



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
Tues	6.30pm	OLMC
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

24th June 2018

Nativity of St John the Baptist

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm Response: Psalm 70:1-6, 15, 17

Since my mother's womb, you have been my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:8-12

Gospel Acclamation: John 1:7

Alleluia! Alleluia!

He came to bear witness to the light, to prepare an upright people for the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:5-17

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: Richard FITZPATRICK Jeffrey FORSTER Tom SPRANKLING

Anniversaries: Irene KILKENNY Vincent MILLETT Margo RILEY Velia SCHROEDER



The Birth of the Baptist

Celebrating our birthday is something most of us take for granted and look forward to every year.

Yet in the Christian calendar only three birthdays are celebrated— Jesus (December 25), Mary his Mother (September 8) and his cousin John the Baptist (June 24). John and Jesus were cousins and their mothers, Mary & Elizabeth were very close as Luke's Gospel depicts. We can assume Jesus and John were equally close and spent a lot of time together growing up.

His Name is John: The name "John" originates from the Hebrew language meaning "God has shown favour." The name given to John the Baptist in granting them a son in their old age and also the favour God showed to the people through John. John's whole ministry was to call people back to God; to recognize they were in God's favour and to live accordingly. When Jesus commenced his ministry, he announces the coming of the Lord's year of favour. (Luke 4:19)

Overtuning the Expectations of Others: The parents of the young Baptist did not give into the expectations of neighbours and relatives in naming their child. They broke with the tradition of naming their child after the father, Zechariah and gave their son the name given by God at his conception. Later, John would break another tradition. He did not enter the priestly service of the temple, like his father and grandfather, rather he chose to live out in the wilderness, on the margins, living a very simple life. Pope Francis constantly urges us to be challenged by those living on the margins, those suffering exclusion and injustice. Francis is also concerned with those on the peripheries of world power. Hence, he chose to create a Cardinal from Tonga, which has only 15000 Catholics! Similar numbers as our parish.

The Fast before the Feast: In Luke's Gospel, John embodied the old covenant, made to Israel. Jesus is the new and everlasting covenant for all people including Israel. Jesus does not wait for followers as John did, but he heads to the towns and villages where people are and speaks to them in ways they can understand. Jesus rejects the harsh, ascetical life of the desert for the spirituality of the everyday, and unlike John, Jesus does not preach repentance for sins, but preaches conversion through forgiveness and compassion. John's ministry was like the fast before the feast.

Our Jewish Origins: The birth of John the Baptist reminds Christians of our Jewish origins, as his parents belong to Jewish priestly families. Even as we celebrate John, Christian faith says that John's birth is just the overture to an even greater drama that is soon to unfold. This first announcement of John's birth, leads immediately to a second announcement of an even greater birth to a young girl in Nazareth. This will be the pattern of John's life. He prepares the way. In Luke's Gospel, John fades from the narrative when Jesus' ministry begins. John's death at the hands of Herod points ahead to a second death at the hands of Pilate. As we celebrate John today, let us give thanks for the faithful lives of our Jewish brothers and sisters and let us remember in sorrow the centuries of misunderstanding and persecution they have experienced.

.....Kevin McIntosh

Sunbury And The 2020 Plenary Council

STARTING SOON

We Need Your Help

Convenor: Jim Foran - phone: 0456 654 003
 Email: sunburyplenary@hotmail.com

Plenary Council Website: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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.

SALESIAN MISSIONS IN FIJI AND TIMOR LESTE: Two flyers describe the missionary work of the Salesians in these two countries. In Fiji, the Salesians have been asked to staff a new parish in Suva. In Timor Leste, schools, orphanages and medical centre staffed by the Salesians continue to contribute to the development of this young and poorest country in SE Asia. Flyers are available on the Welcome Desk.

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.

AFL WELCOME GAME: Melbourne Football club are providing FREE TICKETS to the Melbourne Football Club Welcome Game on Sunday 1st July for newly arrived individuals and families and/or migrant families/individuals who haven't had a chance to experience AFL! The Welcome Game is the marquee sporting event for the celebration of diversity and inclusivity, it's a great opportunity to watch the game of Aussie Rules football at the iconic and safe setting of the MCG. Please find below a link which can be used in order to register for tickets to the game, all those who sign-up online will receive further information on the rules of footy & where to go on the day to collect your ticket & a gift from the club. <https://mfcde.es/spectrum>

*This Sunday- Justice in June
Collecting non perishable food items for
Asylum Seekers*

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

William O'CALLAGHAN

Zoe WIEGERINK

We joyfully welcome her to our parish.



MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 26 June 7.30pm Sunbury Inter Church Council

Wed 27 June 4.00pm Parish Finance Committee

Thurs 28 June 10.30am Parish Administration-

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.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL— PROGRESS REPORT: last week, the third and final slab for the buildings was poured. Next week the steel work will be installed.

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.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR FAITH?: The Dominican Friars of Melbourne are holding a symposium of short talks from seven friars on the great questions of our faith. The conference will commence with Holy Mass and includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea and a musical performance. When: 21st July, 9am-4pm Where: St Dominic's Catholic Church and Parish Centre, 816 Riversdale Rd, Camberwell. Entry is by donation, though RSVP is essential by 14th July to Fr Thomas (thomas.azzi@op.org.au or 0411602474). All are welcome.

ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD: Yesterday, Rev Tho Tran was ordained in the Cathedral. He was born the youngest of four children in Hanoi. After graduating from Hanoi University in 2006, he began his formation for the priesthood. His uncle, a priest, encouraged him: "You never know if you never try." Tho has studied at Corpus Christi College, Carlton. Please continue to pray for those in formation to serve as priests.

ANNUAL PRIESTS IN-SERVICE: was held last week for four days attended by 140 Melbourne priests. The theme of the in-service was "Tough times— leading the People of God with joy." Our presenters were Bishop Eugene Hurley, Cathie Jenkins and Fr Richard Leonard. It was a very moving program. One of the best we have ever had.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Katie Pollard, a teacher at St Anne's as her father Tom Sprankling in England, entered eternal life last week the day after his 60th Wedding Anniversary after a long illness.

....Kevin McIntosh

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Lucy Gatt **St Anne's Church** – Skeeter Jacob Cedric D'Souza Beth Girdwood **COUNTERS:** John & Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim **GIFT SHOP:** Carmel Wiegerink Frances Ariens **LECTORS:** Moira Sullivan Colin & Coreen Wilson Assistance Required Jo **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 5.30pm Mimi Quattrone Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Calvin Ryan Angelo Snell Dawn Westwood Sue Wight Moira Sullivan 8.30am Monica Allen Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Liz Richards Glenda Shanahan 10.30am Anne Smith John & Sheila Stafford Aileen & Terry Sweeney Grace Tucker Br Barry Parker 5.00pm Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco