



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
	5.00pm	OLMC
Mon	9.15am	St Anne's—Liturgy of Word;
Tues	7.30pm	St Anne's -Vigil Prayers Richard Wisniewski
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
	10.30am	St Anne's— Funeral Mass Richard Wisniewski
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
Frid	9.15am	St Anne's
	1.30pm	St Anne's— Funeral Mass Henry Sendra
Sat:	11.00am	Remembrance Day Service Village Green

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

5 November 2017

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10
Psalm Response: Psalm 130

In you, Lord, I have found my peace

Second Reading: 1 Thes 2:7-9,13
Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 23:9,10

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ!**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12



VANITY

The Sufi Bayazid had this to say about himself: *'When I was young I was full of zeal and my prayer was this: "Lord, give me the energy to change the world." As I approached middle age and realized that half my life had gone without my changing a single soul I changed my prayer to this... "Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me, just my family and friends, and I shall be satisfied." Now that I am old and gray, and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is, "Lord, give me the grace to change myself." If I had prayed for this right from the start I would not have wasted so much of my life.'*

Some Pharisees were always trying to correct others while being blind to their own sinfulness. That's why they drew harsh criticism from Jesus. They had the wrong idea of religion. To them religion was a multiplicity of prohibitions and prescriptions, of rules and regulations. Jesus simplified religion into the one word **'LOVE'**. *'Love your God with heart and soul and love your neighbour as you love yourself.'* The Pharisees made of religion an intolerable burden. True religion must bear testing: Does it give us wings to lift us up or is it a dead weight to drag us down? Does it make us joyful, or does it turn us into sad people? Are we enlivened by it, or are we haunted by it instead? Does it carry us forward, or does it drag us back?

Whenever religion becomes burdensome and a list of do's and don'ts, it ceases to be truly authentic. True religion is a thing of the heart and not an external imposition. The religion of some Pharisees was showy, concerned solely with the external observation of the Law. It is said of the Law of God in Exodus (13:9), *'It shall be to you as a sign on your hand and a memorial between your eyes.'* The **phylacteries** mentioned by Jesus consisted of little ornate, leather boxes worn on the wrist and the forehead. The phylactery worn on the wrist was a little box of one compartment containing a scroll with four scripture passages. The phylactery worn on the forehead was a bigger box with four compartments, one for each of the four passages. The tassels that Jesus speaks of may still be seen today in the prayer shawl of the devout Jew. The tassels are a reminder to the devout Jew of God's commandments. Tassels and phylacteries are not wrong as long as they are not worn just for show. The final criticism of Jesus is directed at those who enjoy titles. It is directed not only at Pharisees but also at certain vain priests and bishops.

There is nothing more ridiculous than the vain person. I remember one young priest, freshly ordained, who visited the seminarians still in training. One trainee addressed him by his Christian name. This new priest lost all my respect when in all seriousness he insisted that this trainee should address him as **Father**. I wondered whether this vain person became a priest in order to bolster his own self esteem. I would hope he became a priest to be of service to others. Those who enjoy titles like Monsignor, My Lord, Your Grace, Your Excellency, Your Holiness... and indulge in them, are to be pitied; because, as far as the Gospel is concerned, they are still in kindergarten of the spiritual life. *'The greatest among you must be your servant.'* Respect is earned, not demanded.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Bill ANDERSON Rany AZORES Carmen BARBAR Patricia CLARK Christine DJAKOBIC Matthew FLANAGAN Jo GRANT Jan KEOGH Peter KEOGH Lloyd MACEY Abraham NINAN Tio ROCCO Anthony TUIMATAFANUA Carolyn WOCKNER

Recently Deceased: Alfred BEZZINA Esmeralda LESLIE Henry SENDRA Loretta WALTER Richard WISNIEWSKI

Anniversaries: Rita JANSEN Ted LAMAIER Anthony MALLIA Ernest MILLETT Theresa MILLETT Anthony MAGRIN Louis, Sam & Maryann MUSCAT Edward & Norah QUIRK Margaret RODRIGUES Upali SILVA Percy WIJESURIYA

NOVEMBER– MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE: our parish will be remembering our departed loved ones in a number of ways during the month of November. We will have our “Book of Remembrance” at all Masses in November with the names of our loved ones noted. We invite you to write your loved ones names on the papers in the church foyers so they can be included in our prayers throughout November. The papers will be put into the folders and brought up with the Gifts during Mass.

On **Sunday 19 November**, Fr Kevin will be blessing graves at Bulla Cemetery (2.30pm) and Sunbury Cemetery (3.30pm). Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tuesday 21 November our parish will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance at 7.30pm in St Anne’s Church. Everyone is welcome to bring a photo along as we come together to pray for our loved ones.

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.

CAR BOOT SALE: Sunbury Uniting Church is holding its 14th annual Car Boot Sale & Craft Market on Saturday 18th November, 8.30am–2pm (inside the church and on the Village Green). There will be over 60 cars and craft stalls inside. Also a coffee van, our famous Devonshire tea/coffee (inside) and sausage sizzle, huge second hand book stall, live music and things for kids to do: jumping castle, face painting, lucky dips, twisted balloons, Thomas ride for littlies. This is a great Christmas shopping opportunity! Sites are still available but be quick! Contact Helen Hall on 0407 506 507 or helenhall88@gmail.com

ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL RECITAL: Wednesday 15 November 6.30pm–7.30pm by Matthias Schlubeck– Panflute & Joachim Neugart–Organ. Admission \$20 Bookings not required. Refer to the Notice board for more information.

500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION: On 31 October 1517, Martin Luther posted his theses concerning abuses he saw in the church. To mark the anniversary, Lutherans and Catholics in Australia have issued a joint statement: “We are deeply aware of the past and of the damage from the conflict; we thank God for the healing of the relationship between Catholics and Lutherans in recent decades... and we look forward to walking a common path in the future, witnessing together to the mercy of God in proclamation and service to the world:...” “A service was held in St John’s Church, Southgate between the Lutherans and Catholics last week.

MUSLIM PRESIDENT OF KOSOVO PRAISES NEW CATHEDRAL: In September, in Kosovo, Albania, a Cathedral was dedicated to St Mother Theresa originally from Albania was dedicated. Kosovo’s Muslim President said, “For centuries, Muslims and Christians have gone to places of worship here to find answers to their problems– this cathedral will forever remind our children and future generations who St Teresa was. It is a celebration of Mother Teresa’s love, a lesson for all of us that love always triumphs– that the one who is transgressed and who suffers will find light and peace.”

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Wed 8 November	1.00pm	Parish/Schools Coord Meeting
	3.30pm	Holy Trinity School Committee
Frid 10 November	10.00am	Holy Trinity Principal Selection

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND *Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!* Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.* **2017 Melbourne weekend dates : 17-19 November, 2017** Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.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

FUNERAL FOR ALFRED BEZZINA: will be held at St Mary MacKillop Church at Keilor Downs at 10.15am on Thursday 9 November. Alfred Bezzina is the son of Emanuela Woods who was a well known parishioner in our parish.

EVERGREENS GROUP FINAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2017:

Monday 20 November—Werribee Zoo. Meet at St Anne’s Church Foyer 9.15am. Bus leaves at 9.30am sharp. \$25.00 entry. Bring your own lunch. Contact: Joe 9744 2620 or Colin 9744 6015.

Thursday 23 November—OLMC School Prep Lunch 12.00pm. Special invitation scrolls from these children available in St Anne’s Church Foyer Sunday Mass. Children will be thrilled to receive your acceptance reply. Drop them to the school. Contact: Coreen and Colin 9744 6015.

Tuesday 5 December—Christmas Lunch 12.30pm Sunbury Football Club, Clark Oval. \$20.00 each. Contact Frances 9744 1999 or Coreen 9744 6015

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: CatholicCare Footscray is looking for an occasional gardener to help keep their property tidy by maintaining garden beds and clearing walkways of growth. Located at 3 Wingfield St, Footscray. Monthly care would be appreciated. If you are able to help, please contact Matt on 9926 5699.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR: Sunday 19 November 2017: Taking action by donating goods or offering help to those in need are always supported, but Pope Francis draws our attention to the needs of the poor on this particular weekend. Our prayer life and our spirit should feel compelled to help those who need help. If you don’t know anyone who needs help, speak to Vinnies. They visit people in need daily and can certainly find someone who can do with an act of kindness and generosity. As Vinnies has taught us, people find themselves in situations out of their own control that lead to situations where they no longer have an income so can not afford to pay their bills, rent, loans, school fees, food. Kindness and understanding is important at this time. **Please help someone in need.**

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Lorna Jacob **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Yvonne Sparks **St Anne’s Church** – Nilu Perera Mary Sammut Franziska Gasser **COUNTERS:** Jovie & Faed Fabian Natalie Xerri **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Teo Alvares **LECTORS** Michael Hetherington Peter Readman mary Macdermid Jo Spiteri **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Garnet Jacob Paul Fanning Albert & Diana Mastramico Val McManus James Francis Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon **8.30am** Colin & Coreen Wilson Tom Allen Ann Chircop Lloyd D’Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Kathy Thompson **10.30am** Johanna Fahey Grace Tucker Bernadette Anderson Carmen Micallef Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis Olga Ellul **5.30pm** Alan Slocombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace