

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;

Rosary, Litany, Consecration & Novena for Our Lady of

Fatima

11.00am Funeral Mass- Br Cahill

Gleisner SDB- Salesian

College Sunbury

2.00pm Funeral Mass- Rita Bricknell

Tues 9.15am St Anne's – Blessed

Sacrament, Exposition,

Rosary, Litany,

Consecration, Novena & Divine Mercy Chaplet, Angelus with silent time until

1pm

2.00pm Funeral- Nancy Leake
Wed 9.30am St Anne's- Liturgy of Word-

Rosary, Litany, Consecration, Novena

Thurs 9.15am St Anne's

11.00am Funeral Mass-

Alan Masterson

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

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Jackie ALLAN Rany AZORES
Cathie BEZZINA Carmen BARBAR Patricia
CLARK Christine DJAKOBIC Matthew
FLANAGAN JO GRANT Eddie GRECH Lloyd
MACEY Len MCKENZIE Abraham NINAN Tio
ROCCO Sr Mary ROWAN RSJ Anthony
TUIMATAFANUA Christine VELTHUIS Beth
WARBURTON Shirley WHORLOW Nada
ZUDETICH

Recently Deceased: Rita BRICKNELL Baby Gatt Br Cahill GLEISNER SDB Jean LANE Nancy LEAKE Allan MASTERSON

Anniversaries: Janet BOTTAMS Margaret,
Nina & Teresa CAUCHI Austin & Leonie
D'MONTE Michael DARMANIN Peter
EDWARDS Eileen & John FLANAGAN Val
LITTLER Doris & Fred MONK Tim
O'CALLAGHAN Jackie PAY John SCIBERRAS
George & Veronica SPITERI Len WHELAN SNR
Len WHELAN JNR Val WHELAN

THE PHARISEES

Over the last three Sunday readings from the gospel of Matthew, Jesus, having entered Jerusalem, finds himself in conflict with the chief priests and elders of the people. They question who gave this untrained Galilean upstart the authority to teach. Jesus responds with three parables aimed directly at his adversaries. Every gospel reading for the last three Sundays begins this way: *Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people...* Now, over the next three Sunday gospel readings Jesus comes across another group of enemies, the Pharisees. Who were these people, and why were they so hostile to Jesus? And why did Jesus call them 'hypocrites'?

The Pharisees came into prominence as Greece was spreading its influence across the ancient world. The group opposed Greece's Hellenistic influence in Israel. The Pharisees started as a movement, became a school of thought, and eventually a political party in Israel. There wasn't a particular entrance requirement to become a Pharisee. To join the Pharisees one had to subscribe to their system of belief. At first Pharisees emphasized piety and devotion to God. They intended to abide by God's law. They were so careful to avoid breaking God's commandments that they built a fence around them. They added 248 commandments and 365 prohibitions to ensure they did not even approach breaking the original ten. In time a narrowness and imbalance developed. They came to believe their way was not only the best; it was the only way.

The Pharisees were intent on separation from all defilement. Their name means literally 'the separate ones'. The Pharisees hated dirt or contamination of any sort. They wouldn't be seen dead in the company of sinners. Jesus, on the other hand, held no such fear. He came to befriend sinners and to give them a chance to turn their lives around. The Pharisees were offended at Jesus' fellowship with tax collectors and sinners. The Pharisees' boast on being the most perfect observants of the law and their contempt of sinners finds its clearest expression in Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9-14). Their 'holier than thou' attitude riled Jesus.

Over time their traditions replaced God's law. Gradually there was a shift away from the spirit of God's law to the letter of their laws. Godliness was now measured by external compliance to their rules. Those who did not abide by their rules were not accepted within the sect. The Pharisees put the emphasis on externals. They wore special clothing to attract attention to themselves. Jesus declared that everything they did was for show (Matthew 23:5). They lost all sense of reality. Jesus said they strained at gnats and swallowed camels (Matthew 23:24). They made the Sabbath a burden instead of a delight. What was once a movement towards holy living had become a burdensome set of rules. The strongest language Jesus ever used was against the Pharisees. He said they were hypocrites not practising what they preached (Matthew 23:3). In the Gospels *Pharisee and hypocrite* are nearly synonymous. The etymology of *hypocrite* suggests a "pretender". Jesus called them whitened sepulchres, pretty on the outside but inside they were full of dead men's bones (Matthew 23:27). Jesus never broke God's law, but he made no effort to observe the tradition of the Pharisees.

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Special Collection Next Weekend-World Mission Sunday

15 October 2017 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
Psalm Response: Psalm 22

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my

life

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Gospel Acclamation: Ephesians 1:17,18

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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.



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. Parishioners are welcome to place their prayers of petition into the prayer box in the church foyer.

NOVENA PRAYER: Most Holy Virgin, who was deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the 3 little shepherds the treasures of graces hidden in the recitation of the Rosary, inspire our hearts with sincere love of this devotion.

By meditating on the mysteries of our redemption that are recalled in your Rosary, may we gather the fruits contained therein and obtain the conversion of sinners, the Peace of Christ for the world, and this favour that I so earnestly seek of you in this novena (your intention....) I ask this of you, for the greater glory of God, for your own honour and for the good of all people. Amen

BROTHER CAHILL GLEISNER SDB: Cahill was born on 5 February 1930. He was educated by the Marist Brothers in Sale. He joined the Salesians as a prenovice in 1948. After his novitiate Cahill took first vows on 31 January 1951. He worked as a Brother in Chadstone and Brunswick, but his longest association was in Sunbury, Rupertswood, where he did two stints. His second stint in Sunbury was the longest: from 1970 till 2017. For many years Cahill worked in the vegetable patch and in the hen yard providing vegetables and eggs for the boarders. He retired in 1992 when Rupertswood stopped taking boarders. Cahill was a humble, gentle and kind man. His endearing qualities won him many friends among students, staff and people in our parish. Cahill was a prayerful man. He prayed the rosary daily. That he died on the feast of the Holy Rosary (7 October) suggests that the Blessed Mother rewarded his fidelity. May this humble, gentle and kind religious be welcomed into God's eternal kingdom!

Requiem Mass for Br Cahill will be held on Monday 16 October at 11am at the Salesian College Chapel.

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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.

FAMILY, FOOD AND FAITH: a new video and print resources highlighting the place of family meals as a rich source of social, spiritual and physical nourishment have been produced by the Life, Marriage and Family Office. Info can be found digitally via https://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or take a free copy from the Welcome Desk.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: The position of the Foundation Principal has been advertised nationally this month in "The Australian" newspaper. The closing date for applications to Catholic Education Melbourne is Monday 23rd October. The principal selection committee of five members including two parents from our parish has been formed and met for two hours in September.

WORLD MISSION DAY: next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission world Mission appeal. This year we are invited to share our support to community resources such as clean drinking water and medical care to families who can't access these basic necessities. Freecall 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au

CHUCKLE CORNER: CHUCKLE CORNER:

What do you call a missing parrot? A polygon! What do you call a parrot wearing a raincoat? Poly unsaturated!*****

Little old lady to dog owner:

'Is that your German shepherd outside?'

'Yeah, so what?'

'Well, my cat just killed it.'

'Ha, how could your cat kill my dog?'

'It got stuck in its throat.' *******

On the notice board of the defence department this appeared: 'This project is so TOP SECRET even I don't know what I'm doing.'****

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 Commit-

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!!!! Please RSVP to parish office on 9744 1060.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: Open Day Wed 8 November, 2017 Study options, Library and Building tour, Refreshments Two programs: 4.30pm–6.30pm or 6.00pm–8.00pm Bookings essential RSVP to Jenny Delahunt by Friday 3 November Phone: 9412 3314 Email: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE STUDY TOUR OF THE BIB-LICAL LANDS: 17 November – 14 Dec 2018 Jordan, Israel & Palestinian Territories, Turkey and Greece, and option for 3 days in Rome Tour Leaders: Dr Rosemary Canavan & Rev. Anthony Dean CM Info Session: Sat 21 October 2017: 2.00pm to 4.00pm RSVP & further info: Jenny Delahunt T: 9412 3314 E: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

HEARTBEAT VICTORIA: established in 1984 runs peer support groups for people who have had a heart event, their family and carers. Heartbeat is creating a Sunbury Branch. On Wed25 Oct 2017 at Goonawarra Community Centre at 6pm, come and hear the importance and benefits of peer support following a cardiac event. Finger food, tea and coffee provided. RSVP to Louise at lousiezambello@heartbeatvictoria.org.au or 0434 400 754 by Friday 19 Oct 2017 See the Heartbeat Victoria website www.heartbeatvictoria.org.au

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY: "The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity." Pope Francis. World Mental Health Day was celebrated on 10 October. We ask you to remember those who struggle with mental illness in your prayers. People with mental illness still have gifts and talents to share–remember Vincent Van Gogh? They have extra challenges to overcome and just need understanding and support and our prayers.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil CLEANING: OLMC Church— Lucy Gatt St Anne's Church – Nil COUNTERS: Kaye Roche Tony Tanti Ian Burnside GIFT SHOP: Roselle Duckworth Frances Arians LECTORS Monisha D'Lima Lyn Mandouit Mary Reay Jo Spiteri MINISTERS OF COM-MUNION: 5.30pm Vicki Heath Paul Hogan Garnet Jacob Sigurd Rodriges Albert & Diane 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