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SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy Times this Week

Mon	9.15am	St Anne's-Liturgy of Word
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

20 May 2018

Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm Response: Psalm 103:1,24,29-31,34

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth

Second Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Fr Reginald AHEARN CSsR Francesca ALTAIR Darryl CAMPBELL Patricia CLARK Vince COCCOLUTO Lucy DELLAI Vera FENTON Lucilla GHERBINI Christopher HABER Harvey HUGHES Diamond JACOB Virginia JEWELS Patricia KABAJ Jan & Peter KEOGH Lorna MACKENZIE Fred MENZIES Joseline MORALES Trevor PALMER Sharron RING Tina SANTIAGO Caesar TANNAGAN Carolyn WOCKNER

Recently Deceased: Reynaldo BERNADINO Rafael CRUZ Jefferson DELGADO Delia NELSA-ALANIZ Henry SIMMONS Efran VALONDO

Anniversaries: Nobel ARANDEZ Michael BAJADA Fr Thomas CONSIDINE Lorna HONNER Norm HUNTER Bishop Eric PERKINS

*Special collection this weekend
Catholic Chaplaincy Appeal*

THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

In the gospel of the fifth Sunday of Easter Jesus says of himself: *'I am the true vine and my Father is the vine dresser.'* He followed this up by saying, *'Every branch in me that bears no fruit my Father cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.'* Jesus is addressing his followers who, as part of the vine, draw life from him. *'I am the vine: you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.'* The fruit of the vine are grapes. But Jesus is not talking about grapes. He is using metaphorical language. So, what is the fruit he is talking about? Jesus is talking about the fruits of the Spirit.

Just as a healthy branch attached to the vine produces grapes, so a person attached to Jesus and filled with his spirit will produce the fruits of the Spirit. I hear you asking, *'What are these fruits of the Spirit?'* The Catholic Catechism has a ready answer. **"By the power of the Holy Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear the fruit of the Spirit.....love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.** That's a long list of twelve virtues. It is a good check list for us to measure whether we are Spirit-filled people. It is also a good check list next time we go to the sacrament of reconciliation.

Instead of the usual examination of conscience try the following.

Am I filled with the Spirit? Do I manifest in my behaviour the fruits of the Spirit?

Am I a loving person, loving even those who I do not like or who I find hard to love?

Am I a joy-filled person? On the contrary, am I filled with gloom and doom?

Am I a peace-loving person? On the contrary, do I stir trouble and cause friction?

Am I a patient person? On the contrary, do I lose patience with those I live or work with?

Am I a kind person? On the contrary, am I cruel to animals or bullying towards the weak?

Would others describe me as a good person? Or do they see me as spiteful, vengeful or unforgiving?

Am I a generous person? On the contrary, am I mean or stingy, not only in money but in giving praise where praise is due?

Am I a gentle and meek person? On the contrary, am I rough and crude in my language and behaviour?

Am I a faithful person? On the contrary, have I betrayed anyone's trust? Am I trustworthy?

Am I a modest person? On the contrary, do I boast or show off in front of others?

Do I exercise self-control? Am I a disciplined person? On the contrary, do I eat or drink to excess? Do I lose my temper easily?

Chastity is not celibacy. Even married people are meant to be chaste. Chastity is driven by love of the other. Genuine love - not lust or self-gratification - should be the prime motive in a sexual relationship.

On this feast of Pentecost which celebrates the gift of the divine Spirit on the believers and followers of Jesus, we ought to look at ourselves and see if we are bearing the fruits of the Spirit in our lives. We are encouraged to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us in these or similar words: ***Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and we shall be created and through us you will renew the face of the earth.***

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

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 begin receiving this Sacrament.

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 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.

JUSTICE IN JUNE: During the month of June we will be especially mindful of those most needing our empathy and help. Our Parish and schools will focus on "Justice in June" An opportunity to support both Vinnies and Refugee and Asylum Seekers. The Vinnies Winter Appeal will be collected over the weekends of June 2/3rd and 9/10th. This special collection will be held to support Vinnies in the extraordinary assistance they give families who are struggling with the rising costs of housing, fuel, food and household services.

During the second fortnight we will focus on the plight of our Refugees and Asylum Seekers. There will be a donation point at both the Churches for toiletries and food staples (rice, pasta, lentils etc)

As we return to our homes, adequate meals and warm beds could we please consider the opportunity to make some difference to those in need during "Justice in June"

FAMILY WEEK: CatholicCare's theme for this year is "Building Connections: Growing Together" and is focused on strengthening family relationships and wellbeing.

CREATING FAMILY RULES AND ROUTINES:

- Involve your child in tasks and chores and let them help so they know they are contributing to the family
- Have family meetings to establish family rules and planning for family events
- Adapt routines as children get older, eg. Later bedtime
- As children get older explain that extra independence also means extra responsibility

Our Grade 1's attended Mass on Wednesday with many family members attending. Morning tea was enjoyed by all.

ACCOMODATION REQUIRED: for a Catholic gentleman over 60 wishing to stay in Sunbury. Looking for board with another single person of similar age and Spirituality. Happy to pay board and associated costs which can be negotiated. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060.

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN BAPTISM: if you have a school age child who is wanting to be baptized, please contact the parish office on 9744 1060 asap. Our baptism preparation and celebration will happen soon.

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: meets at St. Anne's Church at 10.00 am on Thursdays. For the next three Thursdays we will be running a Café programme "Head to Heart". The first session on Thursday May 24th is entitled "Knowing God's Love"

All welcome, including children. For further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 9744 4029 or 0418 322 596.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: during the month of May, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are asked to count all who attend all parish Masses. Our collectors will be assisting with this at each mass throughout May. Thank you for your assistance and understanding.

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL: this Sunday all Melbourne Parishes will be collecting funds for the Annual Chaplaincy Appeal. This year the focus is on Prison Chaplaincy. The relationship and collaboration between prisoners and Chaplains whilst they are in prison is vital to restoring them back onto the road again to rejoin society. Donations raised each year are directed towards supporting Chaplains who work with people in custody, young people in youth justice facilities, patients and their families in public hospitals, people living with HIV/AIDS and Seafarers. For further info contact the Office of Philanthropy 9926 5731 or www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy.

A Prayer for Mercy and Compassion:

Jesus, Creator God and the Holy Spirit... Give us your compassion for those in prison. Heal those broken in mind and memory. Soften the hard of heart, and those who are captives of anger. Free the innocent. Awaken the repentance that restores hope. Comfort and encourage prisoners' families to persevere in their love. Jesus, heal the scars of the victims of crime. Give eternal peace to those who die. Grant victims' families the forgiveness that heals. Give wisdom to lawmakers and to those who judge; patience and strength in those who guard. May those in prison ministry be bearers of your light, for all of us are in need of your mercy. Amen

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 27 May at 11.00am. Registrations can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or emailing lmf@cam.org.au. Please note that registration closes on Friday 18 May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: *Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!* Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 2018 Melbourne weekend dates : 1-3 June, 17-19 Aug, and 9-11 Nov 2018 Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au

THE MALTESE GHARB CLUB OF MELBOURNE invites you and your family to celebrate The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St Elizabeth, Sunday 3rd June 2018 St Bernadette's Catholic Community Centre, Cooke Avenue, North Sunshine. Mass at 2:30pm celebrated by Rev Fr Lonnie Borg MSSP Followed by a social function in the foyer

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Jo Spiteri **CLEANING: OLMC Church—** Peter Readman **St Anne's Church – Nil** **COUNTERS:** Bernie Owens Natalie Xerri **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS:** Patricia Altair Jenny Carland Des Dowling Teresa Quin **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Vicki Heath Garnet Jacob Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jim O'Brien Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard **8.30am** Monica Allen Ann Chircip Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Pat Readman Liz Richards Glenda Shanahan **10.30am** Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose' Noy Br Barry Parker Mark Perry Gary Plummer Aileen & Terry Sweeney **5.00pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020– LISTENING TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS

SAYING: Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishop's decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future.

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question, "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



PARISH HUMANITARIAN PROJECT– LAP: Our Sunbury Parishioners have donated \$57000 over four years to help orphans of HIV/AIDS in Jakarta through the project called LAP run by Catholic University Jakarta. Our donation goes towards nutrition and counselling for a hundred orphans. During January four of our Parish LAP committee travelled at their own expense to visit the project in the Jakarta slums and were present when an orphan died. Being an orphan, only the boy's grandfather was there to comfort the boy.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 22 May	11am	Holy Trinity School– Site Meeting
	12.30pm	Parish Schools Principals
	1.30pm	Sunbury Ministers– St Mary's
	7.30pm	Parish Liturgy Team

2019 PREP ENROLMENTS: The interviews of students and parents will continue at the Parish office on Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning and afternoon and on Friday morning and afternoon. The number of applications for our three schools has been very healthy.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:

This Sunday, we welcome the relatives and friends of those children who are beginning today to be nourished by the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



Congratulations to the Children celebrating First Eucharist this weekend:

Jaida Anthony	Sienna Augustyn	Alyssa Blancato
Henry Bordon	Ryder Bowman	David Burley
Madison Campbell	Mackenzie Collins	Kate Cossum
Sienna Costa	Riley Cuthbert	Charlotte Czelusta
Aidan D'Crus	Caitlin DiNuzzo	Jaiden Doricic
Taneisha Dow	James Formosa	Jamin George
Adam Hackett	Ben Kelly	Myles Luca
Lachlan Mallia-McKenzie		Ryan McHenry
Preston McKenzie	Alyssa Phillips	Cooper Pietromonaco
Charlie Plummer	Alex Renda	Sophia Rodrigues
Carlo Santos	Meg Stockdale	Chelsea Sultana
Seth Turri	James Vella	Mia Vergara
Ryan Whitchurch		

THE JOY OF WORK: Pope Francis in his recent exhortation "Rejoice and Be Glad" calls "working with integrity and skill is in the service of your brothers and sisters." Work is not a punishment, but a source of joy. At the heart of the modern culture of work there is unresolved tension– punishment versus joy. On the punishment side, it is assumed that humanity is lazy, trying to do as little work as possible.

God the Worker: Pope Francis is developing a key idea taught by Pope John Paul II in 1981 when he wrote that work is the universal vocation of humanity. In the first book of the Bible, on creation of the world, God worked on his creation for six days and then rested (Genesis 2:3). God expressed joy- "God saw all he had made, and it was very good"- job satisfaction.

But God hadn't finished. He left the rest of it for the human race to complete by working. So in a sense, all human work is God's work.

The dignity and joy of work: Our society needs to hear this positive message, to rescue work from drudgery and bring back the dignity and joy of it.

Catholic Social Teaching: has developed since 1890's with Pope Leo XIII who supported unions. Catholic Social Teaching (CST) has a well developed and coherent theory of work, at the heart of which is the proposition that labour, as a human activity, takes precedence over capital, which is merely material. But it also rejects the Marxist idea that labour and capital are necessarily locked in class conflict. Labour and capital need each other for the creation of the wealth without which civilization would collapse. They both strive to enhance the common good.

Cooperation is necessary: At the heart of a good economy is their successful collaboration: cooperation where possible, and strife only where necessary. CST encourages workers to organize, as each individual on his or her own stands at a great disadvantage when negotiating with an employer who may be many times more powerful. And it accepts that striking can sometimes be the only way to secure just and fair terms and conditions.

Shareholders and Workers: Company law also needs to be rebalanced to give workers their rightful status. Shareholders' interests should not automatically take precedence over the interest of the worker, nor should profit be the only motivation. Raising productivity would then become a joint priority for management and workforce, for the betterment of both. And the real experts on how to raise productivity are often the workers themselves. Job satisfaction is often a better motivator than higher pay. And the goal both sides need to keep in mind is that of enabling workers to have a sense of fulfilling a vocation– working, as it were, for themselves– rather than just doing a job. Everyone has a vocation.

C...excerpts from "The Joy of Work" by Clifford Longly, "The Tablet" 28 April 2018

Financial Report to Parishioners	
Year Ended 31st December 2017	
INCOME	\$
Thanksgiving	184,815
Rent	180,921
Bingo & Other Income	43,153
TOTAL INCOME	\$408,889
EXPENSES	
Staff Costs	116,286
Loan Repayments (P&I)	36,260
Levy Paid to Archdiocese	34,204
Insurance	23,350
Repairs & Maintenance	22,522
Printing & Photocopying	17,489
Church & Liturgical Costs	17,367
Electricity, Gas, & Rates	18,280
Cleaning, Gardening & Security	13,686
Telecommunications & Postage	7,989
Donations	3,982
Other Costs	10,826
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$322,241
Surplus For 2017	\$86,648
<i>Our budget for the current year shows a loss due mainly to major repairs for termite damage at OLMC Church</i>	
Parish Debt	\$35,649
Investment Account	\$203,753
<i>These funds earmarked for major refurbishment of St Anne's church, likely to be in excess of \$1million</i>	