



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	St Anne's
Mon	9.15am	St Anne's-Liturgy of Word
Tue	6.30pm	OLMC
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
	3.00pm	St Anne's- Funeral of Helen Connors
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
Frid	9.15am	St Anne's
	10.30am	OLMC- Prep Liturgy of Word

**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

18 February 2018

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm Response: Psalm 24:4-9

**Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to
those who keep your covenant.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!**

**No one lives on bread alone, but on every
word that comes from the mouth of God**

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endless glory!**

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Sue ANNETTE Joan ATKINS Christine DJAKOBIC Vera FENTON Carmen, Charlie & Raymond FLORES Christopher HABER Louise HEARN Harvey HUGHES Diamond JACOB Jan & Peter KEOGH Lloyd MACEY Lorna MACKENZIE Fred MENZIES Sharron RING Tina SANTAGO Sofia-Rose SORBELLO Caesar TAN-NAGAN Christine VELTHUIS Carolyn WOCKNER Natalee WOOD

Recently Deceased: Maria BARRO Tammy BASSINGTON Helen CONNORS Rekella CURNOW Joseph XERRI

Anniversaries: Doug CAUSER Richard D'SOUZA Teresa DILLON Alice GONZALVEZ Walter GRECH Barbara LESLIE Frank MILLETT Michael O'FARRELL Delphine RASANAYAGAN

THE GRACE OF TEMPTATION

The First Sunday in Lent always has the gospel about the temptations of Jesus by the devil. This year we have the shortest version (Mark 1:12-15)

The title of this article may seem odd. However, temptation is good as it shows how divided our heart/ our inner nature is.

Temptation- a Reality Check: The devil does not tempt those he has in his power. Temptation shows you are taking life seriously. The primary role of temptation is to discourage us, to make us less confident. When we fail, we feel discouraged that our actions do not match our beliefs.

Temptation is a Gift: We have within us undesired temptations. St Augustine wrote: "By being tempted, we make progress." Temptation stops us living in delusion. Jesus said: "My grace is enough for you." (John 1:16) If we refuse to look at our temptations, we are in denial.

Temptation is only temptation if it has some chance of succeeding. We are all tempted and we all fall sometimes. The question is how to bounce back? The shock of sin brings us to God's forgiveness.

"Falling in sin does not lessen us in God's sight."- the mystic Julian of Norwich taught God's love is not based on our performance. The good news is God's unconditional love.

Handling Temptations: We must not dull our consciences. Little sins do matter. Our sense of sin lessens if we dismiss little sins. Bad habits of action or thought dull our consciences, leading to rationalization. Lust is lust; gluttony is gluttony- let us face up to reality. Accuse ourselves honestly and take responsibility for our actions and inactions. Let us listen to the reproaches of others about us. Then we are being pro-active and vigilant.

The Addiction of Pokie Machines: Was powerfully and scientifically outlined in a documentary movie produced by Screen Australia and shown at the Sunbury Library last Thursday. The movie showed the workings of the machines, the psychological effect on the brain and the location of pokies in poorer areas. The Productivity Commission urged the Australian Government in 2010 to introduce limits. The pubs and clubs lobbied strongly against any reform. Politicians gave in. Now there are 200000 problem gamblers. Psychologists now regard gambling as a disorder often associated with depression and ill-health. Cf DSM-5

Holy Communion Under Both Kinds: "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both forms. For in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord, as also the connection between the Eucharistic banquet and the eschatological banquet in the Kingdom of the Father." (Pope Paul VI, 1967)

At the Last Supper, Christ gave to his disciples the Cup of the New Covenant so that they could share for all generation in the Blood of that Covenant which he shed for us.

All our parishioners who are medical practitioners receive the Precious Blood.

....Kevin McIntosh

PROJECT COMPASSION 2018: 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 are available in the church. **Please take your box and return by end March.**
Thank you.

*Special Collection Next Weekend
Overseas Humanitarian Project*

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 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.

VISIT TO LAP TEAM IN JAKARTA: Over the past four years the Parish has been supporting the LAP team in their work of caring for children living with HIV AIDS in Jakarta. It was therefore timely that four members of the Parish LAP fundraising team (Frank and Joy O’Connor and Mick and Bernie Hetherington) went to Jakarta in late January at their own expense to see first-hand the critical work that the LAP team undertakes in caring for the children.

Two things stood out from the visit: Firstly – the absolutely appalling conditions in which the children are forced to live and, secondly, the immense gratitude of the LAP team for the generosity of the OLMC parishioners which has been critical in keeping the HIV AIDS children alive.

Mick will share some of these insights at Masses next weekend as part of the Parish’s fundraising appeal for the children.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

MORNING TEA AFTER 8:30 MASS: Please join us next week end for morning tea hosted by the LAP team.

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.

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!!!

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: will be held on Wednesday 7 March at 7.30pm at Sunbury Uniting Church.

RSJ ASSOCIATES: next meeting Wednesday 21 February at 1pm in St Anne’s Church Meeting Room. All welcome

LENTEN PERSONAL REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

(from “Surrender” Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)

- What are your expectations for this Lent?
- Have you ever viewed Lent as a time of preparation to renew your vows of Baptism on Holy Saturday night?
- How may Jesus be speaking to you?

(from Archbishop Office for Evangelisation– Melbourne)

The brevity of this 70 word gospel may surprise us! The gospel of Mark is recognized as the earliest of the four gospels and this version of what we know as the temptation of Jesus is brief compared to our memories of the story from the gospels of Luke and Matthew.

For the ancient peoples, the wilderness was a place to be feared-a sinister place of danger where human beings were at great risk. The reader of Mark’s gospel, however, already knows that Jesus is the Son of God (1:1) and the angel (derived from the Greek *angelos* to mean messenger) accompanies Jesus– a sign to the reader that God is present with Jesus, even in the wilderness.

In a recently published book, Brene` Brown observes that: “*Theologians, writers, poets, and musicians have always used the wilderness as a metaphor to represent everything from vast and dangerous environment where we are forced to navigate difficult trials to a refuge of nature and beauty where we seek space for contemplation. What all wilderness metaphors have in common are the notions of solitude, vulnerability and an emotional, spiritual or physical quest.*” (Braving the Wilderness, Brene` Brown p 36)

Perhaps part of the purpose of the brevity about Jesus’ wilderness experience is that the gospel writer is anxious for us to move on with the story! To move on to thinking and reflecting about the purpose of the wilderness time for Jesus– the wilderness experience that propels him into his ministry of preaching and teaching always to revealing who God is to those who have the hearts to listen.

- What are the signs of ‘wilderness’ in our world?
- Has there been a ‘wilderness’ experience in my life?
- What happened for me after being in the ‘wilderness’?
- How do we understand the ‘Good News’ in the contemporary world?

Prayer: *Lord, during this holy retreat time of Lent, encourage us in our efforts to be more prayerful and to be more attentive to the whisperings of your spirit in our lives. Amen*

RCIA EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process of developing our relationship with God, each other and the Catholic community, while learning more about Jesus and His church. If you or someone you know, would like to learn more about the catholic faith please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060.

OLMC MASSES: 5pm Sunday night Masses will resume at Our Lady of Mount Carmel from **Sunday 4 March**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT: will be run every Friday during Lent after morning Mass (except if there is a funeral scheduled) and led by the Legion of Mary. All are welcome.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 20 February	2pm	Holy Trinity School
		East Melbourne
	5.30pm	St Anne’s Prep Welcome Picnic
Wednesday 21 February	7.30pm	Registration First Eucharist
		Parish Centre
	2pm	Registration First Eucharist
		Parish Centre
	7pm	Liturgy Planning
		Parish Centre

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— **Not required St Anne’s Church** – Skeeter Jacob Cedric D’Souza Beth Girdwood **COUNTERS:** Gerard Duggan Mimi Quattrone Anne McCormick **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Mary Wicks **LECTORS:** Patricia Altair Jenny Carland Teresa Quin **Assistance Required** **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharma Angelo Snell Jim O’Brien Dawn Westwood Sue Wight **8.30am** Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Monica Allen Carmel Wiegerink **Assistance Required** **10.30am** Johanna Fahey Tony Hendy Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose` Noy Mark Perry **Assistance Required 5.00pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco **Assistance Required**

Overseas Humanitarian Project
Helping to care for children living with HIV-AIDS in Indonesia.



What is this Project?

Thank you for your ongoing generosity to the overseas humanitarian project which is focused on supporting a small team caring for children living with HIV-AIDS in the slums of Jakarta.

The care is provided by the Lentera Anak Pelangi Team (abbreviated to “LAP” and meaning “Children Shining like Rainbows”). The team is attached to the Atma Jaya Catholic University in Jakarta.

Your generous contributions have enabled the LAP Team to increase the number of children in their care from 37 children five years ago to the current 93 and has given them a “stronger will to live” as evidenced by 19 of the children (20%) now living into their teenage years.

What Care is Provided to the Children? LAP care workers provide twice-monthly home visits for provision of milk and vitamins and medical check-ups. Because these children are physically ill and socially disadvantaged LAP also provides ongoing counselling and education – for both the children and their carers.

Why is the Project Important?: Unless they receive anti-retroviral drugs from the Government and the nutrition and medication provided by LAP, the life span of these children is limited - ranging from teenagers to a best case scenario of reaching middle age.

How Can You Help? Over the past four years through the incredible generosity of people in our Parish over \$52,000 has been raised through donations from Parishioners, the Youth Group and children at both parish primary schools. This has been crucial in keeping the HIV AIDS children alive.

Thank you for your wonderful generosity that has made such a difference to the lives of the children in Jakarta. Could we again ask for your support next week when there will be a fundraising appeal at all Masses?

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

CHUCKLE CORNER Here's a good one- “Aspire to Inspire before you expire!”

*Church Parking– Trespassers will be Baptised!!

Here's a community conscious one for you, “Honk if you love Jesus! Text while driving if you want to meet him.”

LET THE HEART LISTEN: is a 15 week x 3 hour program for people involved in listening to and supporting others. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm, the program runs 9.30am-12.30pm on Thursdays from 1 March to 21 June 2018 at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, Box Hill. Cost \$650. Bookings: Tel 9890 1101 or email holsc@bigpond.com

SACRED HEART PARISH, YEA/ST PATS RACES: Sacred Heart Parish Yea is one of the smallest parishes in the Diocese with the St Pats Races their main fund raising activity. A day at the St Pats Races in Yea offers a family friendly day at the picnic races in the country with a wide range of catering options, entertainment and kids activities. The beautiful Yea Racecourse is set in the hills of Yea.

Support Sacred Heart Parish Yea by enjoying a picnic day at the races on Sunday 25th Feb 2018 For more information and bookings visit our website: country.racing.com/yea-st-pats. Leonard Sheahan President 04 2779 4779

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.

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.