



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
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

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

25 June 2017

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm Response: Psalm 68:8-10,14,17,33-35

Lord, in your great love, answer me

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:26,27

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Bruce CROWE Brian CROCKETT
Matthew FLANAGAN Phillip FRANCIS
David FURY Kevin FURY Michael
HOLLOWAY Mathew PALSER Kiran
PRASAD Pio ROCCO Roland ROCHA Sr
Mary ROWAN RSJ Loretta SPITERI Susan
TUBB Christine VELTHUIS Shirley
WHORLOW

Recently Deceased: Fr Claude BORG
MSSP Mario CHRUL Wilhelmina VAN
HEUZEN

NO FEAR IN A WELL MANAGED DEATH

"Be not afraid" is written several times in the Bible— one of the most repeated sentences. Today, Jesus speaks twice- "Do not be afraid."

A more accurate translation of the Greek original text is "not one sparrow will fall to the ground without your Father." Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! God enters into the moment of death for all creatures, including us— our moment of death.

THE GIFT OF PALLIATIVE CARE

With modern medicine, there is now good effective palliative care. Sedation is available and at times, good pain relief helps people to live longer. Some people who have a very limited experience of death are not aware of the advances in palliative care and are fearful of the end of life.

The present enquiry in Victoria into the end of life has found palliative care needs to be better understood and extended and be more available regardless of the cost. Palliative care is not offering useless treatment or using extraordinary means to keep a person alive.

OUR CARE OF THE DYING

One of the fears of those dying is the fear of being alone. In our busy lives, we need to make time to visit and be with our elderly and frail members. We need to give them our love. At the recent death of a parishioner, all his children and ten grandchildren were present to say how they loved him and he kissed each of them, saying "Goodbye". By his example he not only showed how to live, but at the time able to show them how to die with dignity.

PREPARING FOR A WELL-MANAGED DEATH

While we are well, we all need to write an enduring power of attorney and speak to that person we have appointed informing them of our wishes. We need to set up an advanced care plan. We want people to have a good death and be at peace.

THE LAST RECOMMENDATION OF PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRY

Is that doctors be allowed to assist in the suicide of a person. The other 49 recommendations promote palliative care.

This recommendation is the opposite to the World Medical Association which states in 2015 "euthanasia is incompatible with the practice of medicine as it involves a deliberate act with the intention to kill." (WMA, Council Session 2015 Norway) WMA has 10 million physicians in 112 nations.

Where assisted suicide is legal the provision of palliative care has reduced.

The practice of euthanasia impacts not only on physicians, but also pharmacists, nurses and others. We know the long term stress suffered by returned soldiers and police who had to kill others in their line of duty.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL OF EUTHANASIA

We are to urge more support for those in the final stages of their earthly life. We are to urge more money and resources be put into palliative care, more education offered to the public and not take the cheap option of euthanasia. The nursing care of the dying costs much more than the price of a lethal injection.

Our parish working party which includes legal and medical practitioners has drawn some sample letters as guides for your letters to the Victorian Members of Parliament. The sample letters are on the Welcome Desk. The bill to legalise assisted dying is due for debate in July or August. Now is the time to act, to express our opinion on the rights of all people. We need to speak up now.

Any questions on this matter are welcome. If there is interest, a meeting can be arranged and led by medical experts.

.....Kevin McIntosh

EMPTY ARMS, HEALING HEARTS: is a service of remembrance for people who have experienced early pregnancy loss, miscarriage still birth and the loss of a child is on today 25 June at 2.30pm to 3.10pm at the Sunbury Memorial Hall. Those present at last year's service passed good comments. Afternoon tea follows this service which is organized by the Sunbury Churches.

CUTS TO FEDERAL FUNDING OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS: on Thursday evening, after a brief meeting with the Education Minister Simon Birmingham, members of the National Catholic Education Commission were very seriously concerned about the new funding arrangements. The independent Parliamentary Budget Office Analysis of a \$3.1 Billion cut to the 1737 Catholic schools across Australia is a deep concern. The Grattan Institute expressed in "The Australian" on Thursday that Catholic schools are 'the big losers' under the Ministers model because of the redirection of \$4.6 billion of funding away from Catholic schools over the next 10 years as revealed by the Education Ministers department.

PARISH PLAYGROUP: is run every Tuesday morning (during school term) from 9am-10am in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to come and play with the toys and join together in a social morning. No bookings required. Contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060 if you have any queries.

VINNIES: are you able to give a hand up to those who have fallen on hard times? Injury, illness, redundancy, reduced hours, break ups and accidents can strike at any time. Your donation will help us give some comfort to real battlers. Last month we helped 209 adults and children, and distributed \$11 514 of assistance (mainly food, clothing and travel). Will you help? Donations are tax deductible as Vinnies is a registered charity.

EVERGREENS MEETING: Evergreens Committee Meeting this Tuesday 27 June at 10.30am in St Anne's Chapel. All welcome.

SVDP WINTER APPEAL On behalf of struggling Sunbury families, members of St Vinnies would like to thank parishioners very much for their cash gifts given to the special collection taken up earlier this month. \$1905.75 was collected, a fantastic effort! Thank you all so much - Fr Kevin and Fr Bert for your unfailing promotion of the Society, collectors and parish office staff without whose help the appeal would not take place and finally to our families for your enormous generosity. Together with other community donations, our Sunbury total has reached \$4,130.05. The Winter Appeal and the Blanket Appeal continue in Victoria until the end of July.

The following children from our parish will be baptized this Sunday
Charli SULTANA

Caelan DOWLING

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY: tickets are on sale this weekend for great Christmas in July celebration on next Saturday 1 July from 7 10pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets cost \$20 per adult. Bookings close today for catering arrangements.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Norma Chrul as M her husband of 58 years, entered eternal life on Tuesday. Mario from northern Italy was forced by the Nazis to be a child labourer during War in which his father Secondo Visentini was killed and their family home bombed. After being in several refugee camps after the War, came to Australia in 1950. He and Norma have been our parishioners for 37 years. His Funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday.

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS: the official teaching of the church promulgated by Pope Benedict XVI in 2011 states: "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father. GIRM 281" On the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, it is opportune to reflect on the present teaching of the universal church which has since 1968 offered Holy Communion under both kinds to all, not just to the priest.

SOLIDARITY WITH THE POOR: the Marist Brothers School in Australia have re-built a school for children with physical disabilities in Cambodia. Physiotherapists have been employed, resulting in children regaining their mobility. Parents and staff at Marist Schools together with Catholics in Germany finance this project.

STORIES FROM DETENTION EXHIBITION: closes next Sunday 2 July at the Immigration Museum, Flinders St, Melbourne. Admission is \$14 (adult). The stories are from asylum seekers at the Australian detention centers. The exhibition chronicles personal stories from former asylum seekers.



Isaiah 43

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** Ol MC Church— Raquel Handley Bowen Candice Bowen St Anne's Church — Nil