



## 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
Thurs	10.30am	St Anne's— Funeral Sarah McPherson
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:** Noeline Hussey  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel School:** 9740 7344  
**Principal:** Julie Freeman

### **RECONCILIATION**

**St Anne's Church 10am-10.30am Saturday**

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

### **24 September 2017**

#### **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:6-9  
**Psalm Response:** Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
**The Lord is near to all who call him.**  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 1:20-24, 27  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Acts 16:14

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16

### **LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Jackie ALLAN Rany AZORES Cathie BEZZINA Carmen BARBAR Vincent BOWELL Cyril DAVIS Maurice DAVIS Jo GRANT Eddie GRECH Len MCKENZIE Val O'MEARA Sr Mary ROWAN RSJ Lina TANWANGCO Anthony TUIMATAFANUA Peter VERGARA Beth WARBURTON Nada ZUDETICH

**Recently Deceased:** Giovanna BUTERA Sarah MCPHERSON

**Anniversaries:** Janet EDMONSTON Violet GRECH Josephine MERCEICA Joseph NOY Alice RIBEYRO Joseph ZAHRA

### **"IT'S NOT FAIR"... "LATE I HAVE LOVED YOU LORD"**

We are fortunate to live in an age when Biblical scholars are unpacking the deeper meanings behind the teaching of the Bible. We can now receive the richness of the meaning— not take it at face value, in a literal or fundamental way.

Today's gospel (Matthew 20:1-16) is another challenge to our ordinary ideas. It is not a lesson on industrial relations, not an issue about a fair day's pay. The context is that there was jealousy in the early Church between the earliest believers, the Jewish Christians who had been persecuted for converting from Judaism, and the newer believers, the Gentiles, receiving the same rewards for their faith.

The episode illustrates the generosity and the freedom of God who calls people when he chooses. Our faith is God's gift to us— we do not earn it.

### **"LATE I HAVE LOVED YOU LORD" ST AUGUSTINE**

St Augustine was baptized at the Easter Vigil in 379 in the Milan cathedral. He had led a colourful life. Augustine is one of the many saints who came to the faith in their adult lives and contributed enormously to the life of the Church. Other examples are St Francis of Assisi and St Ignatius of Loyola.

**ALL ARE WELCOME:** Our Archdiocese held a session for parish teams last Thursday evening at the Catholic Leadership Centre entitled "Grow your Parish". Among the presentations, verbal and printed was "Key characteristics for a healthy, vibrant, renewing parish." One of the characteristics is "There is a warm sense of community outreach and welcome. "- hospitality to all.

In our gospel parable today, the Master of the vineyard, God, welcomes all the workers. As the growing community of Diggers Rest and Sunbury, are we offering a warm welcome to newcomers? What structures do we need to put in place to ensure newcomers feel they are welcome?

**POSTAL VOTE ON MARRIAGE:** As we consider our vote in the postal survey due before 7 November, we may need to reflect on Jesus' words as St Mark's gospel records them "From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body." (Mark 10:5). Many of you would have used this text at your wedding ceremony. Pope Francis said, "The masterpiece of God's creation is man and woman because it is not man alone or woman alone who is the image of God, but man and woman as a couple who are the image of God." (Rome 15/4/15)

**RESPECT FOR EVERY PERSON:** "Every person, regardless of sexual orientation ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration." Pope Francis wrote in Joy of Love (n.250) Being different does not mean being unequal. In Canada and the UK where marriage has been redefined, freedom of conscience has been challenged in the courts.

Pope Francis teaches: "There are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family." (Joy of Love n 251)

**HAVE YOUR SAY:** "This debate is about the meaning of marriage and that's why it's important that everyone has their say in the postal vote." Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Brisbane

.... Kevin McIntosh

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS:

this year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady. The apparitions to 3 shepherd children in the town of Fatima, Portugal happened for 6 consecutive months on the 13th day, starting on 13 May 1917.

Our Lady appeared to the children and asked them to do acts of penance. This year, from Saturday 14 October until Thursday 19 October, our parish will host a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The Legion of Mary have put together a program (as follows) for our parishioners.

- Saturday 14 October-Rosary followed by Procession through St Anne's car park at 4pm; Mass at 5.30pm followed by Sausage Sizzle served by Youth group
- Sunday 15 October- Masses as per normal. After 10.30am Mass Rosary will be recited.
- Tuesday 17 October- 9.15am Mass; blessed Sacrament Exposition followed by Rosary, Consecration, Novena and Divine Mercy Chaplet and quiet time until 1pm
- Thursday 19 October-9.15am Mass followed by Moring tea

**GROW OUR PARISH:** on Thursday night, some of our Parish team was fortunate to be part of a group of parishes who are exploring how parishes can grow- better & stronger. Our team had been to a previous session in June called "Know your Parish" and we heard the wisdom of Fr Brendan Reed. Fr Brendan has done extensive work on knowing the way/reasons people show their faith. All parishes are different due to the different influences unique to each area. And parishioners vary in their degree/ want/ need for faith in their lives. We also heard that parishioners will display their faith in varying degrees also- devotional, active, non active, occasional, etc. Depending on so many factors, there seems to be a way to get to Know our parish. Our team had an interesting discussion regarding where we are positioned regarding the study of Fr Brendan.

Thursday nights session extended on the previous session to include "Grow your parish". That word "Change" was discussed a lot. Each one of us has our own faith journey, but I think we would all agree that as a whole church that if we don't make changes that our Catholic church is floundering and will die out. At every Parish Assembly we ask the same question- Why don't the young people come to church? Well it is time to start looking to what we can do to help bring young people back to church.

How can you personally support our parish as we make changes to make it more inviting to young people while still being welcoming to those who have always been at Mass?

We really need to look at what Jesus taught us and that is "To make disciples". We each need to accept our part in making disciples for God's Church. It's not enough just to come to Mass- We need to make each other welcome.

...Jo Spiteri

**CONSULTATION ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON MASS:** has resulted in the majority of parishioners wishing to have the Mass at 5pm. Votes received were 78 to 33. The change of time shall commence in November starting Sunday 5 November. Thank you to all those who voted.

**CHUCKLE CORNER: CHUCKLE CORNER:** old Paul Putney had been planning to go to Parish for a very long time. The day after his retirement Paul was on a plane. When he returned his old friend Herb was there to meet him at the airport. "Well Paul, how was Paris?" asked Herb. "Oh it was fine," replied the weary traveler, "but I wish I had gone twenty years ago." "When Paris was really Paris, eh?" said Herb trying to be sympathetic. "No," answered Paul, "When Paul Putney was really Paul Putney."

*Please submit your jokes to the Parish Office. We are happy to publish suitable material.*

**MULTICULTURAL DAY:** is a big day on the parish calendar. It will be held on **Sunday 1 October** at 11.30am in the Parish Centre. It costs \$10 as food will be included on the day. Anyone who would like to donate food can contact Garnet on 0411 286 428. Also tickets can be purchase after Masses or at the Parish Office

**SENIORS RIGHTS VICTORIA & HUME CITY COUNCIL:** is conducting a presentation as part of safety week. To be held at Sunbury Seniors Centre on Thursday 5 October at 11.30am. Morning tea will be provided. Please RSVP to Joe Spiteri on 9744 2620 asap for catering purposes.

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL:** The position of the principal will be advertised in the first week of next term. Already much interest has been expressed in the position.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY:** "Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy." Is the title of the Statement for 2017-2018. It is in response to calls by Pope Francis for economic justice and for societies that are founded on justice, offering dignity and inclusion to every person.

Australia has been fortunate to have enjoyed a quarter of a century of continuous growth. Yet not all Australians have experienced the benefits of that good fortune. Inequality has been increasing, especially in recent years. Employment and working conditions have become more insecure for many, and unemployed people have to subsist on incomes well below poverty levels. Housing is becoming less and less affordable for buyers and renters. Our Indigenous people still confront economic and social challenges.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard, where all become active contributors and are recognized with human dignity. Inspired by this, the Statement calls us to build an economy founded on true solidarity with those who are most vulnerable. Justice must be built into the very foundations of our community and business can work for everybody's benefit, not just for shareholders. The excluded and vulnerable must have a voice.

**MESSENGERS OF MERCY:** presents an evening of unique testimonies in our Parish Centre on Wednesday 25 October from 7pm-8pm. Four different speakers will be sharing their very unique journeys to finding or re connecting to their Catholic faith. John Canavan, Mark Jarzebowski, Kelly Brauer and Mathew Sullivan will all talk about their journeys. Come along and be touched by the powerful mercy of God. NOT TO BE MISSED!!!!

### ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

**ALTAR CARE:** Alona Galapon **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Yvonne Sparks **St Anne's Church** – Nil **COUNTERS:** Gerard Duggan Anne McCormick **GIFT SHOP:** Carmel Wiegerink Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS** Mimi Quattrone Elena Rodrigues Teresa Quin Christine Wallace **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Vicki Heath Sigurd Rodrigues Garnet Jacob Paul Fanning Albert & Diana Mastramico **8.30am** Monica Allen Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson Tom Allen Ann Chircop Kathy Thompson **10.30am** Grace Tucker Bernadette Anderson John Bottoms Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davies Olga Ellul Carmen Micallef **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace