



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
Tues: 2.00pm St Anne's—
Mass & Anointing of Sick
Wed 9.15am St Anne's
Thurs 9.15am St Anne's
Frid 9.15am St Anne's
1.45pm Funeral Mass— Louie Spiteri

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

30th April 2017

3rd Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:14,22-23

Psalms Response: Psalm 15:1-2 5 7-11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;
make our hearts burn with love when you
speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Joan ATKINS Bruce CROWE Lloyd
D'CRUS Matthew FLANAGAN Anna
GRAVINA Rose LUCARDIE Violeta
MARIANO Cath REILLY

Recently Deceased: Chris BUCKLEY
Marian CAMILLERI Philomena COOKE
Adolf GIMLING Eleanor HALL Carmel
JAMIESON Alvin RODRIGUES Louie
SPITERI

Anniversaries: Petrus ARIANS Evon
DOUGLAS Laura CLARK Bernie
MAHONEY Josephine SCHEMBRI Jacobus
& Rosalia VAN LEEUWEN

CHRIST WALKS WITH US ON OUR JOURNEY OF LIFE

Our gospel today (Luke 24:13-35) is one of the best known and loved post-Resurrection stories. The two disciples on the way to the village of Emmaus are so much like us on our journey at times moving from doubt to faith after reflected on the sacred scriptures and being nourished by the Eucharist.

THE WALK OUT: These disciples had been told by Jesus "Wait in Jerusalem", and here they are, leaving the community of dispirited disciples and walking out on Jesus.

At the beginning of Mass, we confess that we have gone off course, generally by our negligence.

THE GREAT LISTENER: Christ walks alongside us, even when we find ourselves travelling in the wrong direction. He wants to hear about where we are. He lets the disciples talk and express their doubts and disappointments. He listens. Only after they have experienced where they are, he opens the Hebrew (Old Testament) Scriptures. Let us be honest with God and tell him how we feel especially about our dashed hopes. God never gives up on us.

OUR HEARTS ON FIRE: The disciples had all the information— they knew of Jesus' death and the stories 'he is alive'. Their expectations of a political Messiah have been dashed. Jesus explains the scriptures in a way that their vision of God is expanded. Jesus opened their eyes that God could be present even in suffering and death. They move from intellectual information to an inner conversion of heart. This change of heart is the basis of faith.

HOSPITALITY REWARDED: reaching Emmaus, the two disciples invite their anonymous fellow-traveler to share a meal. They pressed him to stay with them, "It is nearly evening, and the day is almost over." He agrees, but becomes THEIR host! Around the table, THEY become his GUESTS!

He takes bread, blesses it and gives it to them to eat— the same actions as at the Last Supper. Their eyes are opened and they recognize their travelling companion as the Risen Lord.

RETURNING TO THE COMMUNITY: Reflecting on their experience, they return straight away to Jerusalem to share with the others what had happened on the road and at the meal. They discover the remaining disciples have their own Easter stories to relate. The sharing of stories deepens our communal experience of salvation. We are not made to be 'lone rangers'.

NEW PEOPLE AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD: next month 126 children of our parish will begin to share from the Table of the Lord after their First Eucharist. Let us be hospitable to our children, their families and friends by being inviting as were the two disciples at Emmaus pressing "the stranger" to share a meal. Please continue to pray for the children preparing to celebrate First Eucharist on the weekends of 13/14 May, 20/21 May and 27/28 May.



.....Kevin McIntosh

MORNING TEA: will be hosted by Paynes Neighbourhood Sunday 7 May after 8.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome.



PARISH MASS & ANOINTING: our parish Easter Mass & Anointing of the sick will be held on Tuesday 2 May at 2pm in St Anne's Church. All Welcome.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 14 May** at 11.00am. Reg can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au. Please note that reg closes on Fri 5 May

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 at 9am** and continue for 4 Tuesdays in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

EUTHANASIA/ ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION: will be debated in Victorian Parliament in the second half of 2017. The Archdiocese has produced a document that shows the Churches request not to legalise it. Please take a copy from the Welcome Desk in St Anne's foyer. The Archdiocese is asking for lay people to nominate themselves to be the contact person to correspond with as they fight the legislation being passed. If you or someone you know would like to be actively involved in fighting this legislation, please contact the parish office on 9744 1060.

EVERGREENS COMMITTEE MEETING: on Tuesday 2 May 2017 in St Anne's Chapel at 10.30am.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: please refer to the parish website to view the recent article on our parish. Fr Kevin, our parish donkey, immersion baptism and our church history are all part of this lovely article.

The May issue of Melbourne Catholic is available now from the Piety Stall in St Anne's Church for \$4 per copy.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Deon & Anita Armstrong as they celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Wishing you continued happiness as you journey through life together.

POPE FRANCIS IN EGYPT: on Friday and yesterday where he met Church and Muslim leaders to strengthen relations.



The following children from our parish will be baptized this Sunday:

Chloe & Harry ZABIELSKI

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY:

- we offer to the family of Bortolo "Ben" Benzzone who entered eternal life at Goonawarra Aged Facility. Born in 1916, Ben was conscripted into the Italian Mountain Soldiers, the Alpini. He was captured in Greece in 1941 and sent to Australia as a POW. He worked on farms in Lancefield. In 1949, he brought his wife to Victoria. They were blessed with three daughters. Ben became a beef cattle farmer in Romsey. He lived in his own house until he was 99 years old. His Funeral was celebrated on Wednesday.
- We offer to Louise Sciberras whose husband John suddenly entered eternal life last week aged 71 years. John came from Malta and became a farmer at Diggers Rest. They are blessed with three daughters. Our parishioner for 30 years, John's Funeral on Friday concluded with the committal at Sunbury Cemetery.
- We offer Marija Gilming whose husband Adolf "Adam" entered eternal life last Monday aged 73 years. Adam came from Croatia with Marija and their children Stefan and Sue in 1970. They came to our parish nine years ago. Adam had mobility difficulties and was very cared for by Marija. His funeral concluded with committal at Northern Memorial Park.
- We offer to Marie Spiteri as her husband Louie entered eternal life last Thursday. Louie was one of ten children. His siblings kept vigil by his bedside at Broadmeadows Hospital. His Funeral will be celebrated on Friday concluding with committal at Sunbury cemetery.

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE FUNDRAISER: on weekend 6/7 May we will have merchandise for sale at all masses at St Anne's Church. All funds raised go toward finding a cure for this crippling and tragic disease.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY: next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis asks each of us to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. If each person who reads this offers one small prayer, it will make a difference. Our country desperately needs more priests and religious.

MARY MACKILLOP MUSEUM: at 362 Albert St, East Melbourne tells the story of Australia's St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Museum has a special Open Day on Saturday 6 May from 10am-4pm with a guided Mary MacKillop Walking Tour at 11am and a special morning or afternoon tea available between 11am & 3pm. Parishioners and their families and friends are also welcome to visit the temporary exhibition titled "The Cross – An Australian Journey" by Sr Helen Barnes rsj.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 2 May	10.30am Evergreens	St Anne's Chapel
	12.30pm Sunbury Ministers	St Mary's
Wed 3 May	7.30pm Liturgy Planning	Parish Centre

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Yvonne Sparks St Anne's Church – Nil

COUNTERS: Jack Sullivan Mimi Quattrone Janet Elliott Kerry Sanford **GIFT SHOP:** Pat & Peter Readman John Porta **LECTORS:** Julie Reddan Lyn Mandouit Sr Jose` Noy Alan Slocombe **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **5.30pm** Dawn Westwood Sue Wight Patricia & Angelo Altair Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Vicki Heath Paul Hogan **8.30am** Liz Richards Glenda Shanahan Garaeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen 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

MINISTRY MONTH This weekend, we will hear of the great work done in our parish by so many. All the Parish Groups and Ministries are vital to the parish we have today. These are various groups within our Church community who support our parish. We welcome all parishioners to be involved in any way they feel would bring richness to their life and the lives of other parishioners.

Below are the various ministries for your consideration. Please call the Parish Office if you have any queries.
"Lord, you have no hands but ours" St Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

ALTAR CARE: To clean the Sanctuary space of the church on a roster basis.

ALTAR SERVERS: To assist priest with Mass. Open to boys and girls who have celebrated First Communion.

BAPTISM PREPARATION : To welcome and instruct families wanting to baptize their children in the Catholic Faith. Sessions run once per month for 1 hour.

BINGO HELPER: To help with running the parish bingo at the Sunbury Football Club every Thursday night.

CATECHETICS: Our parish runs a program for children who attend Government schools who would like to celebrate their Sacraments. We need leaders who will support the children and teach them about the faith.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: To help children learn about their faith by running faith sessions at Mass that are directed toward children, including activities.

CHURCH CLEANING: Help is needed at both St Anne's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel churches to keep them clean.

CHURCH LINEN: Each Mass uses Altar Linen. We need helpers to wash and iron the linen.

COMMUNION TO THE HOUSEBOUND & AGED CARE FACILITIES: This important ministry helps parishioners who can no longer get to Mass by bringing communion and a friendly face to them. Some ministers attend to those at home and others attend the Nursing Homes.

COUNTING TEAM: We need people to count money and get it ready for banking.

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Is held every Thursday morning in the Chapel and is open to all who would like to pray in an uplifting environment.

EVERGREENS: Our Seniors are always looking for people to join them as they arrange gatherings and outings.

GARDENING: Our gardens need love and attention. Our helpers do a great job and would appreciate any assistance available.

GIFT SHOP: After Mass at St Anne's our helpers open the gift shop. Helpers are on a roster.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: An organization of catholic men who support the educational, charitable, religious and social welfare needs of the parish.

LAP TOP OPERATORS: Need helpers to set up and run the laptop during Masses.

LECTORS & COMMENTATORS: To read the word of the Lord at Mass on a roster. Commentators will welcome parishioners and make announcements.

LEGION OF MARY: Meet every Tuesday to pray together and to reach out to parishioners by visitation to homes and to aged care facilities.

MAINTENANCE: Our parish has many buildings and there are items that need to be attended to as a normal household does. We need people who can assist with small odd jobs that need to be done.

MASS SET UP: We need helpers who can set up and pack up weekend Masses. Helpers are on a roster.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: At Mass, we need ministers to distribute the consecrated hosts. Ministers are on a roster.

MUSICIANS & SINGERS: "When we sing we pray twice" is the saying. We need people who love to sing or play an instrument to uplift our Masses. Current choirs need assistance.



OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: This project has a small committee who coordinate the promotion of the needs of the orphans in Jakarta that our parish has been supporting since

PARISH HISTORICAL GROUP: Our small team preserve our parish's rich history. If you have a love for History, please join in.

PARISH POSTIES: Our posties are energetic helpers who deliver our Neighbourhood Newsletter to all our Catholic families three times per year.

RCIA TEAM: Are involved in Initiating Adults into the Catholic faith. They teach them about the faith and journey with candidates toward their Sacrament celebrations.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES: In our neighbourhoods we have groups who gather to discuss and celebrate the Christian faith in their homes.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: We have a small team who promote issues of Social Justice in our parish. We would love to hear from you if you have a passion for Social Justice.

TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE: We have people who have no transport but need to get to Mass or Shops or Medical Appointments. If you are able to assist, please let us know.

WELCOMING TEAM: We would love to have helpers to hand out the newsletter at each Mass and welcome each parishioner to Mass.

YOUTH GROUP: Our youth group has many activities that they coordinate each year for the parish and they support our other groups financially from any fundraising they do. New members are always welcome.

Sign Up Weekend will be this weekend and 6-7 May. Please consider where you would like to be involved in the work of the parish.

Please cut along the line and place in the collection plate. Our parish staff will be in contact with you shortly.

Thank you for sharing your gifts among our parish.

Name:.....

Phone No.:Email:

Ministry I would like to sign up for is:

