



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy Times this Week

Mon: 9.15am St Anne's- Liturgy of Word
Tues: 7.30pm St Anne's- Graduation Mass
Wed: 9.30am St Anne's- Thanksgiving Mass
7.00pm St Andrews Uniting Church-
Blue Christmas
Thurs: 9.15am St Anne's
3.30pm Lions Hostel- Mass with
Anointing
Fri: 9.15am St Anne's
Sat: 5.30pm St Anne's
Sun: 8.30am St Anne's
10.30am 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

17 December 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Psalm Response: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

My soul rejoices in my god

Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:16-24

Gospel Acclamation: Isaiah 61:16

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me
to bring Good News to the poor**

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Rany AZORES Carmen BARBAR Patricia
CLARK Christine DJAKOBIC Janette DYAL
John GRAY Harvey HUGHES Lloyd MACEY
Brenda MCMAHON Mary REAY Pio ROCCO
Anthony TUIMATAFANUA Christine VELTHUIS
Carolyn WOCKNER Natalee WOOD

Recently Deceased: Timmy BARRY Vincent
DARBY Tommy DWYER

Anniversaries: Giovanna & Vincenzo BRULLO
Jack CULLIS Kit DILLON Timothy &
Thomasenia GAFFNEY Jeremiah MAHONY
Norah MAHONY Helen MENZIES Francesca
QUATTRONE Patrick REDDAN David &
Brendan SHANNON Betty WARREN Eileen
WILSON

ADVENT SYMBOLS

The Advent Wreath

One of the most captivating symbols used in Advent is the Advent Wreath. It is usually made of evergreen branches formed into a circle. It holds four candles: three purple (or dark blue) and one pink. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent. The third Sunday is called '**GAUDETE SUNDAY**'. The Latin word '*gaudete*' is translated into English as '*rejoice*'. There is good reason to rejoice because the joyful feast of Christmas is ever so close. Some wreaths, like ours, have a fifth candle, a white one to be lit on the feast of Christmas. The three purple candles symbolize the time of preparation. Some parishes use dark blue candles instead of purple to differentiate Advent from Lent. Lent is a penitential season, whereas Advent is a season of preparation for the feast of Christmas and joyful anticipation of Christ's coming. But even in the season of Lent, on the fourth Sunday, '**Laetare Sunday**', we are reminded to be people of joy. Like '*gaudete*' '*laetare*' means '*rejoice*'. Even in a penitential season a Christian must not be gloomy. The reason for being joyful is that the great mystery of our redemption, '**the paschal mystery**', the saving death and resurrection of Jesus, is drawing near. The Advent wreath is lit at the beginning of each of the four Advent Sunday Masses. Some families and religious communities make a small Advent wreath for devotional use at home or in their religious house-chapel.

The Jesse Tree

The Jesse Tree receives its name from Jesse, the father of King David, from whose house the lineage of Jesus can be traced through his earthly father, Joseph, a descendant of David. The gospels of Matthew and Luke contain genealogies, lists of ancestors. Matthew 1:1-17 traces Jesus' lineage back to Abraham. Luke 3:23-38 traces Jesus' lineage back to Adam. Both gospels mention Jesse and David. Matthew has a descending genealogy whereas Luke's is ascending. Not every ancestor is mentioned, of course, because the primary aim is to connect Jesus to Abraham and Adam in the respective gospels. However, as I pointed out above, Jesse and his son David are included in both genealogies as vital links. In Luke's gospel of the annunciation, the angel Gabriel's words to Mary regarding the son she is to bear are these, '*He will be great, and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David*' (Lk 1:32).

It is not my intention to teach you how to construct a Jesse Tree. Google can do that for you if you are interested. Here I want to offer you a selection of symbols which are sometimes found pinned or attached to a Jesse Tree.

SYMBOL

A Crown
Apple
Boat or Ark
Whale
Ladder
Colourful Coat
Tablet of Ten Commandments
Sheaf of Wheat
Rose
Dove

REFERENCE TO

King David
Adam
Noah
Jonah
Jacob
Joseph
Moses
Ruth
Blessed Mother Mary
Holy Spirit

ADVENT LITURGICAL COLOURS

The traditional liturgical colour for the season of Advent is purple or violet. However, it has become customary in some local churches to substitute a dark blue to replace violet as the colour for Advent. The purpose for the practice of using dark blue for Advent is to distinguish Advent from Lent. The theme of Advent is not penitential. Advent is a time of waiting and of joyful anticipation for Christ's coming. Advent is not to be considered as a '**Little Lent**'. On the 3rd Sunday of Advent the priest wears rose coloured vestments and a rose candle is lit.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

Special Collection

This Sunday

Vinnie's Christmas Appeal



MASS TIMETABLE FOR NEXT SATURDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAY:

Saturday 23 Dec	5.30pm	St Anne's Church	4th Sunday Advent Mass
Sunday 24 Dec	8.30am	St Anne's Church	4th Sunday Advent Mass
	10.30am	St Anne's Church	4th Sunday Advent Mass
	6.00pm	St Anne's Church	Christmas Family Mass
	8.00pm	St Anne's Church	Christmas Family Mass
	10.00pm	St Anne's Church	Christmas Family Mass
Monday 25 Dec	8.30am	St Anne's Church	Christmas Family Mass
	10.30am	St Anne's Church	Christmas Family Mass

Please note, all Masses will be celebrated at St Anne's Church for reasons of capacity.

ADVENT IN OUR PARISH: in this time of Advent when we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ, we have many celebrations to help us keep Jesus at the centre of our lives.

Thursday 21 December Set up St Anne's Church 6.30pm

CARDS OF REMEMBRANCE: Advent and Christmas are a time for great celebration and joy for most. But for those who have loved ones who cannot be with us for whatever reason, our parish offers prayer cards. We suggest you write your loved ones names on the cards and place them in the empty manger of the parish nativity in St Anne's Church foyer, or in the basket near OLMC Nativity.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Lions Hostel	Thursday 21 December	3.30pm
Goonawarra Aged Care	Thursday 28 December	2.30pm

ADVENT REFLECTION: December is so busy for all of us as we prepare for the excitement of Christmas. It's also a time of reflective waiting and anticipation for the coming of our Saviour.

During Advent you are invited to spend some time in quiet reflection. St Anne's Chapel will be set aside for reflective prayer between 8.30am & 10.30am Masses on each Sunday of Advent and after 9.15am Mass & 2.30pm-3.15pm each Wednesday.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: This Blue Christmas service is for anyone for whom Christmas is a time when they feel 'blue' while everyone else seems to be celebrating. People may feel 'blue' because of the loss of a loved one, because of a relationship breakdown, because of stresses in their lives, because family are a long distance away, because they are lonely or because of sad memories of past experiences of Christmas or for any other reason.

This time of reflection, listen to music, prayer and lighting of candles provides an opportunity to express these feelings before Christmas with others who are also feeling 'blue'.

Date: Wednesday 20 December

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: St Andrew's Uniting Church, Village Green

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Wait in Joyful Hope



The following children from our Parish will be baptized this Sunday:

Harrison LAWS

Nate DUHAU

Christopher MOSS-HOLLAND

Hudson HANNAN

Joseph RITCHIE-HAYDN

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.

EVERGREENS: the Evergreens gratefully thank Garnet and our Youth Group for the donation of \$200. Special thanks to Fr Kevin, Fr Bert and the office staff for the support during a wonderful 2017 year. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2018.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 21 Dec 11.30am Holy Trinity School Committee East Melbourne
6.30pm Set up St Anne's church for Christmas Masses

SUNDAY MASS IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY: as is our recent custom, the Sunday afternoon Mass which is normally celebrated at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, will be celebrated at St Anne's Church which has cooling for the health of all worshippers. This will commence on 7 January at 5pm.

HELPERS STILL NEEDED PLEASE: THANKYOU: to all who indicated they can help our parish during this wonderful time of Advent.

We still need help with:

- Our parish is looking for Lectors at the 10pm Christmas Eve Mass & 8.30am Christmas Day Mass. Please let the office know if you can assist please. Readings will be sent to you asap. Ph 9744 1060.
- Ministers of Communion- if you are at any of the Christmas Masses and notice that we do not have enough ministers, please assist if you can.
- We need assistance with setting up Masses on Christmas Day 8.30am & 10.30am Masses please. If you can assist, please contact the parish office on 9744 1060.
- Welcomers at all Masses would be appreciated. The job of Welcomers is to give a cheerful greeting and hand out the newsletter.
- Ushers are needed to find seats for those who are standing. More ushers are needed please.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Bernadette Dowling **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Yvonne Sparks **St Anne's Church** – Skeeter Jacob Cedric D'Souza Beth Girdwood **COUNTERS:** No Teams **GIFT SHOP:** Carmel Wiegerink Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS 23.12.17** Jan Gavaghan **24.12.17** Tom Allen Jo Spiteri **6pm** Jan Gavaghan & Paul Fanning **8pm** Elaine Van der Weerden & Patricia Altair **10pm** ??? **25.12.17 8.30am** ??? **10.30am** Monisha D'Lima **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Albert & Diana Mastramico Val McManus James Francis Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts **8.30am** Andrew Swann Monica Allen Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson Kathy Thompson Ann Chircop **10.30am** Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose' Noy Christine Cassar Mark Perry Mimi Quattrone Carmen Micallef **5.00pm** No Mass 24.12.17