



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	5.30pm	OLMC
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
Thu	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

RECONCILIATION

OLMC Church 10am-10.30am each Saturday

Baptisms celebrated on Sundays. Please contact the Parish Office for details of the next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

6 August 2017

Transfiguration of the Lord

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

Psalm Response: 96:1-2,5-6,9

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 17:5

Alleluia, Alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight; listen to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Gina BOSCOLO Vince BOWELL
Troy CHISHOLM Michael HOLLOWAY
Ruby KECHAYS Chan KOKYAN Corrie
MCCONVILLE Abraham NINAN Kieran
PRASAD Loretta SPITERI Joan TATE
Beth Warburton

Recently Deceased: Mary RAY Lina
POLIDORO Clare SNOWDEN

Anniversaries: Ally D'SOUZA Emmanuel
GALEA Patricia PRICE Joyce ROMEO
Leonard WATMOUGH Joseph ZAHRA

COMFORT IN TIMES OF CRISIS

On this sixth day of August, we are recalling the Transfiguration of the Lord and the 72nd anniversary of the birth of atomic warfare with the bombing of Hiroshima— the first was the divine splendour shining from Christ; the second was the flashing light killing 146000 people. The first event gives us encouragement while the second event brings us fear.

MOSES AND ELIJAH AT THE TRANSFIGURATION

Both these great characters in the history of Israel experienced the close presence of God at a time in their lives when they were called to take a difficult path. Moses was asked to lead his people through the desert to the promised land, while Elijah was being attacked by King Abad. Both men felt fear and weakness at the thought of their tasks but both received strength from God to continue as they experienced the close comforting presence of God on Mt Sinai.

JESUS IS REASSURED AT THE TRANSFIGURATION

Matthew's gospel presents the Transfiguration— with similar symbols— on a high mountain, with clouds and light, Moses and Elijah.

Jesus is leaving Galilee on his journey south to Jerusalem where he will meet conflict with the Jewish and Roman authorities; and certain death. Jesus takes time out, calling his close friends aside and enters into prayer, as he often did in his ministry. He is seeking guidance from God and courage to continue. He receives assurance from God: "This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." (Mat 17:5) His relationship with God is confirmed. Prayer is transformative. At the end of the Transfiguration, Jesus is able to say to his disciples "Stand up, do not be afraid." Have no fear. Fear is never of God. There is a difference between wise prudence and crippling fear. Listening to fear is not the right way forward. Encouraged by the Transfiguration, Jesus and his disciples come down from the mountain and resume their journey to Jerusalem.

OUR WEEKLY SUNDAY EXPERIENCE

Our Sunday Mass is meant to be our weekly mountaintop experience where we hear God call us by name and confess his love for us, where we feel re-energized for our mission to bring light to the world. An experience where we are re-assured to continue the journey through the worries and difficulties of life where there is opposition to the Gospel of love for all and respecting the life of all people.

CORPUS CHRISTI REUNION

Last Monday about 100 priests gathered to celebrate the Eucharist and share a meal in Moonee Ponds as we rejoiced in the Diamond, Golden and Silver Jubilees of some of the priests ordained from Corpus Christi College, Melbourne where 985 priests have been formed since 1929. It was a great opportunity to meet up with priests we have studied and worked with from around Victoria and Tasmania.

.....Kevin McIntosh

READ FR BERT'S REFLECTIONS on the Sunday Gospel on <https://www.facebook.com/olmcsunbury>. Many readings and reflections as well as the latest newsletter can be found on the parish website at <https://olmcsunbury.com>

ASSUMPTION MASS BACCHUS MARSH: celebration will be held Sunday 13 August 2pm at Ta Pinu Shrine, Bacchus Marsh. All welcome

SVDP VACANCY : The Society of St Vincent de Paul is looking for a person to fill a vacancy in its Western Central Region that includes Sunbury. Broad detail around the role of the Membership and Development Officer may be obtained through the advertisement which is kindly being held in St Anne's Parish Office. Any person interested in applying for the position should make enquiries via the Vinnies application process attached to this ad. Membership and Development is one of the few paid positions in the organisation and involves 37.5 hours a week. An applicant need not currently be a member of Vinnies but SVDP involvement or experience would be an advantage.

*Special Collection next weekend
Catholic Care Sunday Appeal*

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: today the Church in Melbourne prays for the Care and Respect at the End of Life. The Church and society need leaders to proclaim the truth of the Gospel of Life. Please pray for more priests and religious for Melbourne who can help us proclaim the gospel of Life to the world.

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.

Heavenly Father, We pray for all who suffer in body, mind and spirit. We ask that you may grant them the grace to endure their trials and receive the reward of their faithfulness.

Show us how to care for those at the end of life with loving patience.

We pray for all doctors, nurses and care givers who answer the call to serve you in the sick and dying.

May they be strengthened to continue to use their gifts in the service of life.

We pray for our law and policy makers, may they always seek to serve the common good and respect the dignity of all, especially the most vulnerable.

We pray for the freedom of all to act in accordance with their conscience.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen

Mary, Mother of all, pray for us!

HOW TO LIVE WELL OVER 60: a workshop will be held at OLMC School on **Saturday 26 August** from 9.30am-12.30pm (including morning tea). The presenter is Sr Kerin Caldwell SGS, who has studied in the USA the "Spirituality of Gerontology". The workshop will cover for those over 60: the new awakenings, surprising spiritual growth and new life and a rich sense of meaning while older people have increased physical diminishment and deficient responsibilities. Sr Kerin, of the Good Samaritan Sisters conducts retreats and workshops throughout Australia, including to the Melbourne priests. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by Friday 18 August.

KIMBERLEY CATHOLIC VOLUNTEER SERVICE: WANTED:

VOLUNTEER WORKERS: The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for the Balgo, Bidyadanga and Warman for the wet season. Accommodation and food is provided. **For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact:** Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 8 August	6pm	Salesian College Council
Wed 9 August	3pm	Holy Trinity School Steering Committee
	6pm	Parish Education Board
	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR JOE SDB: Father Joe Dinh of Salesian College Sunbury celebrated the 25th Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood in Melbourne on 11 July.

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

Kirby JAEGER

Tegan DENYS

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Keith Snowden and his daughters Sally and Felicity as Clare, his wife of 55 years, entered eternal life last Sunday aged 80 years after ten years of serious ill-health. The Snowden family came to Wildwood in our parish in 1975. Clare was a regular participant at our Sunday evening Mass. Clare taught by the Presentation Sisters in Wagga was the business manager for some large schools in Melbourne. Her funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday.

SOLEMN FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP: Tuesday 8 August is the Solmn Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop born in Fitzroy and a patron saint of Australia. Mass will be celebrated at 5.30pm in OLMC Church.

KNOW YOUR PARISH: last Thursday our parish staff attended an interesting presentation by Fr Brendan Reed on Knowing Your Parish. Our staff had many thoughts about Fr Brendan's research and presentation and will be discussing some of the ways we can use some of his findings in our parish to make it even better. We will keep you posted.

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE: are you a former student of Assumption College Kilmore? If so, Alumni Development Officer Maria Cleve would love to hear from you. ACK will celebrate its 125th Anniversary in 2018 and there are many events being planned for former students. Please phone Maria Cleve in our Alumni office on 03 5783 5343 or email her on maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au

CATHOLICARE APPEAL: next weekend we seek your support for the work of CatholicCare. CatholicCare help the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in our community while building a stronger sense of belonging and mission within parishes.

Your donations will be used to provide counseling to individuals and families, support newly-arrived refugees, and help families who are struggling with alcohol and other drug addictions.

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS AND OUR PARISH: we are very proud to be a Child Safe Parish. This means that we are complying with the standards set by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and the Victorian Government standards relating to ensuring children are safe within our parish by interacting with adults who are cleared by the Department of Justice.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: alternating between 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:

Sunday 6 August	10.30am	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: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Jo Spiteri St Anne's Church – Nil **COUNTERS:** Kaye Roche Tony Tanti Ian Burnside

GIFT SHOP: Dolly Causer Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS** Michael Hetherington Peter Readman Michael McConville Christine Wallace

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm Garnet Jacob Paul Fanning Albert & Diana Mastramico Val McManus James Francis Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon **8.30am** Colin & Coreen Wilson Tom Allen Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Kathy Thompson **10.30am** Johanna Fahey Grace Tucker Bernadette Anderson Carmen Micallef Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis Olga Ellul **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace