



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

**23 October 2016**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Psalm Response**

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

### **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

**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 Judy HOGAN Cathie LIO

Margaret MCCONVILLE Arthur PALSER Brian

POUNDER Leo RYAN Frank WALKER

Beth Warburton Bethany WRAGG

**Recently Deceased:** Brian CROCKER Laurie  
DWYER

**Anniversaries:** Edward HILL Andrea IRATO Rita  
JANSEN Lawrence JOHNSTON Kevin MOTT  
Catherine SAMON John SAMON Francis  
TWYECROSS

**Special Collection**  
**This Weekend**  
**World Mission Sunday**



## **THE PRAYER OF HUMILITY**

The parable of the two men in the temple gives us another lesson on prayer: pride gets in the way of true prayer; whereas the prayer of the humble person goes straight to the heart of God. The parable is directed at those who pride themselves on their virtue, and who despise lesser mortals. The boastful words of the proud are but a form of self-worship, whereas the prayer of the humble person pierces the clouds.

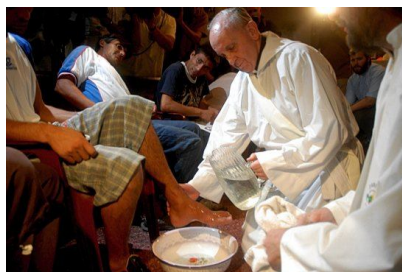
The Pharisees believed that the Law covered every facet of life. In their view, perfection consisted in the meticulous observance of every minute detail of the law. Their fault did not lie in their zeal for the law but in the pride they drew from it. The Pharisee was like Little Jack Horner who sat in a corner eating his pudding and pie. He patted himself on the back and said, '**What a good boy am I!**' This self adulation in the prayer of the Pharisee robbed it of its efficacy.

In his mind, the Pharisee did not need God to get him to heaven. He would get there on his own merits. He will pull himself up by his sandal straps. He also erred by comparing himself with others. As we all know, '**comparisons are odious**' but they also can be a foolish path to follow. It should be easy to find someone not as clever, not as pious, not as intelligent and not as good as we are: this will lead to pride and self-satisfaction. But if we are to compare ourselves, let us compare ourselves with the all-holy, all-just and all-perfect God: this will give us a true picture of our standing, and lead us to humility. Humility is **truth**. It is the truth about ourselves.

We notice another thing about the prayer of the Pharisee: his prayer was self-centered. We are told that '**the Pharisee stood there and said this prayer 'to himself.'**' The prayer is littered with '**I do this**' and '**I do that.**' While the prayer of the Pharisee seems to address God, it only wants God to be a witness to a tiresome litany of self congratulations.

By way of contrast, the humble prayer of the humble tax collector went straight to the heart of a compassionate and merciful God. '**God, be merciful to me a sinner.**' The simplicity of the tax collector's prayer is disarmingly uncomplicated. The tax collector, acutely aware that he is in the presence of the all-holy God, humbly acknowledges his unworthiness. His prayer is the prayer of naked truth. It tugs at the merciful heart of God and showers down mercy upon him. The man can't justify himself, so it is left to the merciful God to give him justification. '**This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God: the other did not.**'

It is most appropriate to begin Mass with the humble prayer of the **Penitential Rite**. We acknowledge our unworthiness in the presence of the all-holy God, and we say, '**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**' Catholics, who come to Church on Sunday, should not compare themselves with others.



.....Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

**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 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. Food and DJ included in this price-that's outstanding value!!

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.

**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.

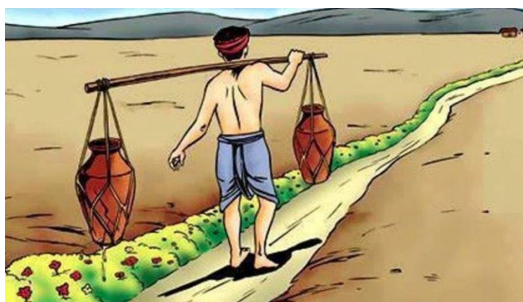
**NOVEMBER MASSES:** during the month of October we have a form you may complete for loved ones to be remembered during the month of November when we remember those who have entered eternal life. Please complete a form and leave in the basket at the back of the church. During November all the papers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

**REFLECTION:** this story illustrates today's Gospel beautifully. It also shows how some 'flaws' are blessings to others too.

A Water Bearer had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole, which he carried across his back. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, the cracked pot spoke to the Bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side allows my water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The Bearer said to the pot, "Did you not notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, we would not have such beauty." *Author Unknown*



**RUPERTSWOOD HARVEST:** Sunday 6 November 10am-3pm. You are welcome to visit Salesian College to see Agriculture program offered to students at the school. There will be food, music, patch tours, mansion tours and activities for children.

**OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT:** A special "thank you" to the children, parents and staff at St Anne's for their wonderful fundraising effort at last week's "Coloured Clothing Day". Not only did the children raise the very generous amount of \$820 to support the work of the LAP team caring for desperately poor children in Jakarta, but also each of the Year 5 children made a special effort to personally prepare a card containing their name, photo and a short message of support for the LAP children. Thank you again to all of the St Anne's school community for your generous and caring support. Mick Hetherington, Frank O'Connor, Julie Reddan and Tony Kiley

**HELPERS NEEDED:** if you have any time next week our parish Neighbourhood Newsletters are due to be folded. We would appreciate any support you can give. If you wish to take a box home to fold, that will be appreciated also.

We also need posties to deliver the letters to our parishioners. Please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060 if you can help with this.

**HUME SENIORS FESTIVAL 2016:** Friday 28 October, a bus has been organized to collect those interested in attending the festival from St Anne's Church at 9.15am.

**THANK YOU:** to those who attended a lovely gathering on Tuesday afternoon in the parish centre. A group of about 40 attended the luncheon which was followed by the viewing of the movie "Lady in the Van." Thank you to the Evergreens committee for their great work to put this event together.

**A NEW DAY DAWNS:** The release by Pope Francis of the encyclical **LAUDATO SI'** heralded the beginning of a new chapter in the history of our rich Catholic Social Teaching. Pope Francis reminded us of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's Creation. World-renowned Eco-theologian **Fr Séan McDonagh** will deliver the 2016 *Rerum Novarum* Oration on the topic: "A NEW DAY DAWNS" based upon the call by St John Paul II for an "ecological conversion". The official Respondent will be **Ms Jacqui Rémond**, Director, Catholic Earthcare Australia. You are invited to attend this free Oration: **TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne (Corner Albert and Lansdowne Streets) Oration begins at 7.30pm (refreshments served from 7.00pm) Inquiries / RSVP: justice@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5727. ALL WELCOME**

**LORD MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE: CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL:** through its partnership with Mercy Works, Catholic Mission supports community leaders in Papua New Guinea to engage with their communities and be instruments of peace, so they can find consolation, understanding and love to heal the wounds caused by domestic violence and broken relationships. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, or by partnering with us you are helping community leaders in Papua New Guinea receive training so they can advocate for their communities and allow them to find peace through mercy. Please give generously.



#### ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

**ALTAR CARE:** Cathy Dyer **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Yvonne Sparks St Anne's Church – Lisa Crotty Chris Perry Narelle Anderson **COUNTERS** Frank Busutil Jenny & Peter Ryan **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS:** Moira Sullivan Collin & Coreen Wilson Michael McConville Brigid McConville **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **6.00pm** Dawn Westwood Sue Wight Patricia & Angelo Altair Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Vicki Heath Paul Hogan **8.30am** Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen Jo & Carmel Wiegerink **10.30am** Moira Sullivan Julie Reddan Anne Smith Sylvester D'Souza John & Sheila Stafford Aileen & Terry Sweeney **5.30pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco