



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
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

19 March 2017
3rd Sunday of Lent

Psalm Response

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Lord you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Joan ATKINS Bruce CROWE
Matthew FLANAGAN Peter HAYES Violeta MARIANO Sean MCINTYRE Winston MILLETT Kevin PHELAN Keith SNOWDEN Pasquale VILLELA

Recently Deceased: John GRIFFIN Eddie SAMMUT Priscilla ZANTA

Anniversaries: Joyce FAURE Felisa HIPOLITO Suzanne Grace KAIRUZ Leo O'BRIEN Frank O'MAHONEY John RANDICH Jan TYQUIN



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Jewish people worshipped at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans to the north worshipped on Mount Gerizem. But Jesus says to the woman of Samaria: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem . . . true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.'

We do this by acknowledging Jesus Christ as *our* sacred site. Jesus is where God is to be found. In his earthly ministry this was around places like the well in Samaria. As Risen Lord, he is to be found in those in dire need, and in the Heavenly Bread. In both cases we need to incline the body as an act of worship: in the case of the needy, by doing something practical; in the case of the Heavenly Bread, by genuflecting, bowing, before the Blessed Sacrament.

We could pause for a moment to reorientate ourselves to the Sacred Site who is the Risen Christ, acknowledging him as indeed the 'Saviour of the World'.

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POPE AND ANGLICAN LEADER INVITED TO SOUTH SUDAN

All the Christian leaders of South Sudan— Anglican, Presbyterian and Catholic— have asked Pope Francis: "Please come to South Sudan only for a day, but don't come alone, come with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby."
The country is suffering a brutal civil war, resulting in widespread economic breakdown and famine. Millions are starving.
Last year Pope Francis visited the war zone of the Central African Republic. Rather than being feted with the pomp and ceremony of a military band and met with children flag waving, the Pope landed at an airport in Bangui that was surrounded by a refugee camp. The papal visit brought a moment of peace and played a part in making last year's elections possible.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Mary Sammut and her children Frank and Cynthia as Eddie Sammut entered eternal life last Friday aged 80 years. Eddie lived during the War in Malta until coming to Australia as a child migrant in 1950 on the same ship as our Father Bert. They both attended Christian Brothers Agricultural College in Tardon WA. Eddie and Mary came to our parish in 1989. Eddie was a church goer all his life. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday.

We offer to the family of Grace McKay who entered eternal life last Friday. Grace born in Scotland in 1924, came to Melbourne in 1963 with her husband Thomas and family. Eventually, Grace and Thomas who were married happily for 70 years, Thomas proceeded her into eternal life last March came to our parish in 1998. Both were worshippers at Mass all their lives. Grace entered Goonawarra Aged Facility in 2004 where our Ministers of Communion served her. Her Funeral Mass and committal were celebrated on Friday.

OUR SCHOOLS OPEN DAY: both our Parish Schools will hold an Open Day on next Wednesday 22 March at two sessions; 9.30am and 7.30pm.

..... Kevin McIntosh

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."
Can't find slavery-free Easter eggs in your supermarket? Did you know that the Easter eggs in Australian supermarkets might be made with cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved or forced to work in exploitative conditions with no access to education and other human rights? The International Labour Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa.

Action: When you go to your local supermarket, look for chocolate that has one of these three symbols. If you can't find any, ask the manager if they stock any.



The following children from our parish will be baptized this Sunday:
Ivan DRESSLER
Ellasandra METELLI
Eloise TAG-AT
We joyfully welcome them to our parish community.



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.

WELCOME TO OUR PREP STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES: this weekend our Prep students and families will be attending 10.30am Mass. On Tuesday and Wednesday last week our Prep families attended a PJ night at both St Anne's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary Schools as the children and their families learnt more about their faith. The children have settled into school quickly and happily and are learning so much every day. This weekend, the children will be joining us as we celebrate Mass. Please pray for the children and their families.

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 supports the Stolen Generation of Indigenous Australians who were forcibly taken from their families during the 1920's to 1970's. Some children were then subjected to abuse in their new homes, or not even sent to families but rather Children's Homes. Caritas provides support for those who have been damaged through abuse and cruelty. If you would like more information please call 1800 024 413.

KINDER KINDA: our parish has been involved with Kinda Kinder program for a few years now. It is a program where the Victoria University Early Childhood students gain experience in planning and executing an education based play session in our parish with children from toddler to pre-schoolers. Parents stay and watch on (and chat) as their children interact and play during the 1 hour session. Our program will start Tuesday 2 May and continue for 4 weeks in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

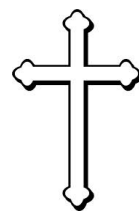
After the Kinder Kinda program is finished, our parish runs an informal playgroup where parents can access the toys for their children and just interact with each other while the children play. We would encourage participants of Kinder Kinda program to continue to come along to build up social networks.

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Information session on Saturday March 25 10.30am to noon. If you are over 21 and have skills that you can share to help reduce poverty, please consider attending this session. For more information contact 0431 995 058.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

PRaise & WORSHIP: will be held on Saturday 25 March between 4pm-5pm in St Anne's Church followed by Mass. No Sausage sizzle this month.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 21 March	3.40pm	Combined Schools Staff at OLMC
	5.30pm	Parish Education Board
Wed 22 March	7.30pm	Liturgy Planning Team
Fri 24 March	9.00am	Principal Appointment Committee

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday 28 March	1.30pm	New School Steering Committee
	7.30pm	Sunbury Inter Church Council

LENTEN REFLECTION: There was significant prejudice between Jews and Samaritans. This week become aware of people, groups, nationalities or religions that you harbor prejudice against. Ask God to soften this prejudice and open your heart to hospitality and dialogue. Are there multicultural, ecumenical or inter-religious events or groups in your parish? How could you support or engage with these events or groups over the weeks of Lent?

Prayer: May the walls of prejudice come down so all people will call each other brothers and sisters. May we all strive for peace. Amen

ANY OLD STAMPS?: our parish collects any unwanted stamps and we send them to Sister of St Joseph who use them to support international aid. If you would like to help, please place your stamps in an envelope and place in the collection plate during mass. We are grateful for your support.

SUNBURY CHAPLAINCY: Annual Dinner will be held on Wednesday 29 March at 7pm at Goonawarra Golf Club. 2 course meal \$30 or \$25 concession. Bookings essential. Call Helen by 24 March on 9744 3031 or 0407 506 507.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Lucy Gatt St Anne's Church – Beth Girdwood Jo **COUNTERS** Kelly Stark Vern & Maureen Walters **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Frances Ariens **LECTORS:** Jo Elena Mimi Quattrone Alan Slocombe **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 5.30pm Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharma Angelo Snell Jim O'Brien Dawn Westwood Sue Wight Patricia & Angelo Altair 8.30am Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Liz Richards 10.30am Grace Tucker Anne Smith Sylvester D'Souza John & Sheila Stafford Moira Sullivan Aileen & Terry Sweeney 5.30pm Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco