-sex attraction can be confusing. As Catholics we are called to respond in a way both loving and truthful. A public forum at Cardinal Knox Centre will explore how to respond. The movie "Desire of Everlasting Hills" will be screened, followed by a panel discussion with personal testimonies from people who have experienced same-sex attraction and found peace in Christ's teaching on love and sexuality. The panel will include an international guest Fr Philip Bochanski from Courage International a Catholic ministry to people with same-sex attraction. Venue: 385 Albert St, East Melbourne; Date: Sunday 11 September 2.30pm-5.30pm Cost: Donation at the door.

PARISH ASSEMBLY REPORT: on the screens during Mass, you will notice a slide after Communion with many words displayed. This is the collage of the words that attendees of the Assembly felt for the parish. These 'words' have many powerful meanings for our parishioners and hopes for our future as a parish community. A full report will be prepared for next week's newsletter.