



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	6.30pm	OLMC
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
	7.30pm	Christian Unity Service Lutheran Church
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
Fri	9.30am	St Anne's
	12.30pm	OLMC

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

28 May 2017

Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm Response: Psalm 46:2-3 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19,20

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Ray ATKINSON Bruce CROWE
Peter & Yvonne CRUICKSHANK
Matthew FLANAGAN Kevin FURY
Stephanie KARAVASILIS Mathew PALSER
Christine VELTHUIS

Recently Deceased: Kevin TRAINOR

Anniversaries: Margaret CARLSON
Irene HAMILTON Craig MCDONALD John SCHEMBRI Nell TYQUIN

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD— ABSENT AND PRESENT

When we offer our final farewell to our loved ones in death, there is so much pain. But out of these deaths the new can be born. The famous Dutch Catholic priest and psychologist, Henri Nouwen (1932-1996), after the death of his mother wrote: "the deeper I entered into my own grief, the more I became aware that something new was being born, something that I had not known before. I began to wonder if Jesus does not send his Spirit every time someone with whom we are connected by bonds of love leaves us... by letting her go I did not lose her. Rather, I found that she is closer to me than ever. In and through the Spirit of Christ, she is indeed becoming a part of my very being." from "In Memoriam" pg 59 (1980)

HIS PROMISE KEPT: Only after the disciples stopped clinging to Jesus' physical presence, only after he has ascended to his Father, can the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit, descend into their hearts.

As we leave our friends, we often say "be sure to keep in touch". Sometimes we don't keep in touch for various reasons. Today's feast is about promises kept through the gift of the Spirit which enables us to be always intimately "in touch" with Jesus.

TOUCHING THE IMAGINATION OF THE YOUNG: Was the title of a talk by Fr Timothy Ratcliffe OP an English scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. He spoke to 160 Catholics including three from Sunbury in East Melbourne last Saturday.

He said for many people, religion is boring. How do we set hearts burning? Everyone wants to be special, hence the celebrity cult. The closer we come to Christ the more we become authentic. St Paul was authentic- "I live now, not I, but Christ in me." Fr Ratcliffe stated his vocation to the priesthood grew out of his admiration for his uncle, a Benedictine priest who was a chaplain in World War 1 on the Western Front. He risked his life in going to injured soldiers under fire. He received the military cross. The message is to follow Christ to the end, whatever the cost.

If you love, you will be killed. If you don't love, you are dead already. The adventure of love is risky. Christianity defies safety.

As was seen in the Manchester bomber last Tuesday, ISIS captures youth as it asks everything.

The death and resurrection of Christ is the victory of non-violence. Gandhi, Dorothy Day, Pope Paul VI have been apostles of "no more war". While our culture is in love with violence and guns, youth are to see the attraction of non-violence, a deep peacefulness.

PILGRIM OF PEACE IN EGYPT: On 28 April, Pope Francis visited Egypt three weeks after ISIS bombed two Christian Churches killing 45 Christians. He refused a bullet-proof car and was driven in a golf buggy to celebrate Mass with 15000. He went into the heartland of the Muslim world to join others determined to combat violence "in the name of God". He greeted the Grand Imam in Arabic "Peace unto you."

The Pope also met the Coptic Pope. Both churches then agreed to recognize each other's baptisms. The Coptic church broke from Rome in 451.

THE BIBLE NOW AVAILABLE IN MORE LANGUAGES: The United Bible Society (UBS) report that last year the Bible was translated into 61 new languages of 428 million people – in China, Russia, Uganda, India, etc. The UBS now has the Bible available in 648 languages.

APPLICATIONS FOR PREP 2018: Interviews of the 172 families with their Prep 2018 child will conclude on Wednesday this week.

PARENTS MEETINGS FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION: will be held in the Parish Centre this Tuesday 30 May at 7.30pm and Wednesday 31 May at 2pm. The session will include information on the next Sacrament after Baptism as their child continues on their Sacramental life in the Church. The program of preparation will be outlined and registration will be offered at the end of the meeting. Children need not attend.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 30 May	11am	Holy Trinity School Committee
	7.30pm	Rego & Info Sacrament Reconciliation
Wed 31 May	2pm	Rego & Info Sacrament Reconciliation

.....Kevin McIntosh

NEW PEOPLE AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD: We congratulate the following children who celebrate their First Eucharist with us this weekend:



Stephanie Brown Claire Bonnici Isabelle Butt Zyan Capule Madeline Dunkley-Price Riley Farrugia Alexander Fish Mikayla Francis Erin Furniss Emmanuel Hanna Jackson Harmer Mitchel Harmer Lachlan Hyatt Harry Jones Chelsea Jovanovic Lachlan Judd Sienna Lambert Charlotte Loft Yolanda Macarcio Brianna Marsh Ella McDonald Amelia Medici Isabella Owens Kaitlyn Portelli Charlotte Porter Jack Pretty Thomas Pretty Ruby Price Zac Salaj Aaliyah Santucci Maddison Schembri Bianca Shoebridge Sophie Sleight Luca Stella Indiana Stott Samantha Taafuli Raphaella Takos Angus Taylor Cadel Timmis Summar Trickey Harrison Vowles Layla Weir Macy Whorlow-Kenny Joel Zanatta

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

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL, SUNBURY: is the name of our new school in Mitchells Lane. The name is based on the central mystery of our Christian faith. Pope Francis teaches that to love is to live the life of Trinity, having unity in diversity. The name has been discussed at School Steering Committee and approved by Archbishop Denis. The school is planned to open in 2019 as a P-6 school.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY: tickets are on sale this weekend for the great Christmas in July celebration on Saturday 1 July from 7pm-10pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets cost \$20 per adult. Please call Garnet on 0411 286 428 or the parish office on 9744 1060 for tickets.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE SUNBURY: Prayer for Christian Unity will be conducted at Bethany, Lutheran Church in Brook St, Sunbury on Wednesday 31 May at 7.30pm. This service is of special importance as it marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. It is also important for us to remember that there are more things we have in common with our Protestant brothers and sisters than those that divide us from them. On Reformation Day, 31 October 2016, our Pope Francis commemorated that feast day in Lund, Sweden, as guest of the Protestant Royal Family of Sweeden and took part in an ecumenical service with the Lutheran hierarchy at their Cathedral Church. What a great example he gave us!

Earlier this month, world leaders of the Greek Orthodox and Coptic Orthodox Churches met with Pope Francis in Egypt for the first time since 451. At the meeting, the Coptic Orthodox and the Catholic Church decided to recognize each other's baptism—hence no more re-baptisms.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2017 AT 6PM - ST PATRICK'S AND ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL CHOIRS UNITE IN SONG

PRAYER AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: On Pentecost Sunday at 6pm at St Paul's Cathedral, a Choral Evensong for the Day of Pentecost will be sung by the Choir from St Paul's combined with the Choir of St Patrick's Cathedral – completing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is the first time these choirs have combined for worship. In addition, the Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral, Fr John Salvano, has been invited to preach. Join in the Spirit and make this a Pentecost to remember. (The combined Cathedral Choirs rehearse publicly in the Cathedral from 4.30pm.)

"WHEN LIFE IS ENDING": is a publication produced by Sister Ong RSM who is also a practising GP which explains the ramifications of the proposed changes to Victoria's Euthanasia/ Assisted Suicide legislation. A free copy is available on the Welcome Desk.

The following children from our parish will be baptized and received into the church this Sunday:

Olivia SCOTT

Tyler & Hudson KAVANAGH

We joyfully welcome them 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.

CAN YOU PLEASE ASSIST?: The Pernaperna Women's Group Is an Aboriginal Women's Group that welcomes all women, bringing them together in friendship, sharing and learning from each other in the true spirit of Reconciliation, through social connection and engaging in projects for the benefit of the Sunbury and wider community.

We URGENTLY need assistance with gathering, sorting, drilling, threading, dipping and varnishing small gumnuts for a project we are involved in. They are crocheted together so anyone who could assist with crocheting would also be greatly appreciated. Any help, no matter how small, will assist us in our dream and goal for a Sunbury Women's Shed. New members warmly welcomed. Contact Joan 9744 3357

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Invest in your most precious asset..... Your Marriage! Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 2017*

Melbourne weekend dates : 28-30 July, 17-19 November, 2017
Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au

SALESIAN COLLEGE SUNBURY-90 YEARS YOUNG: on 12 May, the students and a few alumni presented an excellent "Showcase" of music and dance highlighting the musicals in each of the nine decades since 1927. The night was a sell-out in the college stadium.

The number of excess applications for enrolment in 2018 has been double that in 2017. Enrolments for 2019 close on 25 August 2017.

All Catholic Secondary Colleges in Melbourne are moving their enrolments earlier from this year.

NATIONAL SORRY DAY 26 MAY RECONCILIATION WEEK 27 MAY-3 JUNE "LETS TAKE THE NEXT STEPS": During Reconciliation Week several important anniversaries are being celebrated. It is 50 years since the 1967 Referendum when Australia voted to remove clauses in the Constitution that discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is 25 years since the historic Mabo granting land rights. National Sorry Day is a nation wide observance held on 26 May each year sharing in the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. 2017 marks the 20th anniversary of the tabling of the Bringing Them Home Report. The Report consists of 54 recommendations to redress the impacts of the removal policies and address ongoing trauma. Despite recommendations of this Report many Aboriginal children are still in foster care with non Indigenous families. Many events are held during Reconciliation Week and these can be found on the Reconciliation Victoria website www.reconciliation.org.au

SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY: is on next Saturday 3 June from 3pm-8pm at the seminary in Carlton where priests are formed for Victoria. Anyone wishing to attend are asked to contact Fr Kevin before 5pm Tuesday 9744 1060.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Peter Readman St Anne's Church – Skeeter Jacob Cedric D'Souza Beth Girdwood **COUNTERS:** Kaye Roche Tony Tanti Ian Burnside **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer John Porta **LECTORS:** Moira Sullivan Colin & Coreen Wilson Sr Jose Noy Mimi Quattrone **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **5.30pm** Albert & Diana Mastramico Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts **8.30am** Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen Carmel Wiegierink Colin & Coreen Wilson **10.30am** Grace Tucker Terry & Aileen Sweeney Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis **5.30pm** Will Honner Rita Rocco **Assistance Required**