



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	OLMC
Mon	9.15am	St Anne's-Liturgy of Word
Tue	2.30pm	St Anne's- Funeral Mass Peter Papango
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
	7.30pm	World Day of Prayer- St Andrews Uniting Church, Sunbury
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

4th March 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm Response: Psalm 18:8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel Acclamation: John 3:16

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

**God loved the world so much, he gave us his
only son, that all who believe in him might
have eternal life.**

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endless glory!**

Gospel: John 2:13-25

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Sue ANNETTE Joan ATKINS Pauline
BUSUTTIL Vera FENTON Christopher HABER
Louise HEARN Harvey HUGHES Diamond
JACOB Jan & Peter KEOGH Lloyd MACEY
Lorna MACKENZIE Fred MENZIES Sharron
RING Tina SANTIAGO Sofia-Rose SORBELLO
Caesar TANNAGAN Christine VELTHUIS
Carolyn WOCKNER

Recently Deceased: Ismael CRISTSTOMO Jnr
Matthew FLANAGAN Peter PAPANGO

Anniversaries: Emmanuel ATTARD Peter
CANNON Stella CARUANA Lorenza FARRUGIA
Philomena FRANCIS Irene KINDER Tony
MAGRIN Alec MCCOLGAN Charles MUSCAT
Sam MUSCAT Louis MUSCAT Maryann
MUSCAT Vincent MUSCAT Maxine O'CONNELL
Vera OWENS Franco & Elizabeth PISANESCHI
Katheleen THOMAS Pauline SAMMUT Jelka
ZONNEVELD

THE CLEANSING-PAST & PRESENT

Our gospel today (John 2:13-26) fits in very well with our Parish's theme for Lent: "Washing the Dust off our souls", chosen by our Liturgy Planning Team last week.

The Cleansing of the Temple

The day after Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, Jesus went to the Temple. Those entering needed to pay the Temple tax used for the upkeep of the Temple and to buy the animals to be sacrificed to God. The Roman coins had the head of Caesar—who considered himself divine—were hence not accepted so they were changed for Jewish coins. However, the money-changers cheated people. The animal sellers made a great profit for the family of the high priest. As the great Scottish theologian, William Barclay wrote, "In all this, the poor struggling pilgrims who came to worship the Father, were being oppressed and that is what Jesus detested. So Jesus drove the sellers all out of the Temple." Jesus heard the cry of the poor.

The Cleansing of our Church: In 1960, St John XXIII prayed for a new Pentecost which we associate with wind and fire. The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) breathed fresh air into the Church. We were to see Christ's teaching in a fresh way, the Pope said, "With patience" if necessary. At the Council, the bishops taught the Church must be a reformer, but she is always in need of being reformed.

Like the Jerusalem Temple, we have been sullied by commerce and worldly attachments. Lent is the season of our cleansing. This is the time to restore prayer and holiness to our lives.

After the Resurrection: Jesus is asked his authority for cleansing the Temple. His Resurrection is the authority. "Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up." (John 2:19) Jesus' death marks the end of the Jerusalem Temple and its worship. He introduces a new worship in a Temple not built of human hands. The new Temple is his Body—the Risen One—who will gather the peoples of the earth and unite them in the sacrament of his Body and Blood.

The Church Must Discuss Family Living: Cardinal Blasé Cupich of Chicago recently said: "The problem—and it's a major one—is this. We are not meeting the needs of real people. We can't be self-satisfied. The most pernicious temptation we have in the Church is to give in to the feeling that 'we have arrived.' Pope Francis is trying to jar us out of that."

Pope Francis' exhortation "The Joy of Love" is a new paradigm of Catholicity, says Cupich. "It's something I've lived: something I've experienced." "You can't teach unless you're ready to learn. And you can't learn unless you are ready to listen. What the Pope does so dramatically in "Joy of Love" is to show, through the whole of Scripture in one story after another, how God has chosen family life as a privileged way in which we see who God is and what God is doing."

Cardinal Cupich is a member of the Congregation of Bishops who will advise the Pope on the appointment of our next archbishop this year.

University Accommodation at Marist House: Situated in Fitzroy within walking distance to universities, Marist House, has vacancies for university students with accommodation in single rooms with home-cooked meals. More Information on ACU website. Or call Br Greg on 0407 492 022

Meetings This Week:

Tuesday 6 March	12.30pm Sunbury Ministers	Baptist Church
	6.00pm Parish Education Board	
Wednesday 7 March	7.30pm Baptism Preparation	St Anne's
Thursday 8 March	7.00pm Liturgy Planning	

World Day of Prayer: this year will be held in St Andrew's Church on the Village Green at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7 March sponsored by all the Churches of Sunbury. Our parishioners are proclaiming some readings and prayers. Please bring a plate for supper.

.....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 . We also have an Irish Dancing Troup performing on the night. 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. If anyone would like to help out by donating a door prize we would be very grateful. Please contact the parish office.

OUR THREE PARISH SCHOOLS IN 2019: Holy Trinity School, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School 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. Not all 2018 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.

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.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Meli Papango and her surviving children Jeremy and Miah as her husband Peter entered eternal life last Monday aged 64 years. Peter was a chef at high class hotels in Melbourne. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 2.30pm.

LITURGY TEAM MEETING: Wednesday 21 February, the liturgy team met for the first time this year. The team plan and support parish liturgical celebrations using resources provided by Melbourne and other Australian Dioceses.

We reviewed the Christmas celebrations— each Mass, prayer/ reflection session and reconciliation.

Again, we reviewed the omission of the recessional hymn at Mass. Once dismissed in prayer, our community is encouraged to interact with one another within our Church. This is not a sign of disrespect but being sent forth "in communion" and living out the Eucharist. Lastly, our Parish Lenten focus is "Washing the dust from our Souls". A challenge for us to clear our hearts and souls of 'debris'- a spring clean as we prepare to recommit ourselves at Easter.

ASSISTANCE AT SUNDAY 5PM MASSES REQUIRED: due to circumstances changing, regular Lectors and Ministers of Communion are required to help serve at 5pm Mass. For a long time, we have had only 3 Lectors on the roster and 6 Ministers of Communion. Now we have 1 Lector and 2-3 Ministers of Communion. If you can serve in either of these roles and can be on a roster, please contact the parish office on 9744 1060.

HOUSE FOR FREE! Later this year, the Parish Office at St Simon's Parish , Rowville will be replaced. Currently the office is housed in a large, portable building which could be a substantial family home of 5 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen etc. The building is available **at no cost** to anyone who is willing to remove it and transport it (probably during May) to a new location. For further information, please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360) or Brian Dalton ((0419 349 382) .

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT – THANK YOU! On behalf of the LAP team in Jakarta - our sincere thanks to all of the OLMC Parishioners for the wonderful response to the fundraising appeal last week end. A total of \$3,875 was donated which will be immediately forwarded to the LAP team. This generous contribution will greatly assist the Team in providing medication and nutrition to the children living with HIV AIDS in appalling slum conditions. Thank you Victoria Fitzpatrick, Mick Hetherington, Frank O'Connor, Teresa Quin, Jill and Tony Kiley

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

PARISH POSTIES: It is that time of year again! Our Easter Newsletter is being prepared to go out to all Neighbourhoods next week. If you are able to help with delivering letters to your neighbours, please contact the parish office on 9744 1060.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: Tenders are now open for builders to submit their quotes to build our school. Tenders close on 15 March.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP: is running every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the home of Vicki Heath at 28 Lister Cres, Sunbury. Everyone is welcome. For more info please call Vicki on 0409 356 614. Viva Padre Pio!!

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY: 8 MARCH: The theme for International Women's Day (IWD) is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives. This year IWD comes on the heels of unprecedented global movement for women's rights, equality and justice. Sexual harassment, violence and discrimination against women has captured headlines and public discourse, propelled by a rising determination for change.

IWD is an opportunity to transform this momentum into action, to empower women in all settings, rural and urban, to celebrate the activists who are working relentlessly to claim women's rights and realize their full potential. IWD also draws attention to the rights of rural women who make up over a quarter of the world population and the majority of the 43% of women in the global agricultural labour force. They labour intensively to produce crops yet see the least reward for their labor due to gender inequalities and discrimination.

VOLUNTEER WITH PALMS AUSTRALIA: Get out there and be the Church," bruised, hurting and dirty" Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but **immerse themselves in overseas communities** for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, **share them with our global family! Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/**

CELEBRATION OF YOUTH: "RISE" is a celebration of faith and life and will be held on Saturday 17 March from 10am-10pm at Mount St Josephs, Altona. Entry is free for those in Year 9– 30 year old. Special guests include Bishop Mark Edwards, Pat Keady (Ignite Youth Brisbane), Sam Clear (Walk 4One), Genevieve Bryant. An excellent opportunity for our youth to be energized and inspired by the speakers and activities on display. Registration is essential www.risemelbourne.com

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.**

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Jo S **St Anne's Church—** Nilu Perera Mary Sammut Francizska Gasser **COUNTERS:** Bernie Owens Natalie Xerri Judith Bracher **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer John Porta **LECTORS:** Angelo Altair Joe Kloss Des Dowling **Assistance Required MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Albert & Diana Mastramico Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Sigurd Rodrigues Barry Roberts **8.30am** Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson **10.30am** Grace Tucker Terry & Aileen Sweeney Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis **5.00pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco