



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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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
Wed	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

17 June 2018

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm Response: Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Darryl CAMPBELL Patricia CLARK Peter CRUICKSHANK Lucy DELLAI Patricia DUNN Vera FENTON Lucilla GHERBINI Diamond JACOB Virginia JEWERS Patricia KABAJ Jan & Peter KEOGH Lorna MACKENZIE Ann MAGUIRE Joseline MORALES Trevor PALMER Sharron RING

Recently deceased: Mike SCULAC

Anniversaries: Fr Peter CROSS Roy DENNER Augustyn GONZALEZ Joe GRECH Maclovio HERRERA Gerard MAHONY Joe PARNIS Wilhelm SCHAEFER George WESTWOOD



THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The first words that came out of the mouth of Jesus in the gospel of Mark are these: **'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent and believe in the good news.'** (Mk 1:15) The phrase, 'The kingdom of God' was often on the lips of Jesus. He came to usher in the kingdom of God on earth and to draw people into it. Jesus was at pains to explain to his listeners through parables and metaphors what *'the kingdom of God is like.'* In essence, the kingdom of God is not something tangible or visible. It can best be described as the reign, or rule, of God in individual hearts, in groups and in the world at large. Whenever and wherever God's Will is obeyed, there you will find the kingdom of God. In the Lord's Prayer, the petition, **"Thy kingdom come"** is closely followed by, **"Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven."** The Kingdom of God and doing God's holy Will are closely linked. Jesus identifies as his real family as those who obey God's Will. **"Whoever does the will of God is my brother, sister and mother."** (Mk 3:35) The insiders, the individuals who belong to the Kingdom of God, are those who do God's Will. Conversely, those who do not obey God are the outsiders. The mission of Jesus and the Church's mission is to promote the Kingdom of God and draw people into it. Below are some quotable quotes from various thinkers.

C. H. Dodd: To accept God's kingdom and to enter in brings blessedness, because the best conceivable thing is that we should be in obedience to the Will of God.

Francois Fenelon: To want all that God wants, always to want it, for all occasions and without reservations, this is the kingdom of God which is all within.

John Ruskin: If you want to work for the kingdom of God, and to bring it, and to enter into it, there is just one condition to be first accepted. You must enter it as children, or not at all.

S. Parkes Cadman: The Kingdom of God will not come in a day; it will not be left with the morning milk.

The Second Vatican Council – "The Church": Before all things, however, the kingdom is clearly visible in the very person of Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, who came *'to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.'*

Evelyn Underhill: Though we achieve social justice, liberty, peace itself, though we give our bodies to be burned for these admirable causes, if we lack this – the transformation of the natural order by the Eternal Charity – we are nothing. For the kingdom is the Holy not the moral; the Beautiful not the correct; the Perfect not the adequate; Charity not Law. (Comment: This sounds like an echo of the theology of St Paul.)

Origen: According to the saying of our Lord and Saviour, the Kingdom of God does not come in such a way as to be seen. No one will say, *'Look, here it is,'* or, *'There it is:'* because the Kingdom of God is within us. The word is very near us; it is on our lips and in our heart. It is clear from this that when a man prays that God's Kingdom may come, he is praying as he should, for the Kingdom which is within him, that it may rise, flourish and reach its full growth.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

This Weekend- Justice in June

Collecting non perishable food items for Asylum Seekers

HONOURED ON QUEENS BIRTHDAY: Bernie Fehon OAM is the founder of Vinnies CEO Sleepout which has raised \$40 million over the years. This June, 1400 Australian CEO's donated \$2.7 million.

Fr Joe Caddy OA Parish Priest of East St Kilda has been the leader of Catholic Social Services in Melbourne since 2004. He has also been a prison chaplain.

CHURCH GOERS GIVE MORE THAN OTHERS: new research by Deloitte Access Economics finds that people who start attending religious services as adults are 1.7 times more likely to volunteer and 1.5 times more likely to donate compared with those who never attended religious services. The volunteering is valued at \$339 million. "We also estimate that religiosity positively affects the likelihood of an individual to donate." A national study of Australians was conducted by Deloitte.

THE GAZA SHOOTINGS- ANOTHER SHARPEVILLE?: as a result of the blockade imposed by Israel on Gaza since 2007, many businesses have closed with a resultant unemployment rate of 44% and 60% for those under 25. Some are comparing the recent Gaza deaths of 60 demonstrators to the 60 black South African demonstrators killed at Sharpeville in 1960. The world then took notice.

PTO

WELCOME: to the children and their families who will be preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the coming months. This weekend children will ask parishioners to become Prayer Companions for them. Prayer Companions are asked to pray for the children as they learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

JUSTICE IN JUNE: With much to be done for Refugees and Asylum Seekers, our parish is looking to hold special collections on the weekends of 16/17 & 23/24 June. For Refugees and Asylum Seekers, we ask for donations of non perishable food (please ensure it has not already expired). We will ensure these goods are delivered to those in need via ASRC in Footscray.

The items we require are tomato paste, tuna in oil, tomatoes, chick peas, pasta sauce, lentils and pasta. These can be left in the box at St Anne's Church and we will arrange for them to be delivered to ASRC.

Your generosity is much appreciated for this very needy and worthy cause.

THE PLIGHT OF ASYLUM SEEKERS: our own faith begins with a family who become asylum seekers. Joseph and Mary decided to escape to Egypt when they were warned in a dream that Herod would try to kill baby Jesus. Imagine the fear the family would have felt. They had no security of shelter, no family support, no guarantee of a job and a brand new baby to look after. It would have been terrifying!

This is what families fleeing war and persecution face when they come to Australia. They do not know what challenges they face—they just hope that life will be better for them here than facing life in a war torn homeland. When they arrive in Australia, they are not able to work or get benefits such as Centrelink, Medicare, rent assistance, etc. They seek support from places like ASRC—Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Footscray. On behalf of generous communities and individuals they distribute food, medical assistance, some clothing and toiletries, and can help find safe accommodation for families—to give dignity in asking for help is so important.

It is not true that all asylum seekers are criminals. Most are simply trying to find a safe place for their families. They have lost everything—leaving everything they loved—in order to find safety. The support of our parish is vital to giving help to those who need it.

STABLE ONE-FOR LOCAL HOMELESS: On 15 May about 70 members of the Sunbury Churches met to hear about the Project called Stable One in which seven churches in the Yarra Valley work together to give shelter on church properties during the winter months to the local homeless.

The next step in the process of establishing this project in Sunbury is a meeting of those who wish to be volunteers at St Andrew's Uniting Church on the Sunbury Village Green on Tuesday 19 June at 7.30pm.

THANK YOU: THANK YOU! On behalf of families currently struggling with life, members of St Vinnies take this opportunity to thank fellow parishioners for their Winter Appeal donations this year. Cash gifts alone given to the collections at Mass came to \$4,152.85 - a wonderful effort! Thank you all so much - Fr Kevin and Fr Bert for their unfailing promotion of the Society, collectors and parish office staff without whose help the appeal could not take place and finally to our families for their enormous generosity. The Winter Appeal and the Blanket Appeal continue in Victoria until the end of July.



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

Sophie CROXFORD

We joyfully welcome her to our parish.



2020 PLENARY COUNCIL: The 2020 Plenary Council will be held in Adelaide in October 2020. In preparation, all Catholics will be asked to gather to listen to one another, reflect on "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" We will share our own stories of faith and experiences, good and poor of the Church and our thoughts will be submitted online through the Plenary Council webpage, www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.

There is a need for a steering committee to arrange small meetings of parishioners to reflect on "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia? Please contact our Parish Office this week.

JUBILEES OF PRIESTLY SERVICE: this month is the fortieth Anniversary of the Ordination of Fathers Martin Ashe, Parish Priest and Greg Chambers SDB and the Fiftieth Anniversary (Golden Jubilees) of Fathers Geoff Baron PE, Michael Casey Parish Priest, Paul Gurry PE, Michael McEntree Parish Priest and Michael Richardson Parish Priest. May the Lord continue to bless these priests and their ministry.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 19 June	12noon	Holy Trinity Site meeting	
	7.00pm	Confirmation Info & Rego	Parish Centre
	7.30pm	Stable One	St Andrews Church
Wed 20 June	1.00pm	RSJ Associates	St Anne's Church
	2.00pm	Confirmation Info & Rego	Parish Centre
Fri 22 June	10.00am	Holy Trinity Steering Committee	
Sat 23 June	10.30am	Parish Vision Committee	

EVERGREENS SOCIAL GATHERING: will be on Tuesday 26 June 12.30pm-2.15pm in the Parish Centre. Come and enjoy a couple of exciting games and afternoon tea. Please bring a plate.

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

CAR PARK ISSUE: A parked car of a parishioner was damaged by another car and no name or phone number was left with the car or reported to the parish. It is illegal to damage property and not leave details. Please be considerate of others.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: please collect your new Thanksgiving envelopes as soon as possible please. This will minimise postage costs.

REFRAMING RETIREMENT - Does our sense of vocation, or calling, end with RETIREMENT? We invite you to join us as we reflect on this important stage of life. The Day will be held at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre in Box Hill and facilitated by a qualified Clinical Psychologist/Spiritual Director on Saturday, 7 July 2018 from 10 am – 4pm. Cost \$60. Enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email (holsc@bigpond.com) or to tel 03 9890 1101 or www.heartoflife.melbourne.

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS: Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year?

The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 29 July at 11am. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs.

To register visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: lmf@cam.org.au or 9287 5587. Registrations close Friday 13 July.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Bernadette Dowling **CLEANING:** OLMC Church—Snell Family **St Anne's Church** – Nil **COUNTERS:** Judith Ibrahim Mimi Quattrone **GIFT SHOP:** Carmel Wiegerink Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS:** Jan Gavaghan Elena Rodrigues Des Dowling Jane Voon **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **5.30pm** Vicki Heath Garnet Jacob Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard **8.30am** Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson **10.30am** Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose Noy Br Barry Parker Mark Perry Gary Plummer Tony Hendy **5.00pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco