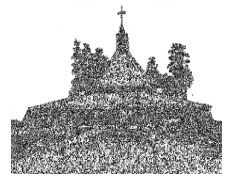




OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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
Wed: 9.15am St Anne's
Fri: 9.15am St Anne's

16 October 2016

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart
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
Acting Principal: Mark Gleeson

Baptisms celebrated on Sundays.
Please contact the Parish Office for details of the next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Jesse HOGAN Margaret MCCONVILLE
Arthur PALSER Brian POUNDER Leo RYAN Frank
WALKER Beth WARBURTON Bethany WRAGG

Recently Deceased: George SFYRIS

Anniversaries: Austin & Leonie D'MONTE
Eileen & John FLANAGAN Mignon LAMAIRE
Doris & Fred MONK Tim & Mary
O'CALLAGHAN Nancy O'REGAN Ernest
SHIELDS

*Special Collection
Next Weekend
World Mission Sunday*

PERSEVERING IN PRAYER

A Reflection on Prayer

The dominant theme of today's readings is that of prayer. The lesson taken from the first reading and the gospel is that prayer is more than a matter of short sprints. If we want something desperately we need stamina and perseverance. Above all, we need faith that does not waver in its trust in God. The story of Moses in the first reading provides us with a vivid picture. As long as Moses can hold his arms up the battle goes in favour of the Israelite army, but as soon as his arms fall limp the battle fortunes go the other way. Uplifted arms are symbolic of an uplifted heart, but limp arms symbolise a wavering heart.

The parable of the persistent widow is one of those "**how-much-more**" stories. If the judge, who was unjust and heartless, was moved by the widow's persistence, **how much more** will God, so just, loving and caring, take every cry to heart? The only area open to question is the strength of our faith: if our faith perseveres and does not waver, then our prayer for justice will be answered. Unwavering faith in God is the requirement of every prayer. Hence the final question in the gospel: **'When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'** Perhaps Luke intended this segment of the gospel as a warning to the community of his time, some of whom were defecting from the faith under persecution from unjust judges.
(cf Sylvester O'Flynn OFM Cap, *'The Good News of Luke's Year'*)

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

NOVEMBER MASSES: during the month of October we have a paper you may complete for loved ones to be remembered during the month of November when we remember those who have entered eternal life. Please complete a form and leave in the basket at the back of the church. During November all the papers will be placed in a folder and brought up with the gifts during Mass for loved ones to be remembered.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: is a Catholic Magazine produced by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Currently they are issued monthly and sold via the piety stall. The archdiocese are interested in any stories for the magazine. If you have a story or special achievement that you would like published please contact melbournecatholic@cam.org.au. Articles of 500 words are sufficient.



NEW TIME FOR SATURDAY EVENING MASS: consultation was held at the Parish Assembly and at all Masses. Voting gave a clear preference for 5.30pm as the time of our Saturday celebrations. 154 voted for 5.30pm, 43 voted for 6pm (78% to 22%) **The new time will begin on the first Saturday of next month 5 November.**

SAVE THE DATE!!!!- Annual Parish Christmas Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday 3 December in the Parish Centre. Tickets will be on sale from 1st week of November @ \$20 per head, pensioners \$15, children ages 6-10 \$15 per head or family of 4 \$50. Tickets will be pre-sold with no tickets sold at the venue. Enquiries to Garnet on 0411 286 428. Lots of cash and raffle prizes to win. Donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated.

All funds raised will be donated to the following causes: Parish Overseas Humanitarian Project, Village Green Christmas Carols, Sunbury neighbourhood Kitchen, Parish H S I Group and Youth Group. We would welcome any businesses to support this event. Any supporters will be advertised on all Youth group flyers. For \$25 each event or \$100 for 4 events in 2017. Please contact Garnet for more info.

HUME SENIORS FESTIVAL 2016: Hume City Council is running a special day for seniors who would like to try new activities and be more involved in the local community and learn about services, resources and opportunities available to you. No bookings required for the event. Friday 28 October from 10.30am-2.30pm at Senior Citizens Centre, 185-225 Blair St, Dallas. Hume have offered transport for those who need. Meeting point is St Anne's Church. Please call office by this week on 9744 1060 if you need transport to this event.

CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN: the Combined Churches of Sunbury are seeking help. Need helpers to set up and pack up stalls, selling food, drink, candles, collection, handing out program, children's activities, etc. Please call Wilmy on 9740 9448 if you can help please.

RESPECT FOR LIFE MARCH: was held in Melbourne last Saturday causing a number of streets to be closed around Spring Street. Many police were present, but the large march was peaceful. The march received no coverage in the media.

SALESIAN COLLEGE FEAST DAY MASS: was celebrated last Wednesday by 1400 pupils, parents and teachers in the Stadium. The preacher was Fr Martin Tante sdb an old collegian from the 1980's. Martin grew up in Gladstone Park. He is now director of the Salesian Retreat Centre, Lysterfield. The music and singing was joyful and the students were reverent. I joined the two other College chaplains Fr Wil and Fr Joe at the Altar.

..... Kevin McIntosh

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

CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION: Hundreds took part in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred on our parishioners last Sunday in St Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Terry Curtin, our Regional Bishop. The liturgy was inspiring with great music and participation by our children reading the scriptures and leading the Prayers of the Faithful. Our teaching staff were present at both sessions from 1.30 to 5.45pm. Congratulations to our children and their families.

Gus Ardas Holly Barrett Max Beazley Lachlan Biewer Serena Biewer Emily Bock Mack Borchert-Krohn Mykaela Briggs Jacob Broomfield Matthew Brown Bridget Brunacci Joshua Bruno Sophie Buchanan Michael Budimir Laura Campelj Lachlan Caplin Jasper Carbone Thomas Cardillo Bridey Carew Blake Carroll Philippa Carville Zak Chantry Indi Charter Callum Chatfield Olivia Coleman Zak Cuthbert Lachlan Dawson Elleana Delos Santos Ronan D'Lima Sian D'Monte Samuel Donoghue Ruby Dooley Jessica Driscoll Chelsea Egan Patrick Ervin Shanequa Faria Nikita Fernandez Lachlan Fish Claire Frewen Olivia Galeotti Jorja Gardner Benjamin Gavaghan Daniel Gigliotti Cameron Gillespie Finn Grunden Amelia Haber Jude Headberry Samantha Heaney Darcy Hetherington Jordan Hoskinson Ashleigh Howard Madelene Hrkac Jessica Jacob Liam Kelly Abbey Lambert Ashleigh Macken Phillip Manariti Lauren Marsh Tobias Marzella Tania McGrath Bardyn McIntyre Toby Mifsud Piper Morison Elyse Muster Taneisha Paoly William Parker Eyal Patrice Olivia Pavlis Fraser Phelan-Smith Brianna Piccione Michael Pisanelli Ryan Plunkett Joel Podolzak Adam Portelli Oliver Prescott Zachary Prescott Amy-Rose Ridi Anna-Lise Ronkwane Thomas Salaj Edward Salopayevs Chelsea Sammut Jesse Sciortino Lachlan Sheahan Nicholas Shoebridge Luke Simiele Cooper Smit Gabriella Smith Nicholas Spiteri Harrison Stafford Kasey Stephenson Varun Suttatti Reese Sutton Xavier Taylor Sinead Tighe James Troon Lachlan Urbon Massimo Valerio Samuel Vowles Jasmine Weaver Amy Webber Riley White Alex Wight Abbey Xerri Olivia Zahra-Semkowski Aidan Zanatta Olivia Zerafa

WALKING WITH FAMILIES: new video and print resources designed to introduce people to Pope Francis' exhortation The Joy of Love have been produced by the Life, Marriage & Family Office. These will be available in parishes this weekend. Please take a copy of the printed resource. The accompanying videos can be viewed online at www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily. We encourage you to share these resources with anyone you think would find them helpful.

NEXT WEEK IN AUSTRALIA WE MARK ANTI-POVERTY WEEK: (16th -22nd October) Many Catholic agencies work tirelessly for the alleviation of poverty here in Australia and around the globe. The Victorian Council of Churches' (VCC) Social Question Commission will mark Anti-poverty week by coming together and praying in an Ecumenical liturgy in the St Mary MacKillop Chapel at ACU. ALL are WELCOME to attend. Details: **Time: 1.00pm – 1.30pm Date: Tuesday 18th October 2016 Place: St Mary MacKillop Chapel, Daniel Mannix Building, ACU (enter via 8 Brunswick St Fitzroy) Light Refreshments afterwards. RSVP/ Inquiries: justice@cam.org.au**

FR PAUL ALVARES: will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee of his Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary on 28 October at St Jerome's church Mpuca, Goa. Fr Paul is the Brother of Eddie and Teo Alvares of our Parish. Please keep him in your prayers.

OPEN DAY 2016

Come and see what I see...

Thursday 27 October | 9:30am - 5:00pm



ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Raquel Handley-Bowen Candice Bowen St Anne's Church – Nil **COUNTERS** John & Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Frances Arians **LECTORS:** Paul Fanning Peter Readman Mimi Quattrone Teresa Quin **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 6.00pm** Vicki Heath Paul Hogan Garnet Jacob Paul Fanning Albert & Diana Mastramico Sashi Nair **8.30am** Lili Lupa Liz Richards Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen Tom Allen **10.30am** Moira Sullivan Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis Olga Ellul Johanna Fahey **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace