



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
Thu	9.15am	St Anne's
Fri	9.30am	OLMC
Sat	11.00am	Cathedral

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.

16 July 2017

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm Response: Psalm 64:10-14

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Gina BOSCOLO Michael HOLLOWAY
Neil JACKSON-HOPE Abraham NINAN Bill
O'MAHONEY Mathew PALSER Kiran PRASAD
Pio ROCCO Roland ROCHA Sr Mary ROWAN
RSJ Loretta SPITERI Beth WARBURTON
Shirley WHORLOW

Recently Deceased: Matthew SPITERI

Anniversaries: Marisa CARLETTI Joseph
D'SOUZA Lily D'SOUZA Ronald D'SOUZA
Joseph GATT Jermael HIPOLITO Gwen
McCORMACK Louizena RODRIGUES
Brian TWYCROSS Charlie ZERAFA

UNDERSTANDING MATTHEW

At around 80-90 AD, a learned Christian, probably a convert from Judaism, had at his disposal a copy of Mark's Gospel and a collection of the sayings of Jesus. Besides these two sources the writer was also steeped in the oral tradition of his Christian community which included Jews as well as a growing number of Gentile followers of Christ. No one knows for certain who wrote the Gospel of Matthew except that Matthew the Apostle must have been the one responsible for bringing the good news of Jesus to that locality in Syria. The Gospel was written in Greek in the name of Matthew the Apostle. While the Apostle probably did not write the Gospel, we shall continue to refer to the author as '**Matthew**'.

While Luke has been described as a verbal portrait-painter, *Matthew* can be described as a verbal architect. *Matthew* has structured his gospel into five neat sections or books: each book contains a block of narrative followed by a block of teaching. The five blocks of teachings (five *great discourses*), put together by *Matthew*, form the five pillars of the Gospel:

The Great Sermon on the Mount	- Chapters 5-7
The Missionary Discourse	- Chapter 10
The Parabolic Discourse	- Chapter 13
The Church-Life Discourse	- Chapter 18
The Discourse on the End-Time	- Chapters 24-25

Where do we find ourselves in the Gospel of Matthew on this 15th Sunday Year A in Ordinary Time? The 15th Sunday is the first of three Sundays when we read from the **Third Great Sermon**, (Chapter 13 of Matthew). This sermon or discourse is a collection of parables about the kingdom. Three dominant themes recur throughout the sermon:

the kingdom is always growing;
the kingdom involves a mixture of good and bad;
the kingdom is worth any cost.

A parable was a device of wisdom teaching. It could be anything from an axiom or proverb or a lengthy allegory, or even a short exemplary story. A parable is perennial. It was applicable to the hearers of the first century and continues to have application in the 21st century. Jesus probably used short stories to make his teaching concrete and at the same time to tease and challenge the mind of his audience, indeed, even to confront them with a radically new way of looking at God and man.

The original context of the parable of the sower sowing his seed was the mounting opposition to the mission of Jesus. The teaching of Jesus, and his own person, met with hostility and rejection. How did a mission of such obvious goodness run up against so much hostility? It seems that the '**seed**' (the word of God) falls on ears that are not always receptive. When *Matthew* was writing his Gospel Christians were despised and persecuted. What happened to Jesus during his public mission was in the 80's and 90's happening to his followers. Opposition to the faith and to the Church continues to happen even now.

The seed – the word of God – continues to fall on deaf ears, on fickle hearts, even on hostile people. At the same time, the word of God reaches receptive hearts and produces fruitful responses. The word of God never returns to him empty. It always finds a home in responsive hearts.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

PARISH YOUTH GROUP: 4pm to 5pm on **Saturday 22 July** in St Anne's Church- Praise and Worship, Video on: Strengthening Families (To be a strong family is to recognise your mistakes) by Mgr John Armitage, followed by Sausage Sizzle after Mass.
Thanks to all the parishioners who sponsored and supported the Christmas in July Dance last weekend. We raised \$150 for Goonawarra Neighbourhood House and \$150 for Chaplaincy and \$150 for Youth Group.

.... Garnet Jacob

EVERGREENS: Any parishioner who is retired or semi retired is invited to the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 18 July** commencing at 1pm concluding by 2.45pm to hear a talk about yesteryear in Sunbury given by Mrs Kath Tremlett, a long time local resident. Further bus outings will be discussed and afternoon tea served— please bring a plate for refreshments.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS: our parish is looking for members who will assist with developing a culture of child safety awareness in all aspects of parish life. We have a training session by CatholicCare coming up on **Saturday 29 July** from 10am-3.30pm in the Parish Centre. Participants from around the Archdiocese will join us also. The safety of our children is one of the highest priorities in our church. Please contact the parish office on 9744 1060 if you would like to be part of this important event.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Those who are interested to work for DHS (Department of Human Services) please apply via this link <https://www.apsjobs.gov.au/>

YOUR VOCATION CAN PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL POVERTY: Catholic Bishops in Timor Leste are seeking mentors to assist build on the strengths of their personnel in dioceses, schools, clinics and important community organisations. Palms Australia, who have recruited Australian Catholics to meet the requests of communities in various countries for over 56 years, will help you get there.

If you first need an insight into the life and work of Palms volunteers you can join a **13-day cross-cultural Encounter experience** starting on Sunday 24 September. The Encounter will also provide an insight into the daily life of Timorese culture and an understanding of sustainable approaches to development. We have more information on the notice board. You can also call Roger during business hours on **02 9560 5333** or email palms@palms.org.au.

THANK YOU: for supporting last Sunday's Catholic Mission appeal through your \$1501 and prayers— for supporting Jesus' life-giving mission and supporting women and children's health in Uganda and around the world.

CAST INTO THE DEEP: As part of the National Conference, Cast into the Deep on Pastoral Care in a Multicultural Church & Society, the ACMRO will be celebrating Mass on **Wednesday 19 July 2017**, 6pm at St John the Evangelist Church, 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne. The main celebrants will be Cardinal Peter Turkson & Cardinal Orlando Quevedo who are the keynote speakers at the conference.

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME TO COME TO THIS SPECIAL MASS

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 18 July 12.30pm Sunbury Ministers—St Andrews
Wed 19 July 10.00am Catholic Homes—Parish Centre

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: next meeting is Wednesday 26 July at 11am in St Anne's Church.

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

Angus HIGGINS

Olivia LAWSON

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP: 2017 NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE:

Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Commence Melbourne 8 November, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 18 November 2017. Cost Ex Melbourne \$2990 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals) For further info contact Sr Therese Leydon 02 8912 4845.

ARCHBISHOP'S GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION: a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Archbishop Denis Hart's ordination will take place on Saturday 22 July at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please pray for Archbishop Denis Hart at this time.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Fr Clifford D'Souza MCBS is leading a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 12th Nov - 25th Nov 2017. This pilgrimage is being organised by Magi Pilgrimages and features Petra, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Jericho, Mt Carmel, Mt Tabor, Mt Nebo & Jerusalem. This all-inclusive pilgrimage is priced at an early bird offer of \$4,990. Reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$500 prior to 30th July 2017. For the detailed itinerary or to reserve your seats contact Mr. George on 0422 215 855. Magi Pilgrimages Ph: 03 8562 2246, 1300 721 561

PARISH FEAST DAY INVITATION: please take an invitation for the Novena and Festival details for our Parish Feast Day next Sunday.

DAY OF PRAYER ABOUT BILL FOR ASSISTED SUICIDE:

The Bill for Euthanasia will be introduced into the Victorian Parliament on 8-10 August and debated from 22-24 August.

Sunday 6 August has been nominated as a Day of Prayer in Melbourne parishes prayer and fasting. Your personal letter is to our local member, Josh Bull is very important.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: will be starting at alternating 5.30pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday Masses in term 3. We have 4 new leaders who will help our children pray at children's level of understanding. Fun activities and interaction are encouraged at the sessions. All are welcome. Sessions are as follows:

Saturday 22 July	5.30pm	Sunday 30 July	10.30am
Saturday 5 August	5.30pm	Sunday 13 August	10.30am
Saturday 19 August	5.30pm	Sunday 27 August	10.30am
Saturday 2 September	5.30pm	Sunday 10 September	10.30am
Saturday 16 September	5.30pm		

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Val McManus **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Snell Family St Anne's Church – Lisa Crotty Chris Perry Narelle Anderson **COUNTERS:** Gerard Duggan Julie Reddan Anne McCormick **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Mary Wicks **LECTORS** Monisha D'Lima Lyn Mandouit Teresa Quin Jo Spiteri **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 5.30pm Vicki Heath Paul Hogan Garnet Jacob Sigurd Rodrigues Albert & Diana Mastramico Val McManus Sashi Nair 8.30am Lili Lupa Liz Richards Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen Tom Allen 10.30am Moira Sullivan Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis Olga Ellul Johanna Fahey 5.30pm Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco

**Parish Bulletin Notices *Euthanasia & Physician Assisted Suicide – Why are we concerned?*
Pastoral letter to the Catholics of Victoria – Push to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide**

The Victorian Government is seeking to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide later this year. The proposed changes will impact everyone, not just the terminally ill. Because of their concern about this grave matter, the Bishops of Victoria have released a pastoral letter with copies available in parishes. Please read the pastoral letter and if you would like to get involved, speak with Fr Kevin McIntosh. You can also find out more information from the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily

Euthanasia & assisted suicide represent the abandonment of the sick and suffering Just as we accompany someone at the start of life, so we are called to accompany our loved ones at the end of life, ensuring a good death. Euthanasia and assisted suicide represent the abandonment of the sick and the suffering, of older and dying persons. We should be assuring people that their life – even as it ebbs away – is precious. We should not be creating laws that intentionally cause death. To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

The provision of pain relief is not euthanasia

Every person is entitled to good pain relief to alleviate suffering at the end of life, such as that offered by palliative care. The provision of such pain relief is *not* euthanasia, even if a person's life may be shortened. It is a vastly different action to euthanasia where the decision is made to intentionally kill someone. To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

The refusal of overly burdensome or futile treatment is not euthanasia

Every person has the right to refuse overly burdensome or futile treatment which does not correspond or is disproportionate to their needs. This is good medical care, not euthanasia and has always been part of Catholic moral teaching and health care. To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

Euthanasia and physician assisted suicide would damage doctor-patient relationships The purpose of medicine is to improve a patient's quality of life not shorten it. As the World Medical Association says, euthanasia is unethical and incompatible with the dignity and practice of medicine. Euthanasia and physician assisted suicide would erode our trust in doctors and plant a seed of doubt in the minds of patients in relation to end of life care. To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

Promoting suicide is not good public policy Suicide is always a tragedy that has far-reaching effects. The State Government plans to spend over \$5 million on suicide prevention throughout 2016-2017 but at the same time open the door to suicide for certain groups of people by legislating for euthanasia and physician assisted suicide. It is both incoherent and a contradiction to promote suicide as a tragedy as well as good public policy. To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

The “right to die” can too easily become the duty to die Euthanasia and physician assisted suicide would create a class of people it would be legally permissible to kill – with the state permitting such killing. We should think about what message this would send our most vulnerable members of society. The “right to die” can too easily become a perceived duty to die. To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

Euthanasia & physician assisted suicide would make vulnerable people feel like a burden Author Dr Karen Hitchcock writes, “Almost every day an elderly patient will tell me – with shame – that they are a burden or a nuisance, that they’re taking up a hospital bed someone else needs. They apologise for being a pain, a drain, for wasting my valuable time, for being sick and needing help.” Euthanasia and physician assisted suicide would reinforce this, making the vulnerable even more so. To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

Euthanasia “safeguards” can never be made foolproof Irrespective of how robust euthanasia and physician assisted suicide “safeguards” are; they can never be completely foolproof. Recognising that mistakes are made, we abolished capital punishment. We should ask ourselves – can we be absolutely sure vulnerable members of society would not be pressured into dying? Or like in some European countries – be euthanised without their consent? To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

Our dignity is not dependent on our usefulness, health or age Our dignity is not dependent on our usefulness, health or age but simply on our humanity. Everyone should be loved, supported and cared for until they die. The fact that some people struggle to access adequate care is an injustice we should address. There is nothing dignified about being killed or assisted to suicide. Killing such people is not the solution. To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

We all have the right to receive good palliative care at the end of life Every person has the right to receive good palliative care at the end of life. As palliative care doctors recently wrote: "Good palliative care helps patients and families avoid both overtreatment and neglect of treatment. It enhances patient autonomy and decision-making capacity by improving symptom control and empowering patients to participate in their care. It is illogical and immoral to even consider euthanasia legislation before ensuring there is universal access to palliative care." To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

Let your MPs know your views about euthanasia & physician assisted suicide It is vitally important that our members of parliament (both those in the lower and upper houses) hear the public's view about the impending euthanasia and physician assisted suicide legislation. Contact your member of parliament by writing them a letter or visiting them in person. To find your local MPs visit: www.parliament.vic.gov.au/electorates To find out more about the issue, contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5587 / lmf@cam.org.au or visit: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia
