



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,  
SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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## Liturgy Times this Week

Sat 5.30pm 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  
Fri: 9.15am St Anne's

**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.

**Reconciliation OLMC Church**  
**10.00am-10.30am Saturday**

**12 March 2017**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**

## Psalm Response

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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## LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Bruce CROWE Matthew FLANAGAN  
Peter HAYES Rubina LAKEY Violeta  
MARIANO Sean MCINTYRE Kevin  
PHELAN Eddie SAMMUT Keith  
SNOWDEN Pasquale VILLELA

**Recently Deceased:** Catherine  
BRADFORD Grace MCKAY  
Eddie SAMMUT Fr Thomas SHEERAN

**Anniversaries:** Edel ANDERSEN Frank  
BOWELL Richard LUPA Pauline  
MCCALLUM Anthony MAGRIN Sam  
MUSCAT Louis MUSCAT Maryann  
MUSCAT Mary NOY Noel PORTLEA  
Kathleen THOMAS Lorna  
Jean WALTERS  
Silvano ZANTA



## THE TRANSFIGURATION

The declaration of war on the Taliban was triggered by the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Twin Towers in New York. George Bush, after that horrific terrorist attack on US soil, demanded that the Taliban hand over Osama Bin Laden and expel Al Qaeda from Afghanistan. The Taliban refused to hand over Osama Bin Laden to face trial in the US without evidence of his involvement in the 9/11 attacks. The US refused to negotiate with the Taliban and, on 7 October 2001, launched *Operation Enduring Freedom*. So began the war in Afghanistan in which Australia became embroiled.

Today's gospel begins with three simple words: **'six days later'**... Just as the war in Afghanistan cannot be understood apart from the 9/11 event, so the story of the *transfiguration* cannot be fully understood without its connection with an event that happened six days previously. The question is: what happened six days earlier? This is what happened. Jesus asked the question: who do people say I am? Then, hearing a lot of nonsense, he asked the more crucial question: but **you**, who do **you** say I am? Peter answers correctly, *'you are the Christ.'* We know that story well. But it is what happens next that is important. Jesus begins to teach his disciples what type of Christ he is. He tells them that he must suffer, and die, and then rise again.

The idea of a suffering Christ does not sit well with the disciples and they close their minds to such a preposterous idea. They fall into a state of denial. They stop listening, and they fail to catch that last bit about Jesus rising from the dead.

The story of the transfiguration is all about the thing we call **'the Paschal Mystery'**, the central mystery of the Christian faith, the saving event of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The transfigured Christ is a glimpse of the glorified and risen Christ. But the resurrection is preceded by death. In St Luke's version of events we can eavesdrop on the conversation between Jesus, Moses and Elijah. Luke tells us that they were talking about his passing which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem. So the transfiguration has to be understood in the light of the Paschal Mystery, the death and resurrection of Jesus. That is why every year, on the second Sunday in Lent, we are exposed to the transfiguration story. That story fits perfectly well into the message of Lent. The link between the transfiguration and the events of Holy Week is further enhanced by the choice of the three disciples. The same trio feature in the garden of Gethsemane as they do on Mount Tabor.

And why does the Father insist that the disciples listen to Jesus? *'This is my beloved Son, listen to him.'* The reason was that the disciples were not **listening** to Jesus. They had turned a deaf ear to their master. Here lies the message for us. When we are overwhelmed by suffering and we live under the dark foreboding cloud of death, let us not forget the resurrection, for death is not the end of us but the gateway to a new and better life. This is central to our Christian belief.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:** Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral— and not simply an economic— act."

Are you buying Slavery-free Easter Chocolate? The International Labour Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa. Many of these children have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions. If you buy chocolate featuring one of these three certification symbols you will know that production of the chocolate is ok. Action: tell at least 5 people about slavery free chocolate this week.



**THE PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD LETTER** is being processed this week. Please contact the Parish office, if you are able to help with the folding.

We need as many Parish Posties as possible to enable all of our parishioners receive the letter in their letterbox. If you can spare a couple of hours (at the most) and a little energy to deliver these letters our Parish Target, *"that all feel they belong and are valued"*, may be met by the receipt of the letter. Please contact the office.

**ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS 2018:** Last Wednesday, a record high number of parishioners, about 150, attended our two Prep Information Sessions for applying for Prep in 2018. Salesian College Sunbury has received 13% too many applications for Year 7 next year beyond the number of places available.

**EVERGREENS:** first Social afternoon of activities for 2017 will be held on Tuesday 21 March 1pm-2.45pm in the Parish Centre. Come and bring a friend and enjoy a quiz session and relaxing musical entertainment. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

**THANK YOU:** Dear Parishioners, thank you for celebrating with me, my Golden Jubilee. Your thoughts, prayers and good wishes are much appreciated. Your generous "gift" overwhelms me!

My special thanks to Frs Kevin and Bert for leading the "Mass for Religious Profession" where I renewed my Vows in the presence of my family, friends and the Sisters of St Joseph and the whole assembly. I have received the Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis for the many years of religious life.

You, my parishioners my joy, who share my daily life here in Sunbury, I thank you for your continued welcome and hospitality. Each of you in your own way influences me to keep faithful to serving God and his people. My thanks go to the Office Staff who helped me prepare the luncheon and Parish Centre, their time was much appreciated. May you experience the blessings of good health, hope, contentment and peace. With love and gratitude, Jose`

#### MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 14 March	12.30pm	Sunbury Ministers	Parish Centre
	2.30pm	Principal Appointment Committee	
	6.30pm	Parents & Preps	St Anne's School
Wed 15 March	9.00am	New School Steering Committee	
	6.30pm	Parents & Preps	OLMC School
Thur 16 March	7.30pm	Home Group Leaders	Parish Centre
Sat 18 March	6.00pm	Salesian Presentation Ball	Moonee Ponds

#### MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:

Tues 21 March	3.40pm	Combined Schools Staff at OLMC
	5.30pm	Parish Education Board
Fri 24 March	9.00am	Principal Appointment Committee

**HELP PLEASE:** it is that time of year again where our office produces the Neighbourhood Newsletters that are distributed to all our parish families. We have around 3300 letters to fold. If you would like to take a box home or to stay and fold in the parish office, we would greatly appreciate your help. Please call into the Parish office at any time in the next week.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** is a way our parish supports almsgiving through helping Caritas Australia. Caritas is one of the major international aid agencies and they help build up marginalized areas around the world. Each Lent, we ask parishioners to take one of the boxes in each of our churches and donate to this very worthy cause. We ask for the boxes to be returned by the Easter weekend so that we can send the funds to Caritas.

Caritas has supported farming communities in poor countries by teaching farmers new agricultural techniques. They have gone to areas where education of children has been very difficult for various reasons and implemented strategies and resources to help children's education. They are working in poor areas where domestic violence is prevalent. They are providing resources to help families recover from domestic violence and regain dignity. If you would like more information please call 1800 024 413.

**FOR OUR LENTEN PROGRAMME** this year we are exploring "The Gift" that we have of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Morning sessions will be held after Mass on Thursdays at 9.45 am. Evening sessions will be at 7.30 pm on Thursdays. All sessions will be at St. Anne's Church. The topic for this week is "The Gift of the Spirit".

To celebrate the great gift of the Holy Spirit a **Jubilee Cross** is travelling around Victoria for 40 weeks. The Jubilee Cross is celebrating the beginning of Charismatic renewal in the World starting in the USA 50 years ago and spreading to the world. This cross will arrive in Sunbury on the afternoon of Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be carried from St Joseph's Convent and will arrive at St. Anne's church at approximately 3.30pm where it will be processed around the church grounds before being taken into the church for Mass.

After the 5.30 p.m. Saturday Mass there will be time for praise and adoration in front of the Jubilee Cross when people will be invited to place prayer petitions into a drawer at the foot of the Cross. These petitions will be burnt at a later date.

After 8.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning there will be another time of praise and worship before the Cross.

The Cross will leave Sunbury after the 9.15am Mass on Wednesday.

All are welcome to walk with the Cross from St Joseph's Convent to St. Anne's on Saturday. If you would like to take part in this walk please contact Elaine on 0418 322 596.

If you, or a group you belong to, would like to be allocated a time to pray before the Cross while it is here please contact Elaine.

**CARELINK:** was established and funded in 1996 by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne to coordinate and manage the ongoing care and support to the survivors of sexual and other forms of abuse and their families, perpetrated by clergy and other individuals appointed or employed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Partners and families are also supported by Carelink.

Carelink's framework represents an important collaborative endeavor intended to support our clients in receiving timely high-quality recovery-oriented care provided by professional external health service providers and support agencies. The aim is to improve experiences in the continued care of survivors.

For any assistance please call 1300 810 957. Brochures are available on the Welcome Desk at St Anne's Church.

**OUR LADY OF TA PINU SHRINE:** Monday 13 March from 10am will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. With Procession, Reconciliation, Reflection and prayer, Way of the Cross and Holy Mass. Flyers available on the Welcome Desk at St Anne's Church. All are welcome.

**LOCAL HOUSING SOUGHT:** For eight months from 12 April to 30 November, for a part-time psychologist from Tasmania. Enquiries 9746 3532.

**LENTEN REFLECTION:** In the Gospel this week, Jesus says to Peter, James and John, "Get up and do not be afraid." In the week ahead look out for people who are living with fear and anxiety, mental illness and depression. In Australia one person will die from suicide every three hours. Research has shown that speaking about these issues in a healthy and caring manner will decrease stigma, bullying and social exclusion. Depression and suicide rates are higher amongst military veterans often due to post traumatic stress (PTS). Social connection, acceptance and appreciation is a great support to people struggling with health issues.

*Prayer: God of mercy, strengthen our desire to continue on the Lenten journey with Jesus by living more prayerfully, simply and generously. Amen*



#### ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

**ALTAR CARE:** Julie Wright **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Snell Family St Anne's Church – Nil

**COUNTERS** Gerard Duggan Julie Reddan Anne McCormick **GIFT SHOP:** Pat & Peter Readman Mary Wicks **LECTORS:** Julie Reddan Jenny Carland Terry Sweeney Kevin Crowley **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Albert & Diana Mastramico al McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts **8.30am** Andrew Swann Monica Allen Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson Tom Allen Ann Chircop **10.30am** Julie Reddan Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose` Noy Christine Cassar Mark Perry Mimi Quattrone Sean Quigley **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace