



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
Frid	9.15am	St Anne's
	2.30pm	St Anne's-Funeral Nicholas Matak

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: Noeline Hussey

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344

Principal: Julie Freeman

Holy Trinity School: 0473 925 326

Principal: Krystine Hocking

7 October 2018

27th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm Response: Psalm 127

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel Acclamation: 1 John 4:12

Alleluia! Alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:10-16

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Ingrid ARVINE Raymond CABRAL Elaine CASTLE Christopher DOUTRE Terry FORAN Tony HETHERINGTON Anne HOLLOWAY Diamond JACOB Jan & Peter KEOGH Emilia LIM Eden LISTER Ann MAGUIRE Marie MAHONY Joseph NAIR Cassandra O'KEEFE Trevor PALMER Alen POUNDER Pio ROCCO Tina RODRIGUEZ Beth WARBURTON

Recently Deceased: Sr Mariana HANDLEY NDS Nicholas MATAK Lorna MCKENZIE Linda WARREN Fr Peter WOOD MSC

Anniversaries: Joyce AQUILINA Vincenzo BRULLO Kate D'ABREW



GUARDIAN ANGELS

On Tuesday 2 October, we celebrated the feast of the Guardian Angels. Some people – like the Sadducees of old – do not believe in angels. I myself certainly do not believe in the winged bodily creatures depicted in holy pictures. Angels are pure spirits. I suppose if I were an artist I would find it difficult to draw a dis-embodied spirit. People are entitled to believe what they want, but in the gospel story angels feature quite prominently. In the gospel of Luke an angel foretells the births of Jesus and John the Baptist. At the birth of Jesus angels appear to shepherds in the fields. In the gospel of Matthew an angel appears to Joseph and persuades him not to divorce Mary, but to take her as his wife. In the same gospel an angel appears to Joseph in a dream warning him of Herod's evil intentions. Angels minister to Jesus after he is tempted by Satan in the desert. An angel comforts Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus himself showed belief in angels. Belief in the Guardian Angel is belief in God's loving, solicitous care for us. Many Catholics say this prayer to their Guardian Angel every morning:

O Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me hear,
Ever this day be at my side,
To rule and guard, to light and guide,
AMEN.,

St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090 – 1153) delivered a beautiful sermon on the Guardian Angel. I quote bits of it:

God has given his angels charge of you, to guard you in all your ways. Let the Lord be thanked for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to the sons of men. Let the nations praise him and say that the Lord has done great things for them. Lord, what is man that you made so much of him, that you set your mind upon him? You are solicitous for him, you care for him. And that no being in heaven may rest from the work of caring for us, you send those blessed spirits to minister to us. You assign them to watch over us, you bid them be our guardians.

God has given his angels charge of you, to guard you in all your ways. What reverence this saying should instil in you, my people, what devotion it should stir up, what trust it should inspire! The angels are present to you, not merely accompanying you, but watching over you. They are present in order to protect you, in order to help you. They obey God's bidding, so we should not be ungrateful to them, for they obey with great love and are at our side in our need. Let us then be devoted and grateful to such guardians.

Though we are children and the road ahead of us is so long, and not only long but dangerous, what have we to fear with such guardians? God's angels are faithful, wise and powerful, so what have we to fear? Never shall we be led astray if we follow them. Under their guidance we shall abide in the shade of the Almighty.

St Bernard

So, let us be thankful to God who has shown us how much he cares for us. With the faithful people of God let us pray. Lord, God of hosts, in your all-wise providence you send angels to guard and protect us. Surround us with their watchful care on earth and give us the joy of their company for ever in heaven. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE

At today's Masses speakers are talking about our Information Sessions being held on Thursday 18 October 1.30pm or 7.30pm.

We urge everyone to consider attending one of these sessions to give you a better understanding of the whole of the Plenary Council process. You will have seen our billboards around town and also in the coming week you can expect to find a flyer in your letterbox which invites everyone to come to our Info Sessions. By doing this we are trying to broaden awareness in response to Archbishop Tim Costello's plea that the church needs to listen to everyone, without exception and regardless of anyone's standing within the church.

Parish Plenary Committee:

Parish Plenary Contact:

Phone: 0473 118 257

Email: sunbury.plenary@cam.org.au

Website: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

SHINING A LIGHT ON THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

This Sunday is Observance Sunday for Vincentians to thank everyone for all the support offered to SVDP over many years in this parish and town since 1955. I would like to shine a light on two programs the Society operates in Sunbury.

Firstly, our Vinnies shop where pre-loved goods are made available for sale. Shop funds raised are used to provide for our home visits. In the past 12 months the Society has assisted over 796 visits and given material assistance to the value of \$115,761.00. I thank our volunteers who give so much of their time, love and support to those who come into the store to look, buy or just to chat.

Secondly, home visits, where pairs of volunteers visit those who have fallen on bad times. Without these dedicated volunteers this program would not survive.

Home visitors (conference members) meet once a fortnight in St Anne's Church to pray, reflect on Bible readings and then respond to those in need. By doing this members develop both their spiritual selves and practical ways of helping others, so becoming closer to what God wants us to be.

We welcome new members for these programs. Please contact incoming President, John Stafford on 0411 151 663 or out-going President Jane Voon on 0498 014 246 or Shop Manager Helen Lee on 9744 1447 or many of the members circulating after **8.30 Mass at morning tea today**, if you would like any more information.

Once again, thank you, so much for making a difference to the lives of struggling families in Sunbury.

Jane Voon SVDP

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: It costs \$45 per month for the Jakarta-based LAP team to provide each of the 147 children in their care with formula milk and multivitamin medication to maintain their fragile health. Your generous donations have enabled LAP to continue the care for these poverty-stricken children. Accordingly, the Parish will be conducting a fundraising appeal at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause, Victoria Fitzpatrick, Mick Hetherington, Frank O'Connor, Teresa Quin, Jill and Tony Kiley.

Overseas Humanitarian Project Committee will host morning tea after 8.30am Mass on **Sunday 14 October**. All welcome.

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

Aleyah BORG

Harrison LANCASHIRE We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



MODIFIED PARISH PRAYER: The Liturgy Team have amended the Parish Prayer in support of the importance of the Plenary Council. You will notice the Parish Prayer is modified and will remain the modified version until Ash Wednesday 2019—when the work for the Plenary Council has been completed at Parish Level. As mentioned at all Masses last weekend, our Parish is planning an Information Session about the Plenary Council on **18 October** led by Fr Noel Connolly from the Plenary Council Facilitation Team.

SCHOOL FUNDING CHANGES SUPPORT FAMILIES: The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) fully supports the package of funding changes for non-government schools announced by the Federal Government on 20 September. The NCEC stressed the changes will have no impact on the funding levels of government schools, as they only affect funding support for non-government schools.

Nationally, Catholic schools educate more than 765,000 students—one in five Australian students in 1,741 schools, the vast majority of these are low fee schools.

When the Victorian Government releases the new planning schemes for Sunbury, there will be three sites for new Catholic schools to meet the demand of parents for Catholic education. Our present Sunbury schools have not been able to accept all enrolment applications in recent years; such is the demand for our schools.

UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY: Wednesday 24 October 9.30am-1pm at Broadmeadows Aquatic & Leisure Centre, Broadmeadows. Multicultural crafts, storytelling, games, an animal farm and much, much more. Lunch will be provided. Presented by Hume in partnership with the Victorian Government. More info at hume.vic.gov/childrensdays

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage! Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.* **2018 Melbourne weekend dates: 9-11 November 2018 Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.** Information/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au

ASSIGNMENTS ABROAD: could your skills assist communities overseas? How does the Palms approach work? Just want to know more? Palms Info Night: **Tuesday 16 October 5.30pm** Ross House, Jenny Florence Room, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. www.palms.org.au/events or 02 9560 5333

THE 2018 HUME CITY COUNCIL SENIORS FESTIVAL BIG DAY OUT Friday 26 October 10.30am—2pm at Lynda Blundell Seniors Centre - 185-225 Blair Street, Dallas. Cost FREE transport FREE entertainment FREE. Call Joe on 9744 2620 for transport by Monday 22 October. Meet near St Anne's Church Friday 9.15am. See poster on noticeboard.

EVERGREENS COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday 16 October 1.30pm St Anne's Church Meeting Room. Rep from Parish Plenary Committee will address us.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Jo S **CLEANING:** OLMC Church—Yvonne Sparks **St Anne's Church** – Nil **COUNTERS:** Frank Busuttill Jenny & Peter Ryan **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Frances Arians **LECTORS:** Phyllis Jacob Peter Readman Christine Wallace Jane Voon **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **5.30pm** Vicki Heath Garnet Jacob Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jim O'Brien Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard **8.30am** Monica Allen Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Liz Richards Carmel Wiegerink **10.30am** Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose' Noy Br Barry Parker Mark Perry Gary Plummer Moira Sullivan Christine Cassar **5.00pm** Will Honner Rita Rocco Maria Mallia **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sue Wight Donna Mihos