



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	9.30am	St Anne's
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
Frid	9.15am	St Anne's

RECONCILIATION OLMC Church

10am-10.30am Saturday

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

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

22 October 2017

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Psalm Response: Psalm 95:1,3-5,7-10

Give the Lord glory and honour

Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Jaime CUSTODIO
Lawrence DILLON

Anniversaries: Edward HILL Rita JANSEN
Glen JOHNSON Laurie JOHNSTON Sarah
MACPHERSON Kevin MOTT Jennifer RILEY
Catherine SAMON John SAMON



STRANGE BED FELLOWS

Jesus by his preaching and his miracles was attracting vast crowds and growing in popularity. At the same time he was also making enemies mainly among the religious leaders and the ruling class. History tells of many odd marriages of convenience between groups of opposite ideologies. The Pharisees and the Herodians were two such opposite ideologies who had nothing in common except their hatred of Jesus and their desire to do away with him. They made strange bed fellows. Together they plot to entrap Jesus on the divisive issue of paying taxes to Rome.

Together, while the crowd looks on and listens, they ask this question: **'Is it, or is it not, lawful to pay tribute to Rome?'** Lawyers like to play the **Yes-and-No** game. You are damned if you say **'Yes'** and you are damned if you say **'No'**. In asking this question they aim to put Jesus between a rock and a hard place, in a no-win situation. If Jesus said that it was lawful to pay the tax, he would stand discredited in the eyes of many of the people. On the other hand, if he said that it was unlawful to pay the tax, the Herodians would be quick to report him to Rome and bring a case of sedition against him.

The tax in question is the poll tax. This tax had to be paid by every male person between the ages of fourteen and sixty-five. It amounted to one denarius, the equivalent of a day's wage for a labourer. Not only did the people hate paying the tax – a tax is never popular – they hated it even more for religious reasons. To a Jew God was the only king. Their nation was a **theocracy**. To the Jewish mind to pay taxes to an earthly king was seen as an insult to God. The Pharisees, who were supremely religious, opposed the tax most vehemently, seeing it as an infringement of the divine right of God. King Herod was a puppet of Rome; and the Herodians, the party loyal to Herod, supported the tax. The Herodians owed their power, their prestige, and their livelihood to Rome. They worked hand in glove with the Roman occupiers. But, for the moment, the Pharisees and the Herodians put aside their differences. Motivated by a common hatred of Jesus, they forgot their differences and set out to entrap Jesus desiring to do away with him.

But Jesus was two steps ahead of his adversaries. Jesus meets the loaded question of his enemies with one of his own: **'Whose head and whose title does the coin bear?'** He asked to see a denarius which was stamped with the Emperor's head. In ancient times coinage was the sign of sovereignty. As soon as a king came to power he issued his own coinage. The coin they fished out of their pocket had on one side the head of the Emperor and on the reverse side it bore the title: **"Tiberius Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, High Priest"**. Jesus by-passes the politically loaded issue and goes to the heart of the matter: **"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God."** Religion and politics are a volatile mixture. But in matters of State and Church God has supremacy.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

CONGRATULATIONS TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES 2017: please remember in your prayers the 100 children from our parish who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral today. In the last week, we had the children celebrate Reconciliation on Tuesday night then they went to St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday to do a practice session. The children attended the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre and enjoyed a great day out. We wish to thank the teachers, catechists and parish staff who supported the children in their preparation for the Sacrament. Please pray that the children will use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to make their world a better place.

PRAYERS FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS 2017: *let us pray for our young adults as they finish their time at Secondary School. God we ask that they feel your closeness during the VCE exam period. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand. Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory. Give them the ability to grasp things correctly. Point out the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses. Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge. Grant them a future that is fruitful and happy. Amen*

Special Collection This Weekend-World Mission Sunday

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS: our parish would like to thank the members of Legion of Mary who worked so diligently to honour the centenary of Our Lady of Fatima apparitions. They organized a program for the week and ensured that each day the statue of Our Lady of Fatima remained in our parish, that parishioners had the opportunity to pray with her.
On Saturday night, approx 80 parishioners joined in the procession around St Anne's Church when the statue arrived in our parish. Thank you also to Garnet Jacob and the Youth Group for organizing the Sausage Sizzle.
.....Parish Staff

*We The Legionaries of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish wish to thank all those who helped in many ways so that the visit of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima be a truly spiritual success of Renewal and prayer.
Thanks Maria Mallia*

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.

WORLD MISSION DAY: supporting Catholic Mission World Mission today supports isolated families around the world to receive the vital resources they require such as clean drinking water and medical care. Please give generously to support our brothers and sisters worldwide. Freecall 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au

CHRISTMAS CHARITY DINNER DANCE: Saturday 2 December @ St Anne's Parish Centre. Live Band- Colourblind, Buffet Dinner. The night is being organized by our wonderful Youth Group who will donate the proceeds to various local community groups. Tickets are Adult \$25; Child (12-15Yrs) \$20. If you would like tickets, please contact the Parish office on 9744 1060, or buy them after Mass. For more info call Garnet Jacob on 0411 286 428.

PARISH EVERGREENS GROUP REMINDER NOTICE: those who have their names down to attend Hume Council Seniors Day celebrations on Friday 27 October, please meet in St Anne's Church Foyer at 9am. Buses leave 9.15am sharp. No cost involved, including lunch. Contact Joseph Spiteri 9744 2620 or Colin 9744 6015.

THANK YOU: CatholicCare would like to thank the community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sunbury for its generous donation of \$1539.25 to the recent CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Your generosity supports the vital work of CatholicCare, who work on behalf of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Together we fulfill the Church's mission of service to the community. We help families and individuals to develop strong and healthy relationships, ease the pain of difficult life transitions and build a sense of belonging for those who are vulnerable and isolated. Thank you for enabling us to continue this vital work.



MEETING OF HISTORICAL COMMITTEE on Wednesday 25th October 2017 at 11am in Meeting Room St Anne's Church. Any interested parishioners most welcome.

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.

CHUCKLE CORNER: CHUCKLE CORNER: ATHEISM

What do you get when you cross a Jehovah's Witness with an atheist? ... **someone who rings your doorbell for no apparent reason.**

What do you get if you crossed an insomniac, an agnostic, and a dyslexic? ... **someone who lies awake all night wondering if there is a Dog.**
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

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.

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 Wed 25 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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS: MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE - Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Interview process will be in Oct/Nov followed by a Training Day early December. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Email: sommi@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

RUPERTSWOOD HARVEST: SUNDAY OCTOBER 29 10AM-2PM
join us at Salesian College for a fun family day with free activities for children. We're sure you will be excited to see how Agriculture has been successfully integrated into our curriculum. We're excited! See you on the 29th October!! We are also happy to announce that Salesian College won some Agriculture awards at the recent Royal Melbourne Show. Come and see the amazing program Salesian has in place to make these awards a reality.

JUBILEE CROSS AT FEDERATION SQUARE ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 28: 2.00-4.00 pm Hymn singing of 9 culturally diverse choirs singing in their native tongue in St Paul's Cathedral. 3.00 - 7.00 pm at Federation Square experience ,encounter and explore hope through many different activities, marquees and creative expressions. Suitable for all ages and families. 5.30 - 6.00 pm Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Victoria including. witnessing the Jubilee Cross being processed down Swanston Street into Federation Square. 6.00 - 6.15 Gather with leaders from many different denominations to pray for our city. 6.15 - 7.00 Praise and worship by youth where they declare Jesus' love over Melbourne.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Alisha Thompson **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Peter Readman **St Anne's Church** - Skeeter Jacob Cedric D'Souza Beth Girdwood **COUNTERS:** Imogen Corrie Mimi Quattrone Judith Ibrahim **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS** Paul Fanning Peter Readman Des Dowling Teresa Quin **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharma Angelo Snell Jim O'Brien **8.30am** Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Kathy Thompson **10.30am** Sean Quigley Tony Hendy Gary Plummer Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose' Noy Grae Tucker Mark Perry Mimi Quattrone **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace