



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
Frid 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

Principal: Julie Freeman
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

14 May 2017

5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Psalm Response: Psalm 32:1-2,4-5,18-19

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Ray ATKINSON Bruce CROWE
Peter & Yvonne CRUICKSHANK
Matthew FLANAGAN Stephanie
KARAVASILIS Rose LUCARDIE Violeta
MARIANO Kevin TRAINOR Christine
VELTHUIS

Recently Deceased: Pat BROWN Gigi

Anniversaries: John FALZON

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT
WEEKEND
CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY**

WITHOUT THE HOPE OF EASTER, WHAT IS THERE?

On this fifth Sunday of Easter, it is opportune to ponder the often neglected virtue of hope which is at the core of an Easter spirituality.

Our world news confronts us with worries and anxiety— we need the virtue of hope. We need to be clear hope is not the same as optimism— that “things will turn out well in the end.” The opposite of hope is not pessimism, but despair. Judas despaired.

To hope can be difficult. Amidst the torments of persecution, when martyrs face torture, hope is what keeps them human. Not hope that the suffering will end but hope that the suffering makes sense that Christ is our saviour. He is the Way to our heavenly Father's house.

In our mental and spiritual struggles to maintain our faith under pressure, we need hope, a grace from God.

HOPE IN THE BIBLE: On 15 April 1945, when the Jewish survivors came out of the Nazi concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen, there was a prayer service. Despite exhaustion and emaciation they sang a song of hope, the “Hatikva” which became the Israeli national anthem. There is a continuity between Jewish hope and Christian hope. Both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament are narratives of hope. Each looks towards the same ending to the human story, when God will take his own to himself. “Thy kingdom come” is both a Jewish and a Christian prayer of hope.

BUILDING THE KINGDOM: Hope is not passive. The kingdom has to be built. Jesus returned to his disciples after Easter Sunday to commission them to do so. The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5) is the template for that kingdom, but we the faithful are it's builders.

Today as some of our children begin to receive the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ we are helping to build the kingdom of god and to deepen our hope in the Risen Lord, who has gone before us to prepare a place for us in our heavenly Father's house (John 14:2).

.....Kevin McIntosh

NEW PEOPLE AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD: We congratulate the following children who celebrate their First Eucharist with us this weekend: Alyssa Cain Olivia Camilleri Brayden Cann Marc Cortese

Jasmine Davies Claire D'Couto Cooper Dredge Olivia Flinn Jude Grunden Mia Grunden Matthew Gunn Chanel Jury Jack Manassa Mackenzie McWatters Jazmine Parmington Khalan Paterra Ella Piccione Jorja Ross Talisha Suttatti Catherine Tabone Noah Woodvine Scarlett Apap Coopa Bruno Nalani Cox Giselle Dalli Lana Failla Ashlea Ford Kane Frizzell Robert Hackett Jane Humphreys Charlee Lattenstein Teisha Menezes Elijah Metherringham Elizabeth Montalti Rauth Patrice Leo Pirotta Andy Plazzer Alexander Provan

May they continue to receive the gift of the Eucharist throughout their lives.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY: to all the Mums. May your day be a reminder of how special you are to your children and all those who love you.



MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 16 May	11am	New School Committee
	6pm	Salesian College Council
Wed 17 May	1.30pm	Parish/ Schools Coordination Meeting
	5.30pm	Parish Education Board
Sat 20 May	9.30am	Parish Life Reimagined Leadership Centre

THANK YOU: to all the parishioners who kindly responded to the Ministry Sign Up. Our staff are working on your responses and will contact you shortly.



OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to the family of Carmel Jamieson, a regular Sunday Mass goer who came to our parish eight years ago to be cared for by her daughters Angela and Margaret. Carmel grew up in Ballarat. Carmel married her late husband Angelo and they had ten children.

BE A 'MAN OF PEACE': Pope Francis urged Prince Charles with the Duchess of Cornwall during their first audience at the Vatican in early April. The three spent 27 minutes together in a room.

FRANCIS GIVES ROME'S POOREST A LAUNDRY: Pope Francis has provided showers, a barber, medical care and concert tickets to the homeless. His latest initiative is a laundry where the homeless can wash, dry and iron their clothes without charge. The laundry opened on 11 April at St Maria's Parish, Trastevere in central Rome. Whirlpool donated six washers and dryers.

CHURCH GROWS THANKS TO AFRICA: the Vatican 2017 yearbook reports the global Catholic population increased by 7.4 per cent between 2010 and 2015, reaching 1.285 billion baptized Catholics. The largest growth was in Africa increasing by 19% in 5 years. The top 10 Catholic populations are (in order): Brazil, Mexico, Philippines, USA, Italy, France, Columbia, Spain, Congo and Argentina.

THANK YOU: to Mark Gleeson for his good service as our Acting Principal of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School from 24 September 2016 to 7 May 2017. He has resumed his service as Deputy Principal.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: A reminder that any item given to the Historical Committee must be connected to the parish and have a written history given it. We are always pleased to receive items and photos relating to our history to add to our collection. If you come across any photos in your albums we would love to have a copy.

SISTERS OF ST ELISABETH CONVENT- BELARUS: We are delighted to invite you to see and purchase handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus). The exposition will take place on **Wednesday, May, 24 after the Mass**. The Sisterhood of Saint Elisabeth was founded in 1996. For more than 15 years our sisters have been rendering spiritual, social and financial support to the sick and the suffering at the National Psychiatric Clinic, the boarding home for children with special needs and mentally challenged adults, a TB clinic. In recent years a rehabilitation center for the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners was established 20 miles away from the Convent. About 200 residents live here today. Many lost and struggling people get a chance to tackle their problems and start a new life with God. A rehabilitation facility for females was established in 2012. Women released from jail, the homeless and mentally challenged women stay there. Today there are 11 women and one toddler at this farmstead. To help these people workshops were established on the grounds of the Convent. Many of these sick people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with the nuns and sisters and making beautiful articles (hand painted icons, crosses, crucifixes, woodcarvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, vestments).

All these goods are made with love and prayer and bring blessing to home. You will support many people in need by purchasing items of devotions for yourselves and your beloved ones.

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

Heidi BARTON

We joyfully welcome her to our parish.



MASS COUNT: this month of May is a time the parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Melbourne are asked to count the number of people attending all Masses. Our counters will be counting everyone at Mass as they take up the Mass collections throughout May.

EVERGREENS: Our parish Evergreens group is for all retirees young and old. The next social afternoon is on Tuesday 23 May 1-2.45pm in the Parish Centre. Come and enjoy some games, chats, discussions about outings and afternoon tea. Bring friends a plate to share please.

CENTRE MANAGER POSITION: The Stella Maris Seafarer's Centre at 600 Little Collins Street, Melbourne is part of the global Catholic missionary work for seafarers – & forms part of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants & Itinerant People.

Stella Maris requires an experienced Centre Manager for a full-time/permanent part-time position, responsible for day-to-day centre activities, with strong leadership skills and ability to develop and implement successful management strategies.

Contact: jobs@stellamaris.org.au for a copy of the Position Description.

MOTOR NEURON DISEASE: thank you to Fr Kevin & Fr Bert and all the generous parishioners who supported the Motor Neuron Disease fundraiser after Masses last Sunday. \$784 was raised in sales and donations. Money raised will be used to try to find a cure for this crippling disease. Also, a little pendant (looks like Tigers Eye) was found. If this belongs to you or someone you know, it will be kept in the parish office for you to collect.

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY: next weekend is Chaplaincy Sunday. The role of the Catholic Chaplain is to walk with people as they seek out new possibilities in their lives and support them as they invite God and others to join them on this journey. They spend much of their time listening to the anxieties, fears, hopes and joys of those they meet.

Donations will go towards supporting Chaplains who work with:

- Young people in youth justice facilities
- Patients and their families in public hospitals
- People living with HIV AIDS. Men and women in prisons
- Seafarers

Our dedicated Chaplains in the Youth Justice Centre at Parkville can work under extremely sad circumstances; conducting funerals, memorial services, hospital visits and offering support at court appearances.

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.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Snell Family St Anne's Church – Lisa Crotty Chris Perry Narelle Anderson

COUNTERS: Kelly Stark Vern & Maureen Walters **GIFT SHOP:** Carmel Wiegerink Frances Arians **LECTORS:** Felicity Wicks Della Oswald Elaine Van Der Weerden Kevin Crowley

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharma Angelo Snell Jim O'Brien Dawn Westwood Sue Wight **8.30am** Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen Carmel Wiegerink Tom Allen **10.30am** Johanna Fahey Julie Reddan Tony Hendy Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose Noy Mimi Quattrone Mark Perry **5.30pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Christine Wallace