



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

**St Anne's School:** 9744 3055

**Principal:** Noelene Hussey

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel School:** 9740 7344

**Principal:** Julie Freeman

**Holy Trinity School:** 9744 1060

**Principal:** Krystine Hocking

**9 September 2018**

**23rd Sunday Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7

**Psalm Response:** Psalm 145:7-10

**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

**Second Reading:** James 2:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:** Matthew 4:23

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Ingrid ARVINE Raymond CABRAL Darryl CAMPBELL Christopher DOUTRE Patricia DUNNE Lucilla GHERBINI Virginia JEWERS Diamond JACOB Jan & Peter KEOGH Emilia LIM Ann MAGUIRE Joseph NAIR Nadine O'RILEY Trevor PALMER Tina RODRIGUEZ Helen TAVAROS Christine THOMPSON

**Recently Deceased:** Wilson BUCUD Sr Tess CRESP MSC Theresa DEBONO Patricia MCINERNEY Lorna MCKENZIE

**Anniversaries:** Anthony ATTARD Emanuel ATTARD Candida CABRAL Stella CARUANA Anne & Harry DENNER Jack DORNEY Sophie FERNANDES Albert JANSEN Florie MATHEW Charles MUSCAT Vince MUSCAT Pauline SAMMIT

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Fr Richard Leonard SJ tells a beautiful story which he found on the internet.

A baby girl was seriously ill in a neonatal ICU. The paediatric specialist gave her no hope. Michael, the five-year-old brother of the baby, kept begging his parents to let him see his baby sister. 'I want to sing to her,' he kept saying. Children were not allowed in the ICU, but Michael's mother relented, and allowed Michael to have his wish. When he got to the crib he sang:

***You are my sunshine, my only sunshine,***

***You make me happy when skies are grey.***

The nurse reported that as Michael sang the baby's pulse rate began to calm down and become steady. 'Keep on singing, Michael,' encouraged his mother with tears in her eyes.

***You never know, dear, how much I love you.***

***So please, don't take my sunshine away.***

The baby recovered and left hospital three weeks later. Was Michael responsible for healing his sister? We can't be sure. But we should never underestimate the power of human support and love.

A family member faces a deadly disease. Your friend desperately needs Jesus but turns away each time you try to share your faith. You see evil all around you but what can you do? Often, the problems of the world seem too big for us. It is in times like this when all we can do is pray. We turn to the Lord and intercede on behalf of the world. An important part of the Mass is ***The Prayers of the Faithful***, the prayers of intercession, where we pray to God not only for our personal needs, but for the needs of others, the needs of the Church, and the needs of the wider world.

Today's gospel story of the healing of the deaf-mute is of particular interest. It is one of the few stories where the crowd intercedes on behalf of their friend and makes the request of healing from Jesus. This is understandable since the man cannot speak for himself. People ask me to pray for them; and I do. But I'm not sure my prayers are powerful enough. Some people pray to their favourite saint to intercede on their behalf. That is a better idea. Of course, Mary is the greatest intercessor after Jesus. Often our prayers, addressed to the Father, are concluded thus: 'We make this prayer... ***through Christ our Lord.***' Jesus is the greatest Mediator between God and Man.

The prayer of intercession pleads with God for your needs and the needs of others. Jesus taught us to call God '***Our Father***' so that makes us children of God. As children we have a direct "hotline" to God. At any time of need we can boldly turn to God in prayer. People often ask their priest to offer Mass for a sick or deceased relative, and that is a good practice, for the Eucharist is the greatest source of grace. The priest stands in the place of Christ who intercedes for us before the Father.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb



**MORNING TEA** will be available in the Parish Hall after 10.30am Mass and will be hosted by Catholic Super. All Welcome.

**BEING SYNODAL:** The word "synod" comes from the Greek, "path together"- Synodality means we accompany each other on the journey.

In his Jubilee Address of 7 October 2015, Pope Francis taught that synodality is a constitutive element of the Church- it is not optional. In October 2017, the International Theological Commission published a paper on synodality. Though the word synod is not used in the documents of Vatican II, synodality summarises the fundamental eulogy of Vatican II because synodality emphasizes the Church as the People of God and a co-communion.

**SYNODALITY IN ACTION:** to exercise synodality at all levels of the Church as Pope Francis teaches, we need four beliefs:

- We need to believe the Spirit generously gives diverse but complementary gifts to all Christians. We all have some gifts for the common good; none of us have all the gifts

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Cont. b. we need to believe that mutual listening is essential and we must freely speak, listening is more than hearing— Pope Francis

- c. We need to believe that cooperation is invaluable. We need to discern the movement of the Spirit and make a decision.
- d. We need to believe clericalism is the anti-thesis of synodality. Clericalism is always based on false superiority and exclusion of others. We are to be all on the journey together.

**PLENARY COUNCIL:** This is a wonderful opportunity to be synodal. To listen to the Spirit, to speak boldly and share our gifts as we are all co-responsible for the mission of the Church. Archbishop Tim Coselloe will speak to us next Sunday by video.

**TREE REMOVAL:** following the advice of two arborists and with the approval of Hume Council, a gum tree in the grounds of OLMC School is being removed as branches are falling off the tree.

**CHILD PROTECTION EFFORTS PRAISED:** The Catholic Church in Australia is among the top five countries worldwide in adopting processes to safeguard children and vulnerable people. Since the guidelines and processes have been put in place new allegations of abuse have dropped to almost zero said Fr Hans Zollner SJ, priest and psychotherapist. He is visiting Australia for the third time in three years and is the president of the Centre for Protection of Children at the Gregorian University in Rome. He is a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors since 2014. In Australia this week, he said during the past decade, the Catholic Church had certainly moved in the right direction in Australia, particularly with the establishment of Catholic Professional Standards Limited (CPSL).

On the pastoral level, Fr Zollner acknowledged the difficult time for the survivors of abuse, as well as for Catholics, including the many committed priests.

.....Kevin McIntosh

#### MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 11 Sept	11am	Holy Trinity Site Meeting
	3-5pm	Holy Trinity Enrolment Meetings
Wed 12 Sept	9am	Visit of Bishop Terry Curtin
	5pm	Parish Education Board

**WELCOME:** to all the children and their families, who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the next few weeks. This Sunday at all Masses, the children will receive the "Sorry Prayer". It is very important we all know when to say "Sorry" and to be gracious in accepting when someone says "Sorry" to us. Please continue to pray for the children as they prepare for this important Sacrament and learn the importance of forgiveness in their lives.

**EVERGREENS OUTING:** regrettably, our planned trip to the Flemington Racecourse on Wednesday 26 September is cancelled due to their running a special race meeting. Since, we have booked a bus from Hume Council for the Wednesday 26 September, we have decided to take an outing to the new Werribee Shopping Plaza. Bus is free. Lunch is your own. Meet 9.15am St Anne's Church Foyer. Those interested please call Joe 9744 2620 or Colin 9744 6015 and leave your name and contact number.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** and welcome to Nevinka Makewitaga the new member of our Altar Server team.

**OLIVE WOOD GIFTS AVAILABLE:** Next weekend a family from Bethlehem ( Holy land ) will be setting up a display in St Anne's church foyer to sell hand made olive wood religious items ( crosses , rosaries , gift sets , nativity scene ) made by the last Christians in Bethlehem . The proceeds of the sale helps the Christian families in Bethlehem to stay in the holy land and support their parishes.

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

Isabella JOHNSON

Abby LEWIS

Lily REES

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



**FOR THE LOVE OF GOD:** St Mary's Anglican Church, Sunbury have organised a special event that we would like to invite you and your church to be part of a private screening of the highly acclaimed "For the Love of God" documentary movie that has been made by the Centre for Public Christianity. The screening will be held on Monday 17 September at 7.00pm at Hoyts Watergardens.

<https://fan-force.com/screenings/for-the-love-of-god-hoyts-cinemas-watergardens/>

In order for the movie to go ahead, we need to sell a set number of tickets before 7 September.

**HUME CITY COUNCIL PROGRAMS FOR YOU:** Seniors Rights is presenting an information session for seniors to provide education to help prevent elder abuse and safeguard the rights, dignity and independence of older people. This is an interactive session which includes a DVD and group discussion.

When: Wednesday 19 September

Venue: Broadmeadows Global Learning Centre, Room 4

Address: 1093 Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows

Time: 10.30am-1.30pm

Cost: Free

Books Essential. RSVP Joe 9744 2620 (transport will be arranged) by Sunday 9 September. Pick up at St Anne's Church 9.15am

**PAY IT FORWARD 2018:** You are invited to dine and celebrate 5 years of service in the Sunbury Community for the Sunbury Neighbourhood Kitchen. Experience what the wonderful volunteers provide for the less fortunate each week and help to continue providing this important service by making a minimum contribution of \$40.

When: Monday 24 September

Time: 5.15pm-9.00pm

Where: Sunbury Memorial Hall, Stawell Street, Sunbury

Cost: \$40 per head

Delicious 3 course buffet meal with tea and coffee provided, BYO alcohol, Entertainment, Auction Prizes.

This year we will be joined by 4 amazing musicians who provide the night with some funky tunes to dance the night away. We will be joined by the following:

Marty Rose Pip Joyce Ken Murdoch Cameron Williams

Book via [www.trybooking.com/XUKD](http://www.trybooking.com/XUKD) or contact Marianne Williams 0419 369 446 or contact@snk.org.au

Donation

Details: Bendigo Bank

BSB No.: 633 000

Account: 157 593 122

Ref: PIF (Name)

Your contribution will Pay Forward 10 meals for the less fortunate.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** every second Sunday young adults gather at St Monica's Moonee Ponds. It is a great opportunity for our young adults who are living in Northern region to meet each other and share our hospitality and faith. Our "True North" last meeting was on 12th August. I would like to let you know that our next gathering will be:

**Next group gathering:** 9th September, 6.30pm - 8pm, St Monica's Parish, Moonee Ponds (Mass at 5.30pm)

Topic: Plenary Council 2020 All Welcome.

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL— PROGRESS REPORT:** last week, the brickwork began on the eastern section of the school and this week, the roof will be put on. Further families wishing to enroll for next year will be interviewed this week.

#### ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

**ALTAR CARE:** Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Snell Family **St Anne's Church** – Nil **COUNTERS:** Kelly Stark Vern & Maureen Walters **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Frances Arians **LECTORS:** Paul Hogan Adelfo Hipolito Mary Reay Teresa Quin **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 5.30pm Patricia & Angelo Altair Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Paul Fanning James Francis Albert & Diana Mastramico 8.30am Monica Allen Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Liz Richards Carmel Wiegierink 10.30am John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis Olga Ellul Johanna Fahey Tony Hendy Gary Plummer 5.00pm Will Honner Rita Rocco Maria Mallia **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Carol Preaudet Carlo D'Amico