



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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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	6.45pm	OLMC
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 9.00am-9.30am each Saturday

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

20 August 2017

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm Response: 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Vince BOWELL Troy CHISHOLM
Cyril DAVIS Maurice DAVIS Dominic FO-
SCHIA Eddie GRECH Michael HOLLO-
WAY Ruby KECHAYS Lorraine LILBURN
Corrie MCCONVILLE Abraham NINAN
Kieran PRASAD Loretta SPITERI Joan
TATE Hannah THORNE Peter VERGARA
Beth Warburton Richard WISNIEWSKI
Nada ZUDETICH

Recently Deceased: Gina BOSCOLO



THE LIMITATIONS OF JESUS OF NAZARETH

Jesus worked within his human limits. In today's gospel Jesus withdraws with his small group of disciples to the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon (part of modern day Lebanon). He is in gentile territory. He has physically removed himself from the place of his very active ministry and takes a break. He intends to have a restful retreat, but his tranquillity is shattered when a Canaanite woman bursts on the scene. She, an outsider representing the gentile people, loudly pleads with Jesus to cure her demon-possessed daughter. Matthew uses the woman's story to reflect the history of the first fifty years of the church as it turned increasingly towards the gentile nations. By the time Matthew's gospel was written, St Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, had done his work and had been martyred in Rome. The gentile mission was well on its way.

The mission of Jesus had been limited to a short period of time (3 years) and confined to the Jews. We get a strong hint of this limitation in the observation that he answered the Canaanite woman not a word. Jesus did not respond to the woman's entreaties, but she continued to follow him and to plead her cause. Finally, the disciples, feeling that the woman was a nuisance, asked Jesus to give her what she wanted and be rid of her. It is then that Jesus made this statement: *'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel'* (Mt 15:24). The reason Jesus made that statement was because he was aware of the restrictions his human condition placed upon his mission.

The short and limited mission of Jesus provided the first circle of ripples made by a pebble cast into the lake. It was the task of the disciples to expand that ripple effect. The early mission of Jesus with few exceptions was directed to the Jews. Jesus accepted his human condition and the limitations it placed on his mission. He was confined to a small territory and restricted to the pace his disciples could cope with. There is always a tension between one's great vision and the slow pace in which that vision can be realised.

The early church experienced a similar tension as it grappled with the wider vision which stretched beyond the Jews to gentile faith seekers. Eventually, through Paul's efforts and the gathering of the first church council, the Council of Jerusalem (Acts chapter 15), the church found a way to move forward into its universal mission. Matthew's gospel reflects this movement into gentile mission which had already gathered pace. It is the only gospel that carries the story of the wise men from the east who came to visit the new-born king (Mt 2:1-12). Matthew's gospel ends with Jesus sending his apostles to *'go, make disciples of all nations, baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you.'* (cf Mt 28:16-20)

In the course of his gospel Matthew wrote how Jesus proclaimed the ideal of the kingdom. He tells how Jesus worked closely with his chosen apostles to make them ministers of the kingdom. The church would be the means of the kingdom spreading throughout the world. The ministry of Jesus was confined to Jewish territory, but the ministry of the church community would extend to embrace all nations.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION: the focus at Mass next **Saturday 26 August** at 5.30pm will be our four schools.

HOW TO LIVE WELL OVER 60: we welcome Sr Kerin Caldwell who will be presenting the workshop on the inevitable changes and challenges of our 60's 70's 80's and 90's at OLMC School Multi Purpose Room next **Saturday 26 August** from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Sr Kerin a Good Samaritan Sister conducts retreats and workshops throughout Australia, including to Melbourne priests.

ANNUAL MASS OF ALL NATIONS: next **Sunday 27 August**. Rosary at 2.00pm, Mass at 3.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. Main celebrant: Archbishop Denis J Hart DD. All welcome.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY: will be held as usual on the first Saturday in September this year **2 September** from 9.30am– 12 noon in the Parish Centre.

We invite all parish groups to submit a written report detailing their highlights for the year and any support that they may need from the parish. Please submit to the Parish Office no later than Friday 25 August so they can be prepared on time. All welcome.

PARISH MULTICULTURAL DAY: will be held on **Sunday 1 October** at 11am in the Parish Centre. Tickets cost \$10 and food will be provided. To take part in this great celebration of diverse cultures within our parish contact Garnet Jacob or the Parish Office. All proceeds will support the Parish Youth Group.

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. Please phone Maria Cleve in our Alumni office on 03 5783 5343 or email her on maria.cleve@assumption.vic.edu.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: the Spring 2017 edition titled—No One Is An Island-The Parish of the Highway, is now available. Please take one home from the Welcome Desk.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM DATES:

- Year 6 children and parents Parenting In Faith Evening - **Tuesday 22 August** 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Guest speaker Paul Spence.
- Training Night for Reconciliation Home Group Leaders - **Wednesday 23 August** 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.
- Rite of Election / Presentation of Pin for Confirmation **Saturday 26 or Sunday 27 August** at any Mass.

POSTAL VOTE ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE PROPOSAL:

You are kindly reminded that you need to be on the electoral roll by next Thursday 24 August to be given the opportunity to vote.

The following children from our Parish will be baptised this Sunday

Zane CROUGH

Elle & Pia DE VOS

Olivia LAWSON

Sammy & Allira PAPA

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



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>

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.

CONCERT IN BOMBED OUT CATHEDRAL: Last month, a thousand people gathered in the roof-less Catholic Cathedral in Aleppo, Syria while hundreds more outside looked on screens for their first concert in five years. The concert was Mozart's Mass in C, given by Christian and Muslim singers and musicians.

NEW CARDINAL SENT TO BE PEACE MAKER: Recently Pope Francis has sent Cardinal Jose Chavez of El Salvador to negotiate between North and South Korea. During the civil war in El Salvador between 1979 and 1992, the then Bishop Chavez worked as a mediator between the warring factions. Chavez was a close associate of Archbishop Oscar Romero who was assassinated for supporting the poor while celebrating Mass in 1980. Bishop Chavez is the first assistant bishop to be made a cardinal.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 22 August 10.30am Evergreens St Anne's Church
2.00pm Holy Trinity School—East Melbourne
7.30pm Confirmation Formation—Parish Centre
Wed 23 August 7.30pm Parish Finance Committee

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD: alternating between 5.30pm Saturday and 10.30 Sunday Masses in Term 3. Fun activities and interaction are encouraged at the sessions. All are welcome. Sessions are as follows:

		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— Deborah Hoey / Win Birt **St Anne's Church** – Nil **COUNTERS:** Angelo Altair Patricia Altair Sally Rodrigues **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Mary Wicks **LECTORS** Patricia Altair Jenny Carland Teresa Quin Brigid McConville **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **5.30pm** Patricia & Angelo Altair Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Vicki Heath Paul Hogan Garnet Jacob Paul Fanning **8.30am** Colin & Coreen Wilson Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Liz Richards Kathy Thompson **10.30am** Mimi Quattrone Sean Quigley Julie Reddan Anne Smith Gary Plummer John & Sheila Stafford Carmen Micallef **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace