



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
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
Thurs	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

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Principal: Noelene Hussey

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344

Principal: Julie Freeman

Holy Trinity School: 9744 1060

Principal: Krystine Hocking

5th August 2018

18th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Psalm Response: Psalm 77:3-4, 23-25, 54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4

Alleluia! Alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:24-35

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Darryl CAMPBELL Peter CRUICKSHANK
Lucilla GHERBINI John GRAY Diamond
JACOB Virginia JEWERS Patricia KABAJ Jan
& Peter KEOGH Lorna MACKENZIE Ann
MAGUIRE Joseline MORALES Joseph NAIR
Trevor PALMER Sharon RING

Anniversaries: Leo DALY Ally D'SOUZA

Emmanuel GALEA Joseph GATT Pat PRICE

John WHITE Joseph ZAHRA



**Special Collection Next Weekend
Mary MacKillop Foundation**

JOHN CHAPTER SIX

We know we are in Year B, the Year of Mark's Gospel, yet, from the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time through to the 21st Sunday Mark steps aside and John takes over. During these five Sundays in Year B we explore Chapter Six of John's Gospel in its entirety. Last Sunday we sampled the first 15 verses of Chapter 6 which told the story of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. This week's reading continues where we left off last Sunday. Today's passage begins the extended discourse on the **'Bread of Life'** image that runs throughout Chapter 6. Last Sunday's reading finished with Jesus fleeing from the crowd that wanted to make him king. At the start of today's reading, the crowd, discovering the whereabouts of Jesus, catches up with him again, seeking a repeated performance of the miraculous feeding. Jesus accuses the crowd of simply wanting more food. John refers to the miracle as a **'sign'**. The crowd had got stuck at the sign level and had not moved to where the sign was pointing: to Jesus, the **'Bread of Life'**. The crowd asks, *'What must we do to accomplish the works of God?'* Jesus responds to their question with this answer: **'Believe in me!'**

John's gospel has only one purpose: bringing people to **'Believe in Jesus'**. *'Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.'* (John 20:30-31) The word **'believe'** is littered throughout John's gospel: it occurs about 100 times, and Chapter 6 carries its fair share of that crucial word.

The crowd demands a sign to bring them to believe in Jesus. They had already been given a sign, but they had missed it. They want Jesus to imitate Moses and provide them with manna from heaven as a proof that he is the Messiah. But there is no need for Jesus to provide a further sign: the sign had already been given by God. It is up to the people to recognise that sign which points to Jesus as the life-sustaining **'Bread from Heaven'**. In the Eucharist, we continue to celebrate and recognise Jesus as the **'Bread of Life'** – the sustaining gift that gives life to those who receive Jesus with faith.

Jesus tells the crowd, *'Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.'* The reference to food that cannot last refers to today's first reading about the manna in the desert. In the full account of Exodus 16 the manna that fell on the first five days became rotten by the next day: it was perishable food. By contrast, the food of the Eucharist given by Jesus is non-perishable. It endures to eternal life. Whoever eats of the Bread given by Christ in the Eucharist will live forever.

Some Sundays ago, we celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ. According to the teaching of Vatican II, Christ is present in many forms: (i) in the people gathered, (ii) in the celebrating priest, (iii) in the Word proclaimed, and (iv) in the consecrated bread and wine. According to this teaching we belong to, and we are, the Body of Christ. St Augustine wrote, *'Be what you see, and receive what you are.'* We not only receive the Body of Christ through the Eucharist: we are called to be the Body of Christ. This is in line with the teaching of St Paul on the Mystical Body, whose Head is Christ and whose members are the faithful. If people only understood this teaching, it beggars belief why anyone would stay away from the Eucharist.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: 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 recently. Currently we have 8 hard working ministers who are happy to run Children's Liturgy of the Word at Saturday and Sunday Masses throughout the school terms.

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.

EVERGREENS COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday 14 August 1.30pm St Anne's Church Meeting Room.

EVERGREENS GET TOGETHER: Tuesday 28 August Parish Centre 11.45am for free light lunch at 12pm followed by guest speaker Bob Nixon on Retirement at 1pm. For catering purposes, please contact Coreen 9744 6015 no later than Monday 20 August.

RECEPTION OF NEW ARCHBISHOP: last Wednesday evening about 3000 packed St Patrick's Cathedral, with people standing around the walls as Archbishop Peter was received. The Mass was celebrated by 315 priests, and 50 bishops. The music by the organ, trumpets, trombones and drums added to the solemnity of the occasion. A large choir led the singing. Two of his brothers brought up the gifts. Leaders of the Christian Churches and civic leaders were present.

FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL IN ROME: in the past on 29 June there would often be a lavish celebration in the Vatican. This year, Pope Francis invited Rome's poor to lunch. For him, the celebration of the Church's apostolic authority is a festival not of power, but of powerlessness.

OCTOBER SYNOD FOR YOUTH: Pope Francis has gone to the 'peripheries' in selecting four cardinals to preside over the synod in his place: Cardinals from Iraq, Madagascar, Myanmar and Papua New Guinea

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Bernadette and Dennis Lacy as their daughter Christine Knutson aged 46 years, entered eternal life recently after battling cancer. Christine lived in Sunbury before moving to Adelaide with her three children following her husband's work. Her Memorial Service was held on Friday.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 7 August	12noon	Holy Trinity School Steering Comm
	6.00pm	Salesian College Council
Thursday 8 August	7.30pm	Plenary Council Meeting— Parish Centre

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL-PROGRESS REPORT: at last Tuesday's site meeting, the builder stated the remaining external steel work will be erected this week. The storm water trench has been excavated. The concrete around the car park will be laid in mid August. The landscape architect and the building architect met on site last Thursday.

The school uniform will eventually be available at the Uniform Shop at Salesian College. Details of the uniform are still being finalized.

SALESIAN COLLEGE SUNBURY: Closing date for Salesian College's Year 7 2020 enrolments is **Friday 17th August**

RSJ ASSOCIATES will meet **Wednesday August 8** at 1pm In St Anne's church meeting room. All Welcome.

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

Aubrey HALES

We joyfully welcome her to our parish.



FEAST DAY OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SAINT: On Wednesday 8 August, we will celebrate the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, born in Fitzroy in 1842. She was baptized in St Frances' Church, Melbourne as the first of eight children of Flora and Alexander MacKillop, who had migrated independently from Scotland and met in Melbourne.

Mary left school at 14 and worked in a shop to provide for her mother and siblings. In 1860, she went to Penola to work as a nanny. There she met Fr Tenison Wood and together they founded the Sisters of St Joseph to teach rural children in 1866. By 1871, there were 130 Josephites teaching in 40 schools. Mary entered eternal life in 1909 from Sydney. The Josephites were invited by our first parish priest, Fr John Gallivan, to come to Sunbury in 1916. Fr Gallivan paid for the Convent. Mary MacKillop was the first Australian to be canonized as a saint in 2009.

REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 1973: a reunion of the Grade 6 (1973) class at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School is being planned for November at the school. Further details will be announced later.

SOLEMN FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: will be celebrated at the Our Lady Ta Pinu Shrine, Bacchus Marsh on **Saturday 18 August** at 2pm. Celebration will be led by Mgr Greg Bennett, Vicar General for Archdiocese Melbourne and concelebrated by Mgr Benedict Camilleri, celebrating his Diamond Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood. Afternoon tea will be served.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: the Church in Melbourne needs more priests and religious. Each one of us can do something about this. Firstly, pray each day. A simple prayer may be the cause of one person saying 'yes'. Secondly, talk about the possibility of a vocation to others. Lend your voice to the call of the Lord.

RCIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE: is planned for **October 11-13** in Melbourne. There will be Keynote presenters and workshops. Anyone interested is welcome to contact the Parish Office.

TEACH WITH TIMORESE TEACHERS! Take your teaching skills to new heights in the mountains of Timor- Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more opportunities, visit palms.org.au/volunteer Can't commit just yet? Check out palms.org.au/encounters

INVITATION: Aunty Tidda Secombe, a Gunditjmara woman, from Horsham, has been invited to a gathering of the Pernaperna Women's Group on **Thursday 16th August** from 12 pm – 2.30pm at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House, 531 Elizabeth Drive, Sunbury. Aunty Tidda will be sharing her culture with the group. She is a great storyteller and has written many children's books and will also be demonstrating the technique of making a possum cloak. Invitation is open to anyone interested in sharing this experience. Free event. Bring a small plate to share. Enquiries Joan 9744 3357

BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPONS: **Monday 6 August** is the 73rd Anniversary of the Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima. Nobel Prize winners, ICAN, will be presenting a lecture at Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne at 7.30pm starting with light refreshments at 7pm. RSVP/ Inquiries justice@cam.org.au

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Lynne Dillon **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Lucy Gatt **St Anne's Church** – Skeeter Jacob Cedric D'Souza Beth Girdwood Nilu Perera **COUNTERS:** Angelo & Patricia Altair Sally Rodrigues **GIFT SHOP:** Pat & Peter Readman John Porta **LECTORS:** Michael Hetherington Peter Readman Des Dowling Jane Voon **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 5.30pm Mimi Quattrone Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Calvin Ryan Pauline Sharma Angelo Snell Dawn Westwood Sue Wight 8.30am Monica Allen Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Liz Richards Carmel Wiegerink 10.30am Anne Smith John & Sheila Stafford Moira Sullivan Aileen & Terry Sweeney Grace Tucker Tony Hendy 5.00pm Will Honner Rita Rocco Maria Mallia **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sue Wight Donna Mihos