

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST.

SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy Times this Week

Mon

 Sat
 5.30pm
 St Anne's

 Sun
 8.30am
 St Anne's

 10.30am
 St Anne's

5.00pm St Anne's 9.15am St Anne's-Liturgy of Word

7.30pm St Anne's – Vigil Prayers

Shirley Whorlow

Tues 11.00am St Anne's- Funeral Mass-

Shirley Whorlow

Wed 9.15am 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

7 January 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm Response: Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Joan ATKINS Carmen BARBAR Patricia CLARK Christine DJAKOBIC John GRAY Harvey HUGHES Lloyd MACEY Pio ROCCO Christine VELTHUIS Carolyn WOCKNER Natalee WOOD

Recently Deceased: Ildefonso AZORES Abraham NINAN Roger ROA Shirley WHORLOW

Anniversaries: Paulina CARASIG Joe CAUCHI Bruno CUSCUNA Peter & Ulick D'SOUZA James MCGOVERN Tiago RODRIGUES

THE EPIPHANY

Although this is Year B, the year of Mark's Gospel, we have to call upon Matthew, because only he can provide us with the story of the three wise men from the East who came from afar to do homage to the new-born "King of the Jews". This Sunday will probably be the only Sunday in 2018 when we will hear the priest announce, "A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew". As this is the only occasion in the present liturgical year when we have a reading from Matthew, it will be helpful to consider Matthew's purpose not only in writing his gospel, but more especially in telling us the story of the Magi.

Matthew wrote his gospel at a time when Gentiles were flocking into the church, but the relationship between traditional Jews, who were the first followers of Christ, and the Gentile converts was at breaking point. Matthew himself was a devout Jew who was familiar with the Jewish religion and its sacred writings. Matthew is a committed Jewish Christian wholly convinced that Jesus is the Messiah of Jewish hope and expectation. Matthew is aggrieved by the antagonism of contemporary official Judaism towards Jesus. Matthew's gospel - more than any other gospel - quotes freely from the Old Testament, especially from the prophets. As a Christian and as a Jew, Matthew reaches out to his fellow Jewish Christians and to the new Gentile converts. Before Matthew came to write his gospel Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, had brought many Gentiles into the Christian fold. While the first followers of Jesus were all Jews, the majority within Judaism rejected Jesus. Paul also had trouble bringing Jews to Jesus, so he finally turned his attention and energy into preaching to the Gentiles.

The wise men from the east represent the Gentiles, the non-Jewish nations, who were entering the church by believing in Jesus Christ. The Gentiles had lacked the gift of divine revelation, which had been the privilege of the Jews. But through Paul, Barnabas and others the good news about Jesus Christ was revealed to non-Jews as well. Jesus saw his ministry as a restricted mission to the Jews: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel" (Mt 15:24). But after being rejected by the 'Old Israel' Jesus begins to form a 'New Israel', his Church. This 'New Israel' would reach out to all nations. Matthew's Gospel finishes with the risen Jesus sending his disciples into the world to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Mt 28:18).

At the beginning of his gospel Matthew has given us a brilliant and fascinating story of the three wise men from the east. This story serves as a prelude to a gospel that has universal appeal and ends with Jesus sending his disciples on a mission to all nations, a mission to bring the whole world into ambit of God's kingdom. The story of the magi is a harbinger to the universal mission of the Church. It anticipates the coming of the Gentiles into the house of faith.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb



The following child in our parish will be baptized this Sunday. Spencer SHERLOCK

We joyfully welcome him to our parish community.

PARISH EVENT- ST PATRICK'S DAY 2018: The Ripcords will be rocking up a storm in our Parish Centre on Saturday 17

March- St Patrick's Day. So get your Irish on and come celebrate with us. We will have Irish dancing display and lots of other fun. The band play a mixture of music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. BYO food and drink and get ready to dance the night away! Tickets can be brought from the Parish Office. Cost \$20 per head Time: 7.30pm. All proceeds will go to the Parish Overseas Humanitarian Project to support the HIV/AIDS affected orphans in Jakarta.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Les Whorlow as Shirley, his wife for nearly sixty years, entered eternal life peacefully at home surrounded by her family last Tuesday. Les and Shirley came to our parish in 1970 with their six children. Shirley was involved in OLMC School as a classroom and canteen helper. Shirley was also in a number of women's Rotary group. Her daughter Kathy pre-deceased her in 1998. Vigil prayers will be held on Monday at 7.30pm, followed by Mass on Tuesday at 11am, which will conclude with Committal at Sunbury Cemetery.

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. We will need 5 ministers to deliver Communion. We will use the 2 aisles either side of the centre aisle. This will commence this Sunday at 5pm.

Advent & Christmas Mass Feedback Request:

GET TO MASS EARLY AND DON'T CALCULATE HOW LATE YOU CAN BE, POPE FRANCES SAYS: on 22 December the Pope said, "The words and gestures that open the celebration help the faithful

come together as one and prepare them to listen to the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

After the Entrance, the celebrant bows and kisses the altar as an expression of veneration because the altar is a symbol of Christ."

The sign of the cross is a sign of the mystery of the Trinity, of Christ's loving sacrifice and resurrection and of each person's baptism.

We are entering into a 'symphony' in which different tones of voices resound, including moments of silence, with an aim of creating an 'accord' among all participants, that is, to see each other as animated by the one Spirit and for the same reason.

-Pope Francis at General Audience, Rome 20 December 2017

LET US NOT DISTRACT OTHERS: When the sacred Scripture is proclaimed at Mass, it is Christ who speaks, said St Augustine. Late-comers distract us— at the Hamer Hall, late-comers are not admitted until a break in the music program. We have to wait another forty minutes if we are late for our train. Of course, we can be delayed not by our own fault. Let us be early as Pope Francis urges.

A YOUTH GATHERING IN ROME: will be held in March to prepare for the Synod on the Youth in October. Angela Markas of the Chaldean Catholic Church has been selected to represent young Australian Catholics at the March meeting. Angela studies at University of Melbourne. Archbishop Fisher described Angela a woman of deep faith with a strong sense of social justice. He said Angela was one of 20000 young Catholics who gathered in Sydney last month.

.....Kevin McIntosh

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil CLEANING: OLMC Church— Lucy Gatt 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 Phyllis Jacob Peter Readman Teresa Quin 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 5.00pm Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco Assistance Required

Our Liturgy Team is eager to hear from our parishioners regarding their thoughts on the Advent and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
Masses please. Please take a few minutes to write your thoughts and any suggestions or constructive criticism of the experiences you
had during the celebrations over Advent and Christmas Masses. Please detach this form and drop in the basket at the back of the
church or hand to the Parish Office. You may include your name and number if you wish for someone to get back to you, or do it anony mously.
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Name: (optional)

Contact Number: (optional)