



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH
BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,
SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy Times this Week

Mon	9.15am	St Anne's-Liturgy of Word
Tues	11.00am	Chrism Mass-- Cathedral (all welcome)
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
Thurs	7.30pm	St Anne's-- Mass of the Lord's Supper
Frid	9.00am	OLMC-- Way of the Cross
	10.00am	Inter-Church Service Memorial Hall
	3.00pm	St Anne's Liturgy of the Passion with Holy Communion
Sat	8.00pm	St Anne's-- Easter Vigil, Fire, Baptism, Eucharist
Sun	8.30am	St Anne's
	10.30am	St Anne's

No evening Mass

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

25 March 2018

Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm Response: Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:8-9

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

**Christ became obedient for us even to death,
dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him
on high and gave him a name above all other
names.**

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Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

*Special Collection:
Good Friday-
Places in the Holy Land
Annual Collection*

THE WASHING OF THE FEET

The roads of Palestine were dust-bowls in the dry summer and mud-holes in the wet. The footwear of ordinary people was a flimsy pair of sandals. These gave little protection against the dust and mud. For that reason there were always great water-pots at the door of a house; and a servant was there with a basin and a towel to wash the soiled feet of the guests as they entered the house. Jesus' little company of friends had no servants. So Jesus took the part of the servant and went about washing his disciples' feet. After washing their feet Jesus said to his disciples, *'Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me teacher and Lord. If then I, your teacher and Lord, have washed your feet, so ought you to wash each other's feet, for I have given you an example, that as I have done to you, you should do to each other.'*

In my ten years in Sunbury I haven't seen anybody physically washing anybody else's feet, except on the Holy Thursday ritual which comes round once a year. But Jesus was not telling us to go through a ritual, nor was he suggesting that we go about literally washing each other's feet. His message goes much deeper than that. The washing of feet was a humble servant's job. Jesus was telling us to give humble, loving service to each other.

Now, here is what I have seen. One day I was shopping at Aldi. A kind lady offered to help me. She helped me put the groceries into my trolley. Then she told me to wait for her so she could help me put the groceries into the boot of the car. She then took the trolley and came back with my dollar. Another day I had my washing ready to be put on the clothes line, but I had to rush off to Mass. When I returned from Mass I found a Brother had hung out the washing for me. That same afternoon I had to go for an x-ray. When I came back my washing was there at my door neatly folded. This white alb that I'm wearing: one of you washed it for me. God bless that person. I could go on and on. I'm sure you have caught my drift. Those little acts of loving service are all examples of what Jesus said when he commanded us to wash each other's feet. The person who washes and irons your clothes at home; the person who shops for the family; the person who cooks the family meal; the person who cleans the family home... aren't these people obeying the Lord's injunction?

The people who take communion to the sick; the people who clean our church; the people who spend time with a lonely person; the people who do voluntary work for the community; the people who do things for others... aren't these people doing what Christ is asking of them?

How does the song go? *'Brother, sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you...'* Jesus said *'The greatest among you must be your servant.'*

This servant bit: we are doing it already. The washing of the feet hasn't stopped. Let us keep doing what we are doing. Let us put more love into it. Let us put more humility into it. Then, by our love and humble service to each other, people will know that we are genuinely Christian.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Sue ANNETTE Pauline BUSUTTIL Darryl CAMPBELL Sr Maureen CULLEN Vera FENTON Christopher HABER Louise HEARN Harvey HUGHES Diamond JACOB Jan & Peter KEOGH Lloyd MACEY Lorna MACKENZIE Fred MENZIES Pio ROCCO Sharron RING Tina SANTIAGO Sofia -Rose SORBELLO Caesar TANNAGAN Carolyn WOCKNER

Recently Deceased: Bruna CAMBRUZZI Bonnie DICKSON Elizabeth SMITH John SMITH

Anniversaries: Matt DUGGAN Josephine SCHEMBRI Jan TYQUIN Dennis WALLACE

ONE FEAST OVER THREE DAYS: is the summit of our year of worship. Our feast begins on Holy Thursday when we gather at 7.30pm to recall the Lord's supper with his disciples when he instituted the Eucharist and taught us to serve each other by washing each other's feet.

On Good Friday at 3pm, the second day centres on Christ's saving sacrifice on the Cross. We take part in a dialogue reading of the Sacred Passion from John's Gospel. The service concludes with Holy Communion.

On Saturday evening, the third day begins at 8pm with a fire outside St Anne's Church. The fire represents the light of Christ conquering the darkness of death by his Resurrection. Once inside, we listen to the words of our saving God from the Sacred Scriptures. We receive a new member, Ben Ellis, into the Church through Baptism and Confirmation and then we celebrate the Eucharist.

CHRISM MASS: On Tuesday at 11am at the Cathedral, the Archbishop and over a hundred priests will celebrate the Chrism Mass during which the Sacred Oils are consecrated for the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick. The priests renew the vows of their ordination. You are welcome to this Mass which will be the last Chrism Mass presided over by Archbishop Denis before his retirement. Please pray for our new archbishop.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: Project Coordination Meeting will be held at the Catholic Education Centre, East Melbourne on Tuesday at 2pm.

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. **Please return by end March. Thank you.**

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: supports the Church of the Holy Land. It promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres rely on support from this collection. The collection also is relied upon to maintain the 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please also pray for peace and harmony to become a reality in the land where Jesus lived.

The following children from our Parish will be baptized this Sunday:

Mila CARTWRIGHT

Felix & Scarlett MOSER

Carla SMITH

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



WELCOME TO THE CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST:

this weekend, the children preparing for First Communion in May will be handing out Prayer Companion cards so parishioners can support the children through prayer on their faith journey.

THANK YOU: to all the groups who helped prepare and participated in the 24 Hours For the Lord program.

PARISH DONKEY: our "ageless" parish donkey will be present at all Palm Sunday Processions today. We thank the Honner family for their continual care of our donkey which has had his feet done for Palm Sunday.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE INVITATIONS: will be handed out at Mass this weekend with the times of the Holy Week Services. We will need volunteers to hand them out to families.

REMEMBRANCE CARDS: as part of our Lent / Easter Season tradition, please take a card from under the cross (at the front of St Anne's Church) and in the basket near the statue of Mary at OLMC Church. Please leave the completed card in the basket for prayers.

ENROLMENTS FOR OUR THREE SCHOOLS: applications for Prep 2019 are now being received at the school offices. Holy Trinity applications are being received at St Anne's School Office. The information sessions held on 14 March drew a good number of parents. Applications close on 27 April. Due to high demand, late applications may be unsuccessful.

VICTORY OF CHRIST: is the theme of the Prayer Service led by the Churches of Sunbury on Good Friday at 10am in the Memorial Hall, Sunbury. Fr Kevin will give the blessing.

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: will not meet next Thursday, Holy Thursday. The next meeting will be at St. Anne's Church at 10.00 am on Thursday April 5th. All welcome, including children. For further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 9744 4029.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP: On 25th of March (Sunday) at 6.30pm at St Monica's Moonee Ponds parish. Gathering for young people from 18 to 35 years old from all Northern regions. Those who are interested in, please come and see!

Holy Week Timetable

Thursday 29 March

- *Feast of the Last Supper*

7.30pm

St Anne's Church

Friday 30 March

- *Way of the Cross*

9.00am

OLMC Church

- *Inter Church Service*

10.00am

Memorial Hall- Village Green

- *Passion of the Lord*

3.00pm

St Anne's Church

Saturday 31 March

- *Easter Vigil*

8.00pm

St Anne's Church

Sunday 1 April (Daylight Saving Ends)

- *Easter Sunday*

8.30am & 10.30am

St Anne's Church

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Val McManus **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Nil **St Anne's Church** – Nil **COUNTERS:** Angelo Altair Patricia Altair Sally Rodrigues **GIFT SHOP:** Carmel Wiegerink Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS:** **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 5.30pm Mimi Quattrone Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Calvin Ryan Pauline Sharma Angelo Snell Dawn Westwood Sue Wight 8.30am Monica Allen Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Liz Richards Glenda Shanahan 10.30am Anne Smith John & Sheila Stafford Moira Sullivan Aileen & Terry Sweeney Grace Tucker Br Barry Parker 5.00pm **NO MASS EASTER SUNDAY**