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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	9.30am	St Anne's (including school)
	12.15pm	OLMC (including school)
	7.00pm	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

11 February 2018

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Psalm Response: Psalm 31:1-2,5,11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 7:16

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Sue ANNETTE Joan ATKINS Maria BARRO Patricia CLARK Helen CONNORS Christine DJAKOBIC Vera FENTON Carmen, Charlie & Raymond FLORES Christopher HABER Harvey HUGHES Diamond JACOB Jan & Peter KEOGH Lloyd MACEY Tina SANTIAGO Caesar TANNAGAN Christine VELTHUIS Carolyn WOCKNER Natalee WOOD

Recently Deceased: Tony GRIFFIN

Anniversaries: Charles CALLEYA Margaret & Fred CARLSON Georgina CHETCUTI Cenon HIPOLITO



JESUS IN MARK'S GOSPEL

Some people find it hard to love God because some of the images they have of God are horrible, making God unattractive and unlovable, someone to be afraid of. Enter Jesus, God incarnate, God-in-human-flesh. In Jesus we meet a God who lived with us and is on our side. One of the Christmas prefaces says this of Jesus: **"In him we see our God made visible, and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see."** St Paul calls Jesus, **"The image of the invisible God."** Jesus is the perfect image of God.

The object of our Christian faith is the person of Jesus of Nazareth who lived briefly on earth less than 2,000 years ago. All four gospels are faith documents proclaiming Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, our Saviour. Jesus is an historical figure, but the **'historical Jesus'** and the **'Gospel Jesus'** are worlds apart. The gospels only provide us with the Jesus of our faith. Since this is the Year of Mark, my question is: **"What does Mark have to say about Jesus?"**

By reading Mark's gospel reflectively we will find what the early church believed about Jesus. It greatly helps our approach to Mark's gospel if we know that Mark was not trying to write a biography of Jesus as we understand it today. Mark wrote a faith document. He put together stories of Jesus in a new creative form which he called **"gospel"**. Gospel comes from the old English word, **'god-spel', 'good news'**. The core of the good news is found in the resurrection of Jesus after people had crucified him. Reading Mark's gospel I often think, **'Where is the good news?'** So much of the story shows Jesus being misunderstood, rejected, hated, wrongly accused, in constant conflict with the leaders of established religion, and finally crucified. Jesus in Mark is the suffering Christ, who ends up on a cross. The good news comes at the end in the resurrection story. Mark wrote his gospel to stir his readers to a more committed life as Christians and to encourage them in their persecution and suffering.

In chapter eight Jesus asks the question: **"Who do people say I am?"** The crowd is way off the mark. So Jesus asks his disciples this more crucial question: **"But you, who do you say I am?"** Peter jumps in and acknowledges Jesus as the Christ. But what sort of Christ? Not the sort Peter had in mind. The Christ of Mark's gospel is a suffering Christ.

For me, the person of Jesus in Mark's gospel stands out more vividly than it does in any other gospel. The person of Jesus is not obscured by blocks of teaching as found in Matthew's gospel, nor is it obscured by long soliloquies as found in John's gospel. The teaching found in Mark's gospel is fed to us in small doses at the end of each episode in which Jesus is the main actor. My prayer this year is this: **"O Lord, for this I pray: to see thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly, and to follow thee more nearly, day by day."** If you ask me, **'What difference does it make to go to church?'** I'll answer you this way. What hope is there for a non church-goer to know and love Jesus? I'm afraid very little. Without at least a weekly dosage of contact with Jesus in the gospel it is almost impossible to know Jesus, let alone to love him dearly and to follow him faithfully.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSIONING MASS: will be celebrated today at 10.30am when the teachers and student leaders of our schools will be commissioned for the 2018 school year.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2018: starts on **Ash Wednesday, 14 February 2018**, the start of Lent. Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Parishes and schools around Australia generously participate in Project Compassion during Lent. We are encouraged to support Project Compassion through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Boxes will be available from Ash Wednesday in the church.

KA-CHING! POKIE NATION: Hume City Council are screening this powerful documentary at the Sunbury Youth & Library Services, 51 Evans St, Sunbury on Thursday 15 February at 6.30pm-8pm. Bookings can be made by calling 9356 6970 and is a free event. "They're rigged. They're addictive. They're everywhere. The documentary exposes the addictive design of poker machines and how they damage our communities. This powerful, award winning documentary shows how gambling impacts on all of us. Gambling is the most serious social problem in Sunbury according to welfare agencies."

BR MICHAEL HERRY: LITURGICAL MUSIC WORKSHOP:

was a great night of reflective music combined with enthusiastic hymns that are directly linked to the Year B Lenten season. Those who attended enjoyed Br Michael's enjoyable stories and beautiful music.

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.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Marlene Griffin as Tony, her husband for 49 years, entered eternal life on 2 February after several years of serious ill health. Marlene and Tony lived most of their married life in Gisborne where Tony worked 80 hours a week at their service station. They moved to our parish three years ago. His funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK: Tues 13 Feb 9am Holy Trinity Steering Committee

OUR THREE PARISH SCHOOLS IN 2019: Holy Trinity School, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Anne's School will have an information session for enrolment in 2019 on Wednesday 14 March at 10.30am and 7.30pm in our Parish Centre. The three Principals will be present and will outline the procedures for applying for enrolment. For 2018 not all applications were successful due to the esteem of our schools. A large sign on Mitchells Lane indicates the site of Holy Trinity School being built this year.

LEGION OF MARY: Weekly meetings resumed from Tuesday 6 February. Meetings take place in the Meeting Room in St Anne's Church at 9.30am. All are welcome.

SALESIAN COMMUNITY CHAPEL: For those interested Mass times are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7am; Thursday No Mass. Saturday 8.30am. **No Mass at Salesian Community on Ash Wednesday.**

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: will be starting in our parish from **Tuesday 20 February** at 7.30pm in the home of Vicki Heath at 28 Lister Crescent, Sunbury. It will be running every week and everyone is very welcome. For more info please call Vicki on 0409 356 614. Viva Padre Pio!!!

ACCOMODATION REQUIRED: 3-4 bedroom house required to rent. If you can assist please call Daniel, an Anglican priest, on 0434 045 934 or email botateng@gmail.com.

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: meets at St Anne's Church at 10am on Thursdays. All welcome, including children. For further info/ transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 0418 322 596.

CHANEL COLLEGE— GEELONG 60TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION: for students of the Marist Fathers Era (1958-1970). For details send your email address to chanel.geelong@gmail.com or your postal details to PO Box 3069 Geelong West 3218.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: at our shop in the foyer, the February issue is now on sale for this 54 page magazine which features articles on theology, art and news of the church in Melbourne. Price \$4

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: Lent begins on **Wednesday 14 March** with 3 Parish Masses— 9.30am at St Anne's Church including some school children; 12.30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church including some school children; 7.00pm St Anne's Church.

The biblical custom for repentance was to fast, wear sackcloth, sit in dust and ashes and put them onto one's head. In the early Church, Ash Wednesday marked the onset of a period of sober reflection, self-examination and spiritual redirection. At first only public penitents— those who were guilty of serious misdemeanors—received the ashes. They were made to appear barefooted at the Church and perform penances for their sins. Friends and family began to accompany them, perhaps in sympathy and in the knowledge that no person is free from sin; so gradually, the ashes were given to the whole congregation. The ashes are made by burning the left over palms from last year's Palm Sunday to give a sense of connectedness with those who have gone before us and shared the Christian tradition.

Pope Leo in the 6th Century gave this insight into the observation of Lent: "What a Christian should be doing at all times, be done now with greater care and devotion."

Prayer for Season of Lent: *Lord, help us to focus on You and not allow material success and good living obscure the need for you to be the centre of our lives. Help us to recognize your presence in every human being, no matter how difficult to us they might be, for you love them as you love me. Amen.*

LENT— ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY: Ash Wednesday is a day for fast (one full meal and two small meals) for those over 18 and under 60. It is also a day of abstinence from meat for those over 14 years. In Australia, Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion once between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, 27 May.

DAYS OF REPARATION AND FASTING: the Australian Bishops have asked for days of prayer and fasting in reparation and sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims. The report of the Royal Commission has made us painfully aware of those among us who committed abuse and others who through action or inaction, enabled abuse.

The days of reparation are an opportunity to seek forgiveness and pray for the healing of our parishes. The days commence on Ash Wednesday to Saturday 17 February. Cards for personal prayer are available after Mass.

SWEET COUNTRY: is a movie inspired by true events. **Sunday 11 February** at 2pm in Nova Cinema, 380 Lygon St, Carlton. Cost \$20 per tickets. All profits will be donated to the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. For booking or further info call 9878 7939. Info on Noticeboard in St Anne's foyer.

SCHOOL CHILDREN SUPPORT OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: As part of the parish-wide support for the LAP Team who care for children living with HIV AIDS in Jakarta, the St Anne's children and families not only raised almost \$800 in November — the Year 5 children also prepared special, hand-written greeting cards for the LAP children that were personally delivered by several members of the Parish who visited the children in the Jakarta slums last month.

The Parish will continue its support of the LAP team this year and so there will be a fundraising appeal at all Masses on the weekend of the **24th/25th February**. Thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause.

Victoria Fitzpatrick, Mick Hetherington, Frank O'Connor, Teresa Quin, Jill and Tony Kiley

10th ANNIVERSARY OF THE APOLOGY TO THE STOLEN GENERATION: Tuesday 13 February marks the 10th Anniversary. What has happened since the Apology? To mark this anniversary join Bunjilaka to star the day with a smoking ceremony. Then hear about the significance of this day in history. Celebrate the resilience, strength and pride of both the Stolen Generation and the amazing cultures they come from with song, dance and much more. Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum 11am-3pm.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Lynne Dillon **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Snell Family **St Anne's Church** — Nil **COUNTERS:** Jack Sullivan Janet Elliot Kerry Sanford **GIFT SHOP:** Pat & Peter Readman John Porta **LECTORS:** Felicity Wicks Della Oswald Elaine Van der Weerden Jo Spiteri **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 5.30pm Garnet Jacob Paul Fanning Albert & Diana Mastramico Val McManus Fames Francis Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon 8.30am Colin & coreen Wilson Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Kathy Thompson **Assistance Required** 10.30am Johanna Fahey Grace Tucker Bernadette Anderson Carmen Micallef Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis Olga Ellul 5.00pm Alan Slocombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace **Assistance Required**