



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy Times this Week

Mon	9.15am	St Anne's-Liturgy of Word
Tues	6.30pm	OLMC
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
Frid	9.15am	St Anne's
Sat	5.30pm	St Anne's
Sun	8.30am	St Anne's
	10.30am	St Anne's
	5.00pm	OLMC

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

29 April 2018

5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Psalm Response: Psalm 21:26-28,30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:4-5

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:1-8

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Sue ANNETTE Darryl CAMPBELL
Patricia CLARK Lucy DELLAI Vera FENTON
Christopher HABER Harvey HUGHES
Diamond JACOB Jan & Peter KEOGH Lorna
MACKENZIE Fred MENZIES Trevor PALMER
Sharron RING Tina SANTIAGO Caesar
TANNAGAN Carolyn WOCKNER

Recently Deceased: Yvonne ROBSON

Anniversaries: Francesca ARIANS Petrus
ARIANS Laura CLARK Giuseppa FALZON
Jerome FOUX Bernard MAHONEY Bishop
O'CONNELL John O'MEARA David ROMEO



"MAKE YOUR HOME IN ME AS I MAKE MINE IN YOU." (JOHN 15:4)

Today, next Sunday and Pentecost Sunday we will listen to Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples at the Last Supper from Chapter 15 of John's gospel. These gospel readings invite us on an interior journey into the depths of our hearts. It is there Jesus makes his home in us, it is there that the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, teaches us all wisdom. As with the vine, the more our faith is fed from deep within, the stronger is our desire to let love loose in the world.

The Vine and the Branches.

For people like the Israelites who had once been a wondering people, vineyards symbolized a place where one was home and at peace. Under one's vine, hospitality was offered and its wine drunk.

Eight times, in today's readings John uses the word "abide" (sometimes translated as 'remain').

Now we can be "at home" indwelling and belonging in the most secure of homes: in Jesus, the true vine.

No wonder the early Christian community painted the vine on the walls of the catacombs in memory of Christ the True Vine.

Those who abide in me bear fruit in plenty

A vine is one entity. We are connected to each other as branches are to each other. We are called to bear fruit.

The Reverend Billy Graham, who died two months ago once said, "Being a member of the Church no more makes you a Christian than living in a garage makes you a car." God will not judge us by what we say or the public face of goodness we turn on, we will be judged by our acts of love in and through our kindness and compassion.

Easter Biscuit Bake: This Easter 75000 biscuits were baked by Christians from various Churches and distributed by the Victorian Prisoners Fellowship with an Easter message to prisoners in Victorian jails to give them hope.

Lone Pine Seedling at St Anne's: The National Trust has entrusted a seedling from the Lone Pine of Gallipoli to St Anne's students to grow. The seedling was planted last Tuesday in the presence of a Vietnam veteran, the grandfather of a student and Harry Beckwith, Secretary of Sunbury RSL. The ceremony included playing the Last Post and a minutes silence reverently observed by all 630 students who each held a paper red poppy of remembrance.

Listening to the Youth: Last month, 300 young adults, including a couple of Australians met in Rome to give their input into a synod of bishops meeting in October which will focus on young people, faith and vocational discernment.

On March 19, Pope Francis mingled with the young people posting selfies and listening to their speeches. He urged them to speak out 'courageously'.

"There is a tendency in the Church to avoid (difficult) matters," Angela Markes from Australia told Francis, "This includes same-sex marriages, our sexuality, and also the role of women in the Church." After she spoke the Pope got out of his chair, greeted her and thanked her for her remarks.

Australian Plenary Council- A Listening Church: Pope Francis has approved this Council the first in 80 years to be held in two sessions, late 2020 and in May 2021. This will be first council to include lay members. The Pope also approved Archbishop Tim Costelloe of Perth who consecrated the altar in St Anne's in 2010 when he was our regional bishop as the President of the Council.

The Plenary council will be a unique opportunity for people to come together and listen to God and one another "as together we discern what God is asking of us at a time when the Church in Australia is facing significant changes"- as Archbishop Mark Coleridge has said.

.....Kevin McIntosh

The Mary MacKillop Museum: at 362 Albert St, East Melbourne tells the inspiring story of Australia's St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The Museum has a special open day on Saturday 5 May from 10am to 4pm with a guided Mary MacKillop Walking Tour at 11am and a special morning tea available between 11am to 3pm.

First Eucharist Celebrations: Our parish will be celebrating the First Eucharist of our young people over 3 weeks from 19 May to 3 June at the 5.30pm, 10.30am and two 5pm Masses. Please pray for these children as they continue to prepare for their sacrament.

MORNING TEA: will be hosted by Paynes Neighbourhood on Sunday 6 May after 8.30am Mass. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share.



KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: Next meeting will be **Wednesday 2 May** at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: last Monday, the building contractors Searle Bros began work on the site. A site meeting was held on Thursday with the Architect, the Principal, the Parish Priest and the Archdiocesan Building Advisor.

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: as part of our First Eucharist preparations our children will have a practice for their celebration Masses. We require a few Ministers of Communion to assist at the practice sessions on the following nights: Wednesdays 16 May, 23 May & 30 May from 6.30pm-7.30pm. Any assistance would be of great value to our children. Please contact the parish if you can assist on 9744 1060.

SALESIAN COLLEGE: Come and see what makes our College different! Next **Open Day, Wednesday 2 May**. For full list of College Tours and Open Days see Notice Board in the foyer. Enrolments for Year 7 in 2019 are already full - no more vacancies.

INCREASING NUMBERS OF HOMELESS IN SUNBURY:

Christian welfare organizations have seen a spike in the numbers of people homeless in our town during the first three months this year. These are persons who don't have a regular place to call home. They may be couch surfing or sleeping in cars, tents or rough on the street. At the meeting of the ministers of the Sunbury Churches last Tuesday, information was given of a project caring for the homeless by the Churches in the Yarra Valley, called StableOne in which seven churches work together during the winter months providing space and food for the homeless - one night a week at each church property.

On **Tuesday 15 May** at 7.00pm Jenny Willetts, the founder of Stable One will address interested volunteers at the Baptist Church, Gap Road. For further information visit the website, at stableone.org. All welcome to this meeting which the Sunbury Inter-Church Council endorsed at their meeting last Tuesday.

PARISH TENNIS CLUB – OPEN DAY: Saturday morning - May 12th - 10.30 am until 12.30 pm

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Mt. Carmel Tennis Club Open Day including free tennis activities. Coaching lessons will be provided by our club coaches and any new child enrolments to tennis lessons will receive a brand-new racquet and 25% off the regular 1st term fee. The club will also provide a sausage sizzle and a BBQ. You can sign up for a new membership on the day and receive a great discount off the normal fee. See you there!

For all enquiries please call Club coach Jesse Laino – 0423 382 268

FAMILY WEEK: to support family week (14-20 May), we will be celebrating Mass on Wednesday 16 May at 9.15am with our Grade 1 children and their parent/grandparent. We invite parishioners to bring their family members with them and enjoy a social cuppa after mass. Please bring a plate to share. CatholicCare's theme for this year is "Building Connections: Growing Together" and is focused on strengthening family relationships and wellbeing. Further info is available on the CatholicCare website under *Fostering Healthy Relationships*.

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

Angus WENZEL

Grayson MCKENZIE

Lily VAN NIEKIRK

Aiden & Scarlett KUZMITSKY

Mila CARTWRIGHT

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.

PREPS 2019 ENROLMENTS: Interviews of parents with their child commenced on Friday for those seeking to enter our three schools in January 2019. The interviews at the Parish Office will continue until 1 June.

THANKSGIVING MEAL: based on the Passover Meal which Jesus celebrated with his disciples at the Last Supper will be celebrated in our Parish Centre on Wednesday & Thursday evening for the children preparing to begin receiving the Eucharist next month.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: 2018 Knox Public Lecture **Wednesday 16 May** at 7.30pm. Dr Jeff Kildea. What Price Loyalty? Australian Catholics in the First World War. Bookings and information: Email jill.doncovic@ctc.edu.au or phone 9412 3304 R.S.V.P. Wednesday 9 May. Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne.

INVITATION: from Society of St Vincent de Paul to all parishioners Please join us for a **REFLECTION DAY Saturday 5 May**, Kilmore Church, 9am–2pm. The facilitator is Julie Fewster, our Mission and Spirituality Manager, SVDP Victoria. RSVP 30 April for catering and dietary requirements. See poster in church foyer for further details.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL – VACANCY: The position of **Twinning Officer Co-ordinator** has become vacant in the Central Highlands Regional Council of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

In the Society, a group of members (usually parish-based), is called a conference. One role of conference is to become paired and share resources with, a conference in a developing country. For more information please contact Regional President Arthur Donovan, hlands.pres.council@gmail.com

MOVIE SCREENING: There will be a screening of the film Gurrumul as a fundraiser for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry on **Sunday 29 April** at 2pm at Cinema Nova. See notice board for details.

JESUIT COMMUNICATIONS AUSTRALIA: We have a few samples of some of the great work from the Jesuit Communications on our Welcome Desk in St Anne's Church. You are welcome to take a free copy of "Madonna" or "Pray with Pope Francis". Both samples are available for subscription if you like these articles. For further info please call 1300 728 846.

BE A VOLUNTEER OUT THERE: 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!** Come to the **Palms Info Session: Saturday 5 May 10:30am Ross House, Jenny Florence Room 247 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE** Go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer or Contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

HEART WOMENS CONFERENCE: a time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Invite your daughter, mothers, sisters and friends! Men-What women in your life can you spoil by sending them to Heart 2018? Full Registration \$199 (see website for registration options) Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com or phone 1300 734 880 Date Thursday 21– Saturday 23 June 2018 at Ibis Melbourne.

MOTOR NEURON DISEASE FUNDRAISER: this year we again support this fundraiser by having merchandise available for sale after all 3 Masses at St Anne's church next weekend. 5/6 May. Your generous support is appreciated.



ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Deborah Hoey/ Win Birt **St Anne's Church** – Lisa Crotty Chris Perry Julie Daniels **COUNTERS:** Jack Sullivan Janet Elliott Kerry Sanford **GIFT SHOP:** Pat & Peter Readman John Porta **LECTORS:** Paul Fanning Lyn Mandouit Sr Jose' Noy Teresa Quin **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 5.30pm Vicki Heath Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Paul Fanning James Francis Albert & Diana Mastramico 8.30am Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson Rex Jacob 10.30am Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose' Noy Br Barry Parker Mark Perry Gary Plummer John & Sheila Stafford 5.00pm Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco