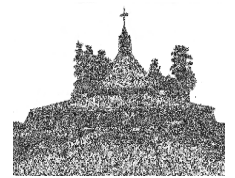




OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH
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Liturgy Times next Week

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
Fri	9.15am	St Anne's

Baptisms celebrated on Sundays. Please contact the Parish Office for details of the next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
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: 0473 925 326
Principal: Krystine Hocking

11th November 2018

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm Response: Psalm 145:7-10

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 5:3

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of
heaven is theirs!**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Ingrid ARVINE Leonie BOURKE
Raymond CABRAL Elaine CASTLE
Christopher DOUTRE Terry FORAN Tony
HETHERINGTON Jan & Peter KEOGH Emilia
LIM Eden LISTER Ann MAGUIRE Joseph
NAIR Cassandra O'KEEFE Rocel PACETE
Trevor PALMER Jinky RITCHIE Carmelita
ROCCO Pio ROCCO Tina RODRIGUEZ

Recently Deceased: Maria SCICLUNA

Anniversaries: Mary FAHY Ron PLUMMER
Alby TORR Joan WATMOUGH Stephen
WOODS

Special Collection
Fr Bert's Retirement
This week & Next Week

CHRISTIAN LOVE

I failed to write a reflection on last Sunday's gospel. I had not meditated enough on its message to offer you much in the way of wisdom. This is how the gospel went:

One of the scribes ran up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?'

We know the answer Jesus gave: 'Love God and love your neighbour as yourself.' There is one Lord, a God of love. We are to listen and receive his love so that we may come to know we are lovable, and, having received love, we can pass it on to others. Jesus dipped into the Scriptures for his twofold answer. The Book of Deuteronomy supplied part 1 of the answer, and the Book of Leviticus supplied part 2. So, Jesus was not being original. However, Jesus was the first to connect the two together. On the three partite love of God, self and neighbour hangs the whole law governing human living and behaviour. St John understood well the teaching of Jesus on love, and he expressed his understanding in his first letter.

*Behold, let us love one another; because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for **God is love**. God's love for us was revealed in this way: God sent his Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, **not that we loved God, but that God loved us first by sending his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins**. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God, but, if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. (1 John 4:7-12)*

The truth that God loves me – whoever I am – suggests two things: (i) I need to love God back, returning love for love; and (ii) if God loves me, that means I am loveable. Despite my faults and failures, God does not take back his love. If God loves me, why should I hate myself? So, the command to love my neighbour as myself makes sense, because God loves my neighbour as well. My neighbour is also loveable, even though he/she through bad behaviour might be obnoxious. We are even commanded to love our enemy. Our enemy is also loved by God.

The priest last Sunday made a good point. He suggested that the person who hates him/her self, and who is full of self-loathing, is incapable of loving others. One must first discover love in oneself before passing on that love to others. The question is: **What does love look like?** St Paul has the answer.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Cor 13:4-7)

If I speak with the tongues of mortals or of angels, but do not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and have all knowledge; and if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, it profits me nothing. (1 Cor 13:1-3)

The last words belong to John the Beloved disciple.

God is love, and those abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because God loved us first. Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. (1 Jn 4:16, 18-20)

Fr Bert Fulbrook SDB

FR BERT RETIREMENT CELEBRATION: our parish would like to celebrate Fr Bert's retirement with a celebration on Sunday 2 December at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Please RSVP to the parish office on 9744 1060 asap. Also, special collections will be taken up for a gift for Fr Bert on the weekends of 10/11 & 17/18 November. You may also drop donations in to the parish office in an envelope. Please bring a plate to share.

PLENARY COUNCIL SUNBURY PARISH: 68 parishioners plus 15 parishioner facilitators met over two Listening and Dialogue sessions on Thursday 8th. The groups reflected on and shared their responses to *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time."* A summary of the responses will be provided in next weeks bulletin. Further opportunities to join the process or meet again in Listening and Dialogue sessions will be provided on Thursday 22nd at 1pm to 2.30 or 7.30pm to 9pm.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: this year we will be hosting the Our Lady of Fatima Statue from Saturday 10 November until Friday 16 November. Legion of Mary has organized a schedule of activities while we are hosting Our Lady's Statue.

- Saturday 10 November 4.30pm Rosary Procession St Anne's Church followed by Mass at 5.30pm with a cuppa afterwards
- Sunday 11 November after 10.30am—Holy Rosary with Litany and Catena to be led by Legionaries
- Monday 12 November 9.15am Communion Service; 10am 4 Rosaries, intentions for Peace for the World; 2pm Fatima statue taken to OLMC School for students
- Tuesday 13 November; Communion Service followed by Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist until 1pm. At 12.30pm Angelus and close with a hymn
- Wednesday 14 November 9.15am **Holy Mass** with 100 children from St Anne's school.
- Thursday 15 November 9.15am Communion Service followed by Rosary Litany and Hymn, Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist for 1 hour. Angelus concludes prayers and cuppa hosted by Legion of Mary
- Friday 16 November 9.15am **Holy Mass** followed by Procession from Church to Parish Centre for St Anne's students to release balloons.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU: Fr Patrick Purcell will celebrate our 5.30pm Mass this weekend. Fr Jan Szveda will be celebrating the 8.30am & 10.30am and Fr Patrick will be back to celebrate our 5pm Mass. We sincerely thank Fr Patrick & Fr Jan for visiting our parish and celebrating Mass with us.

MORNING TEA: will be hosted by Jacksons Hill Neighbourhood on Sunday 18 November after 8.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

THANK YOU: to the Rosary group, Bible group and parishioners for their support and prayers for my sick mother, Maria Scicluna, who entered eternal life on 25 October 2018. ...Dolores Krusinski

AWAKENING AUSTRALIA: is a call for all Christians to come together to pray for Australia. It will be held at Marvel Stadium (previously Etihad Stadium) from Friday November 16 to 18. There will be continuous praise and worship interspersed with talks from Christian Evangelists, both local and international. Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be supporting this event along with many churches from Victoria and Australia. This is a ticketed event and tickets which cover the three days are \$20.00 and can be purchased online from <https://www.awakeningaustralia.org>. For more information please go to the website or contact Elaine on 0418 322 596.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: November is the month where we remember our deceased loved ones. Our book of remembrance will be at both churches again this year. We invite you to take a sheet and write your loved ones names on it, and it will be placed in the book of remembrance and brought up with the of-

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE: Catholic Social Services are holding a workshop in our parish. It is being held on

Wednesday 28 November

7.00pm—9.00pm in the Parish Centre

101 Riddell Road, Sunbury.

Please RSVP to the parish office on 9744 1060 by 21 November 2018. Sr Nicole Rotaru rsm will be the facilitator and she will speak about understanding and responding to domestic violence. Please let us know of any special dietary requirements. All welcome.

REMEMBRANCE DAY: Today as Australia remembers the sacrifices of our service men and women there is the annual Prayer Service at our Sunbury War Memorial on the Village Green, beginning at 10.30am led by the Ministers of Sunbury. The RSL invites all citizens to support their care for those who have served in the armed forces.

ADVENT MASSES:

Thursday 29 November	7.30pm	Parish Memorial Mass— St Anne's Church
Friday 30 November	2.30pm	Goonawarra Nursing Home
Wednesday 5 December	10.30am	Parish Mass with Anointing— St Anne's
Tuesday 11 December	2.30pm	Lions Hostel
Friday 21 December	2.30pm	Riddell Gardens Aged Care

ADVENT PROGRAM—"SAVIOUR": Diocese of Wollongong have produced a beautiful Advent resource called "Saviour". These will be available shortly from the Piety Stall for \$5 each. The resource provides reflective pieces to help bring a more spiritual experience leading up to the joyful birth of Christ.

PARISH EVERGREENS NEWS: these are our last two activities for 2018. Come and share time together and enjoy.

- An invitation from OLMC School Grade Prep to have lunch with them on Tuesday 20 November. Please arrive 12.15pm for lunch at 12.30pm. Will be a great afternoon. Please contact Colin or Coreen Wilson on 9744 6015 by Wednesday 14 November for catering purposes.
- Evergreens Christmas Break Up Lunch: Tuesday 4 December 12.15pm Sunbury Football Club
Cost \$20 pp for a 3 course meal, Money due on day

Door Prize: Names and numbers due by 25 November. Please contact Coreen & Colin Wilson on 9744 6015. Let's get together and celebrate a very happy and successful year.

Next Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday 13 November, 1.30pm in St Anne's Church Meeting Room.

GIANT CAR BOOT SALE & CRAFT MARKET : on Saturday 17th November, 8.30am—2pm (Sunbury Uniting Church and the Village Green) with over 60 cars plus craft stalls inside – a great Christmas shopping opportunity! Also a coffee van, our famous Devonshire tea/coffee (inside), sausage sizzle, donuts, huge second hand book stall, live music and things for kids to do – pony rides, jumping castle, lucky dips, face painting, fairy floss, popcorn, show bags. Sites still available but be quick! Contact Helen on 0407 506 507.

RUPERTSWOOD HARVEST DAY: at Salesian College Sunbury on 28 October, attracted an estimated 3,500 visitors who were impressed at the continuing development of agricultural science at the College.

PROGRESS REPORT—HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: at the site meeting last Wednesday, the builders and architects reported that with the roof now fully laid there were no leaks after the torrential rain on Cup Day when Sunbury received the highest rainfall in Melbourne. External windows and doors are 95% installed. The sportsground is being prepared for asphaltting. The plastering will be completed tomorrow when the permanent fencing will be commenced. The project is on time.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Jo Spiteri **St Anne's Church—** Lisa Crotty Chris Perry Julie Daniels **COUNTERS:** Angelo Altair Patricia Altair Sally Rodrigues **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS:** Felicity Wicks Della Oswald Christine Wallace Jo Spiteri **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 A drew Swann Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson Ann Chircop 10.30am John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis Olga Ellul Johanna Fahey Tony Hendy Grace Tucker 5.00pm William Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Carol Preaudet **No 10.30am session**