



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

28 January 2018

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm Response: Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

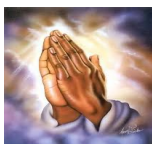
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Sue ANNETTE Joan ATKINS Maria BARRO Patricia CLARK Helen CONNORS Christine DJAKOBIC Carmen, Charlie & Raymond FLORES John GRAY Christopher HABER Robyn HARVEY Harvey HUGHES Diamond JACOB Jan & Peter KEOGH Lloyd MACEY Cassandra O'KEEFE Pio ROCCO Christine VELTHUIS Carolyn WOCKNER Natalee WOOD

Recently Deceased: Francis FLORES

Anniversaries: Jessie DEGIORGIO Jimmy DIMOPOULOS Iris KERWICK Nora MILLETT



THE LORD, OUR TEACHER

As the 2018 School Year begins this week, it is providential we listen today to the first account in Mark's Gospel of Jesus as teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

It is not recorded what Christ taught. However, his teaching made a deep impression on his listeners in the synagogue at Capernaum. Archeologists have found the remains of this synagogue. "His teaching made a deep impression on them, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority."

Linked to his teachings, Jesus carried out other major characteristic of his ministry—healing. He healed the possessed by an unclean spirit—healed of a pathological psychological condition in modern terms. Healing the man illustrates how Jesus' teaching can liberate people. The teaching of Jesus, his message, frees people. His teaching heals. To be ignorant of God is like being captive.

JESUS THE WELL EDUCATED TEACHER

In an age when most people were illiterate, Jesus appears well educated. Some suggest he spoke four languages. He spoke everyday Aramaic, the language of the region. He knew Hebrew, able to read the Bible. For his work, he needed Greek the language to sell Joseph's carpentry products at markets. Fourthly he spoke Latin, able to converse with Pontius Pilate.

THE MESSIANIC SECRET— JESUS' IDENTITY

A feature of the Gospel of Mark is an element of secrecy and confusion that surrounds Jesus' identity. He silences demons who would announce his identity and warns those he heals to be quiet about what has occurred. There is a real lack of understanding displayed by the disciples about who Jesus is. At one point, Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you think I am?" They identify him as the Messiah but immediately demonstrate that they don't really understand what that means. The theme that runs through the gospel is a developing understanding of what it means that Jesus is the Messiah.

WE ARE ALL POSSESSED

The story of the possessed man may seem from another era than ours or should be left to mental health experts. Yet isn't it true that all of us are 'possessed' in different ways over which we have little or no control? Some people enslaved by addictions to drugs, alcohol, food, gambling, etc. Many of us suffer from more subtle addictions, which we don't admit—including some of our habits and ways of dealing with others.

SATAN WAS DEFEATED

Our gospel today gives us Christ's first public miracle. At the time of Mark's writing, the Jews believed the world was under the power of Satan. They looked to God to usher in a new world. In the Gospel, this new world is called God's Kingdom. Before this new world can begin, the civil powers must first be overcome. The healing of the possessed man publicly shows Satan has been defeated in this first public miracle. While today we see terrorist attacks, including the Bourke St tragedy and wars in Africa and the Middle East, we Christians believe that since the Resurrection, the gracious love of God is now present—in this world; God's Kingdom is in process, not yet fully established.

Over the next couple of Sundays, Mark's gospel will speak of God's Reign in images of seeds and yeast; small things that have life energy and can grow. This week, let us look around us and see signs of God already present in our life—the love, the compassion, the goodness we see, which do not make the news headlines.

.....Kevin McIntosh

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**. 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 so get ready to dance the night away! BYO food and drink .Tickets can be bought from the Parish Office at \$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.

BR MICHAEL HERRY: LITURGICAL MUSIC WORK-

SHOP: Br Michael Herry is a music composer who has written many of the hymns we sing during weekend Masses. We encourage anyone interested in music ministry to attend this special night. The workshop will combine reflective prayer and practical workshop experience in a variety of music for all parish and school groups. **Tuesday 6 February @ 7.30pm-9pm in the St Anne's Parish Centre @ 101 Riddell Rd, Sunbury. Supper will be provided. Please RSVP to the Parish Office on 9744 1060.**

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018: this year has been declared the Year of Youth by Pope Francis and the Australian Catholic Bishops.

Our parish intends to extend on our current Youth Group by incorporating fortnightly activities for 2 alternate groups of youth. Starting in **Term 2** we will have 2 groups running. Ages 12-13 Years on alternate Friday fortnights; and Ages 14-16 on the other Friday fortnights.

Our current Youth Group has done such great work with our parish in coordinating our Valentines Day Dinner Dances, Christmas in July Dinner Dance, Multicultural Day and Christmas Dinner Dance.

This next step for the Youth Group will be ongoing during school terms. We aim to run the Youth Group Sessions every Friday from 6pm-8pm in the Parish Centre.

It would be appreciated if anyone can help us with food for the Youth group as we intend to provide food to those who attend and for our group leaders. Money can be donated or fresh food provided. Please contact the parish office before fresh food is donated please.

Please pray that our parish youth respond and will get involved in our Parish Youth Group and leaders will come forward to serve the group.

SPARKS OF BEAUTY: Saturday 10 February 2018 11am-1pm National Gallery of Victoria. The Sparks of Beauty program draws its name from the words of Pope Francis who said that 'sparks of beauty' can change the world. This series of talks and resources seeks to encourage a holistic, Catholic and grounded approach to faith and life by seeking out the insights of leaders from a variety of fields— art, science, music, literature and sport. In doing so, the program seeks to encourage a new imagining to Catholic spirituality in 21st century Australia. For bookings and more info Ph. 9926 5761 or www.cam.org.au/evangelisation.

SUNDAY MASS IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY: 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.

SHARE MEALS, SHARE GAMES, SHARE LIFE STORIES. Have the back-to-work blues got you thinking about your next trip overseas? If so, why not join us on an intimate, authentic tour of **Timor-Leste** this March? **Palms Encounters** are ethically run group tours that provide participants with authentic, hard to come by experiences. The tours have been carefully designed to give you an insight into the daily life of people of another culture, an understanding of sustainable approaches to reducing poverty, and an insight into the life and work of Palms development volunteers.

Palms Australia Encounters in 2018--

11 – 23 March	Timor Leste
18 – 30 May	Samoa
20 May – 1 June	Timor Leste
2 – 14 September	Timor Lester

Limited places still available on our **March Encounter to Timor Leste!**

If you'd like to join us for this incredible experience, please contact Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/encounters

Real encounter, real people, real exchange, real life

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND AWARENESS

AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING: has been declared by Pope Francis to be celebrated on the Feast day of St Josephine Bakhita of Sudan. A special Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Thursday 8 February** at 6.30pm by Very Rev Joe Caddy, Episcopal Vicar for Social Services & Justice.

"The trade in human beings, a modern form of slavery, violates the God-given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters and constitutes a true crime against humanity.".... Pope Francis 2017

FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS 2018 HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Join Fr Gabriel Ezenwa on **7 - 20 June 2018** for a 14 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Take the chronological road of Jesus' life from Bethlehem to Nazareth and Galilee to Jerusalem. Daily Mass. Optional Extension to Petra. If interested, call Harvest Journey today for bookings or for more info 1800 819 156. The price is \$6590.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Rose and Adam Galea whose son Jaiden died at birth. His funeral concluded at the Sunbury Cemetery last Wednesday.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: The Steering Committee will meet on **Tuesday 6 February** at 1.00pm in the Parish Centre.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: has been amalgamated with the Parish Consultative Group. At last Wednesday's meet, Peter Rush was elected as chairperson and Michael McConville as secretary.

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: meets at St Anne's Church at 10am on Thursdays. The first meeting for 2018 is Thursday 1 February. All welcome, including children. For more info/transport contact Lambert and Elaine van der Weerden on 0418 322 596.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Narelle Anderson **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Yvonne Sparks **St Anne's Church** – Nil **COUNTERS:**

GIFT SHOP: Carmel Wiegerink Frances Ariens **LECTORS:** Paul Fanning Lyn Mandouit Sr Jose' Noy Alan Slocombe **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 Grace Tucker Mark Perry Mimi Quattrone **5.00pm** Alan Slocombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace **Assistance Required**