



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
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

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.

1 October 2017

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm Response: Psalm 24:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Jackie ALLAN Rany AZORES
Cathie BEZZINA Carmen BARBAR
Vincent BOWELL Michael DARMANIN Cyril
DAVIS Maurice DAVIS Jo GRANT Eddie
GRECH
Lloyd MACEY Len MCKENZIE Abraham
NINAN Sr Mary ROWAN RSJ
Anthony TUIMATAFANUA
Beth Warburton Nada ZUDETICH

Recently Deceased: Fr Paul MERCOVICH

Anniversaries: Archibald ARANDEZ
Lesbia HARMON Joan O'MAHONEY
Mary MCINTOSH

GETTING YOUR HANDS DIRTY

A young priest was sent by his bishop to a parish that had a red light district within its boundaries. On his first day the young priest met the parish associate, a sister, who had worked in that area for years. She took him on a tour of the district and introduced him to her friends: Bubbles, Ginger, and Calamity Jane. 'Sister, it's fantastic that you know these women so well,' said the priest. 'Don't worry, Father,' replied the sister. 'Before long you will get to know them as well and they'll get to know you too.' Seized by panic, the young priest had visions of his bishop, his parish priest, or worse still, his mother coming to visit. They would see him walking him down the street with Bubbles, Ginger and Calamity Jane all waving and calling out to him across the street, 'Hello, Father Anthony!'

Who would ever believe the young priest only knew them pastorally? 'Truly I tell you, tax collectors and prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God ahead of you,' says Jesus to the Pharisees. The preaching of Jesus attracted all sorts of people who were regarded as sinners. The Pharisees were scandalised by Jesus. They themselves would not associate with sinners of any sort. They made a religion out of not being seen in the company of sinners. The early Christian communities had a good sprinkling of members who were at one stage in their life not what you would call respectable. Certainly, the early followers of Jesus were not the purest of creatures. However, through the preaching of Jesus, his acceptance of them and his friendship they turned their life around. Many sinners were ready to respond to anybody who would give them a second chance in life. The Pharisees were afraid to get their hands dirty, so they shunned the company of sinners. Not so Jesus; not so John the Baptist; not so Frank Duff, the founder of the Legion of Mary.

Frank Duff was not afraid to get his hands dirty. High on Frank's agenda was the big problem of the street girls. Prostitution existed on a large scale in the city of Dublin. Grinding poverty, appalling living conditions, and the fact that Dublin was a port city and had, in common with all port cities, its share of undesirable visitors, contributed to the problem. All sorts of excuses were thrown up by the police and the clergy. 'It's impossible to solve a problem like that. Prostitution is as old as mankind. It has never been solved. Frank, what makes you think you can solve it?' The excuses came thick and fast, but Frank Duff was not deterred. He was determined that he and his leonaries would tackle the problem. He would be called 'imprudent', 'reckless', 'indiscreet', but, if it meant saving souls he would go ahead. Like the Good Shepherd he went after the lost sheep and brought them back into the sheepfold. Frank Duff sought out suitable premises, and organised a retreat for about thirty of those girls. They all went to confession and all but two - who happened to be Protestants - went to Holy Communion.

Not many of us like to get our hands dirty. Not many of us like to be taken out of our comfort zone. Too many of us prefer to lead a privatised religion, '**just me and my God**'. Besides the Legion of Mary we have in our parish the Society of St Vincent de Paul. The members of both these groups show they are not afraid to get their hands dirty for the sake of the kingdom of God. Good for them.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: this week we pray for the flourishing of marriages and families in Australia. Please make this your intention during your prayer time. Visit www.acmfc.org.au for more information.

RSJ ASSOCIATES: next meeting Wednesday 4 October at 1.00pm in St Anne's meeting room. All welcome

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 Morning Tea

FATHER PAUL MERCOVICH PP: born in 1937, Paul was baptized in our parish on 26 September 1937 and received most of his primary education at OLMC School before moving to Ballarat to where his father was transferred in the public service.

Paul later became a teacher. In 1962, he entered Corpus Christi Seminary for the Ballarat Diocese. Ordained in 1969, he served a number of parishes until his present appointment as parish priest of Charlton and St Arnaud parishes which have a total of four churches. One of his sisters was a missionary nun. Fr Paul was holidaying last week in Alice Springs where he had a fall which led to his death. Paul remained a good friend from school days, of Tom Millett with whom Paul left his car when flying out of Tullamarine.

MEDICAL DOCTORS AND CHURCHES AGREE ON EUTHANASIA: in a statement to members of the Australian Medical Association (AMA), the President Dr Lorraine Baker wrote on 13 August 2017 "As President of AMA Victoria, I have consistently asserted the AMA's position on assisted dying. The position statement includes 3: The AMA believes that doctors should not be involved in interventions that have as their primary intention the ending of a person's life. This does not include the discontinuation of treatment that are of no medical benefit to a dying patient."

On 31 July 2017, the Victorian leaders of the Anglican, Coptic Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Syro-Malabar Catholic and Ukrainian Catholic Churches issued a press release: "We commend much of the work of the recent Victorian End of Life Choices Inquiry, which identified the need to improve the quality and accessibility of palliative care for all Victorians.

"However, we strongly reject the proposal to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia in Victoria" #better care—not killing.

.....Kevin McIntosh

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.

CONSULTATION ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON MASS: has resulted in the majority of parishioners wishing to have the Mass at 5.00pm. 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: An English teacher in Kenya gave his students this challenge: they had to put these three words in the one sentence: detail, defeat, defence. One student wrote: "De com jumped over de fence, de feet first, de tail last."

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

PARISH BINGO CELEBRATING 25 YEARS: our weekly Parish bingo- "Major Bingo" is celebrating its 25th Year Silver Jubilee with a special session on **Thursday 26 October**. Eyes down 8pm at Sunbury Social Club, Riddell Road. Get a few friends together and come along and join in the festivities. Special guaranteed \$2000 game plus other surprise give aways. Enquiries/Bookings Gary 0419 301 760 or Graeme 0417 503 527- Parish Bingo Committee

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME: to Janna Galapon and Patricia Operana as the newest members of our Altar Servers Team. New members always welcomeContact Michael on 0417332186

PAY IT FORWARD: Sunbury Neighbourhood Kitchen has been serving dinners every Monday night at the Sunbury Neighbourhood house for the last 4 years. The volunteers not only serve meals to those in need but are also a listening ear for those who don't get out much or don't have anyone to talk to. Sunbury Community Kitchen invites you to dine and celebrate 4 years of service in the Sunbury Community. **Tuesday 3 October** from 5.15pm-8.30pm at Sunbury Neighbourhood House 531 Elizabeth Drive, Sunbury. Minimum donation \$40 per head. Contact Marianne on 0419 369 446 for further info or book at www.trybooking.com/RVHD.

Donations can also be made directly to the Sunbury Neighbourhood Kitchen via their bank account. BSB 633000 Account 157 593 112 Ref. Your name.

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.

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 reconnecting 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!!!!

BLACKSMITHING WORKSHOP: Dromkeen and 'Jesse's Stump Blacksmithing & Bush Furniture' will present a blacksmithing workshop to be held at Dromkeen (1012 Gisborne/Kilmore Road, Riddells Creek) on **Saturday 30th September** from 10am to 12pm (an afternoon workshop may also be held if the morning session sells out). The cost is \$75 which includes all materials and use of safety equipment. The projects will be an 'S' hook and a fire poker - two of the classics. Enquiries and bookings Bernadette@dromkeen.com.au or 0432 282 704. **This workshop is being run by our Sunbury College Chaplain, Robert Nansen.**

MORNING TEA: will be hosted next Sunday morning after 8.30am mass by Jacksons Hill Neighbourhood. Please bring a plate to share.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: the October edition of this magazine is now available from the Piety Stall for \$4.00.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Deborah Hoey/ Win Birt **St Anne's Church** – Nil **COUNTERS:** Kelly Stark Vern & Maureen Walters **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Teo Alvares **LECTORS** Phyllis Jacob Adelfo Hipolito Elaine Van der Weerden Kevin Crowley **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharma **8.30am** Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Liz Richards Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen **10.30am** Sean Quigley Tony Hendy Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose' Noy Moira Sullivan Mark Perry Mimi Quattrone **5.30pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco