



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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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	2.15pm	OLMC- Funeral-Jozsef Toth
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

**1 July 2018**

### **13th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Book of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

**Psalm Response:** Psalm 29:2,4-6,11-13

**I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.**

**Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

**Gospel Acclamation:** 2 Timothy 1:10

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 5:21-43

### **LET US PRAY FOR**

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

**Recently Deceased:** Maurice DAVIS Louise DILLON Jozsef TOTH

**Anniversaries:** Leonie & Austin D'MONTE Des SKILLECORN



### THE LORD WHO GIVES LIFE

The death of a young person or a sudden death causes us to ask where is God in this great sorrow.

We are inevitably affected by the sickness and suffering of those who love. In time modern times through the media, the terrible pain suffered by innocent people, especially children, is known to us and has added fresh fuel to the arguments of the God-deniers.

Today, the Gospel (Mark 5:21-43) dramatically presents Jesus as the conqueror of death. Mark presents Jesus as who gave life to two women- the young twelve year old and the nameless woman who has been exiled from family and community due to being ritually unclean as haemorrhaging blood for twelve years.

St Mark uses his "Markan sandwich" as Fr Bert wrote here recently-of a story within longer story.

The raising of the dead daughter of Jairus, a leading Jewish official, takes place before and after the cure of the woman with haemorrhage in the middle of today's gospel reading.

**Compassion overrode ritual laws:** Jairus, a synagogue official asks Jesus to break the Jewish law by laying his hands on his sick daughter. It was against the law to touch a woman (the daughter at 12 was of marriageable age) except his wife. Jesus agrees.

The woman with the haemorrhage should not have been out in public- she was supposed to be in isolation. She breaks the taboo and comes close to Jesus to touch his cloak. Jesus heals her physically and psychologically by calling her "Daughter"- a loving comment.

In Jewish law, it was ritually unclean to touch a dead body. Jesus overrode the taboo and took the dead girl by the hand and raised her- the same word used in the Resurrection of Jesus. The girl can now go on with a bright future as a woman able to marry.

**Womanhood Honoured:** In restoring the lives of these two women, Jesus shows he cares nothing for the barriers of culture and ritual observances when these block the way to compassion.

Today, women throughout the world are condemned into insignificance or abuse or marginalisation.

As a church, we are to be non-discriminatory. We must constantly refer back to Jesus and his way of relating to women and men in the gospels.

**The Journey of Faith Can be like a Roller-Coaster:** With Jairus' daughter becoming more seriously ill, Jesus was away. Jesus then returned across the sea. What a joy for Jairus that Jesus could come and save his daughter. On the way to their house Jesus was interrupted by the woman with haemorrhage. Did Jesus not know there was a medical emergency? Jesus reminds Jairus to continue to have faith. Finally, unbelievable relief and joy: Jesus raises his daughter and the family are reunited. Our faith journeys can have ups and downs.

**Am I Haemorrhaging?:** The woman's flow of blood must have left her physically, emotionally, financially and spiritually exhausted. In our lives, there may be an aspect which drains us- a constant outflow of energy and emotion that prevents us from being all we can be- eg. an unhealthy relationship; an addiction; a lack of confidence; a grudge or a lack of emotional control.

.....Kevin McIntosh

*Special Collection Next Weekend  
Catholic Mission Church Appeal*

**ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY:**  
**SUNDAY 1 JULY 2018:** "Because of her, we can" recognizes the Mothers, Sisters, Aunties, Grandmothers and Daughters who have been and continue to be the thread which holds families together.

Broome resident, Erica Bernard, shares her reflection of how she sees Our Lady reflected in all the women of her life. Erica's reflection is on the Noticeboard in St Anne's gathering space.

**CATHOLIC MISSION ANNUAL APPEAL:** next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. Last year funds helped reduce newborn and child mortality rates in Uganda by donating funds which brought much needed equipment. This year Catholic Mission are hoping to raise funds for education in the poorest parts of the world. Please come prepared next weekend and give generously to this important work. For more info catholicmission.org.au

**THANKS AND FAREWELL:** to Margaret White who is leaving our parish after 46 years being an active parishioner. Margaret for 13 years opened and closed OLMC Church for Sunday Masses and weddings. She was involved in a musical group who entertained the residents at Goonawarra Aged Facility for ten years. We wish her well in her new home in Bendigo.

**REGIONAL YOUNG ADULTS GATHERINGS:** are to be held on the second Sunday of the month (next time 8 July) at St Monica's Parish Centre, 820 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds from 6.30pm to 8pm for young adults aged 18 to 35 years.  
Enquiries: TrueNorthYouth@hotmail.com

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** On Thursday 21 June, our Children's Liturgy team gathered to discuss ways we could make Children's Liturgy of the Word more accessible to the families of our parish. Currently we have 8 hard working ministers who are happy to run Children's Liturgy of the Word at Saturday and Sunday night masses throughout the school terms.  
As of Term 3 we will have Children's Liturgy of the Word at both Saturday night Mass and Sunday 10.30am Mass each week. We thank our ministers for being able to make themselves available to help the children of our parish learn about our faith at a child's level of understanding.

**JUSTICE IN JUNE:** We had a great outcome from Justice in June. 2 carloads were taken to ASRC (Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Footscray) on Friday 29 June with foodstuff and toiletries. Another pantry of food and blankets and coats were to be taken by Vinnies this week. Previously 2 carloads of blankets and warm clothes were taken to Vinnies after a very generous outpouring of support for the Vinnies Winter Appeal, as part of our Justice in June program. Special thanks to our school families for their support as well.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

Tues 3 July	11am	Holy Trinity School Site Meeting
Wed 4 July	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation St Anne's Church
	8.00pm	Knights of the Southern Cross Parish Centre
Thurs 5 July	7.00pm	Liturgy Planning

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** presently there are ten positions vacant in parishes in the diocesan offices and with religious orders. Details can be found on the Archdiocese website at <http://www.cam.org.au/jobs.aspx>

**GARDENER NEEDED:** Salesian Community is looking for someone prepared to work as a volunteer or to be paid and go on the books. Contact Fr Shane on 0417 234 547.

## Sunbury and the 2020 Plenary Council

Starting soon



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The error was mine and I apologise for the inconvenience. *Jim Foran*

### ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

**ALTAR CARE:** Natalie Xerri **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Peter Readman **St Anne's Church** – Nil **COUNTERS:** Frank Busuttill Jenny & Peter Ryan  
**GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS:** Mimi Quattrone Michael McConville Assistance Required Jo S **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:**  
**5.30pm** Patricia & Angelo Altair 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 Monica Allen **10.30am** John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis Olga Ellul Johanna Fahey Tony Hendy Anne Smith **5.00pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco