



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,

SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

Parish Office: 101 Riddell Road Sunbury 3429 Ph: 9744 1060

Email: sunbury@cam.org.au Website: olmcsunbury.com



### Liturgy Times this Week

Sat	5.30pm	St Anne's
Sun	8.30am	St Anne's
	10.30am	St Anne's
	5.15pm	St Anne's
Mon	9.15am	St Anne's-Liturgy of Word
Tues	2.30pm	Lions Hostel- with Anointing of Sick
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
Fri	9.30am	OLMC- Thanksgiving for School year
Sat	7.30pm	OLMC Carols & Readings

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**OLMC 10am- 10.30am**

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

### **9 December 2018**

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm Response: Psalm 125

**The Lord has done great things for us; we  
are filled with joy.**

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6,8-11

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 3:4,6

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight  
his paths; all people shall see the salvation  
of God.**

**Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

### **LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Ingrid ARVINE Leonie BOURKE Victor  
BOWELL Elaine CASTLE William DE LA  
PENA Christopher DOUTRE Tony  
HETHERINGTON Kevin HULL Jan & Peter  
KEOGH Eden LISTER Joseph NAIR Rocel  
PACETE Trevor PALMER Carmelita ROCCO  
Pio ROCCO Tina RODRIGUEZ Beryl  
SLOCOMBE

**Recently Deceased:** Maria CORICA

Guillermo REYES

**Anniversaries:** Perc HAMILTON

### *Special Collection*

*This Sunday*

*Melbourne Overseas Mission*

### *John the Baptist- Our "road works" overseer*

We are used to heavy earth-moving equipment and technology that can speed travelers on their way- cutting out sharp bends, smoothing treacherous bumps, straightening dangerous curves to give us a clearer and safer view of what is ahead or oncoming. Advent is the season of Christian "road works", with John the Baptist as our overseer. With John's voice, the church asks us, both personally and communally, to level and straighten out whatever is an obstacle or danger on our journey to God. What are the "potholes" in our discipleship, those sins of omission? From what do we need to be converted if we are to make the way smoother for others who find it difficult to travel to God because of our intolerant or erratic behavior? Do we indulge in outbursts of destructive "road rage" toward our sisters and brothers as we all try to follow the way of the gospel? Have we a kingdom vision that can enable us to see around the twists and turns of personal tragedy or ecclesial failure and recognize there an advent of Christ- his presence with us in the suffering, dying and rising from these painful realities?

..... Sr Verna Holyhead SGS

**Our Loving Farewell to Fr Bert:** Last Sunday about 300 of us brought our lunch to share in the Parish Centre to express our thanks and support for Fr Bert on his 82nd Birthday. It was an emotional occasion as Fr Bert told us how he decided to leave war ravaged Malta as a 13 year old child and came to Australia never seeing his mother again. In Western Australia, he and other children were placed on a farm run by the Christian Brothers whom he admired so much that he became a Christian Brother doing his teacher training in Melbourne. After 30 years, Br Bert moved to the Salesians being ordained in 1991. We have been blessed to have received his service over the last eleven years.

We have enjoyed his humour, his articles in the newsletter. We have admired his struggle with mobility, serving us until it was physically impossible to continue.

Parishioners have donated very generously as a sign of their appreciation. We are grateful he is able to move to St Joseph's Home this week.

.....Kevin McIntosh

**Ecumenical Christmas Carols Service:** will be held on Saturday 15 December at 7.30pm in OLMC Church. The Sunbury Combined Chorale will lead the singing. Between the hymns bible readings focus on the predictions of the birth of a savior and the fulfillment of the promise at Bethlehem. The service is modelled on the world famous service from King's College Chapel, Cambridge. Please bring a plate to share.

**Holy Trinity School- Progress Report:** at the site meeting last Tuesday, builders stated that concreting and brick laying was to be completed by yesterday, paving to be completed by next Wednesday. Electricity and Telstra have been connected. The multi-sport court has been completed. Thirty workers were on site some days last week. Induction sessions for new students concluded on Friday at the Parish Centre.

**Doreen Allen-100th Birthday:** as reported in the Star Weekly on 27 November, Doreen Allen celebrated her 100th Birthday early last month. Doreen says the secret to her longevity has been a healthy lifestyle and the love of her extended Whorlow family. Some words of wisdom to live by! We pray for Doreen to continue to enjoy good health and happiness.

**Parish Advent Reconciliation Service:** will be celebrated on Wednesday 19 December at 7.30pm in St Anne's church. Several priests will be present. All welcome.

**Blue Christmas:** will be held on Thursday 20 December at St Andrews Uniting Church, Sunbury at 7.30pm. This is a special celebration for those who struggle at Christmas time. Christmas can be very challenging for some people who are coming to terms with sadness and trauma in their lives. This service aims to bring hope to people at Christmas time.

*Special Collection Next Sunday*  
*Vinnies Christmas Appeal*

**ADVENT LITURGIES: please see below for the Services available during Advent.....**

Tuesday 11 December	2.30pm
Saturday 15 December	7.30pm
Wednesday 19 December	7.30pm
Thursday 20 December	7.30pm
Friday 21 December	2.30pm

Lions Hostel– Mass with Anointing  
 Festival of Carols & Readings OLMC Church  
 Reconciliation Service St Anne's Church  
 Blue Christmas- St Andrews Uniting Church  
 Riddell Gardens Aged Care– Mass with Anointing



**THANK YOU:** Good people of OLMC parish, thank you for great generosity; thank you for friendship; thank you for the privilege of serving you; and thank you for your good wishes for my retirement. Thank you to those who attended on Sunday; and thank you to those who because of other commitments were not able to attend. God bless you all.  
 .....Fr Bert

**STOP PRESS:** Fr Bert has been accepted for permanent care by The Little Sisters of the Poor in Northcote as of Monday 10 December. He is very happy with this and will receive the best of care at St Joseph's Home, St Georges Rd, Northcote.

**PLENARY COUNCIL: Does my voice, my experience, sharing my story really matter?**

Yes absolutely! Each of us is called as children of God to respond to Pope Francis' invitation to become a "synodal" Church – a Church of faith-filled people who speak boldly and with passion, and who listen deeply with an open and humble heart. In his address to the Bishops of the world, Pope Francis explains the importance of listening, dialogue and prayer. "A synodal Church is a Church which listens, which realises that listening is more than simply hearing. It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the 'Spirit of truth' (Jn 14:17), in order to know what he 'says to the Churches' (Rev 2:7)."

Please make your submission on line at  
[plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** In Victoria we have 110 Vinnies shops, with 6000 plus volunteers, overall the whole of the Society has 12,000 plus volunteers. Over the past 5 years homelessness has increased by 11%. There are 725,000 Victorians living in poverty. Demand for welfare assistance has risen by 40%. Over the last financial year the call centre received 57,293 calls for assistance. In our town of Sunbury the Conference will be giving 100 needy families gift cards to the value of over \$9000—to ensure every child in those families receive a gift this Christmas. The generous support from our parishioners goes a long way in making this act of charity to those less fortunate possible. Thanking you, one and all for your true friendship of the Society.

John Stafford—President—Sunbury Conference

**THANKSGIVING:** Thanksgiving Statements were sent to parishioners who contribute to the parish Thanksgiving program last Wednesday. Thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection from both churches from this week.

The following child will be baptized this Sunday:  
 Penelope MCKAY  
 We joyfully welcome them to our parish.

**WELCOME TO ADVENT 2018:** The theme for Advent for our parish will be "Grace of Waiting". We felt it an appropriate theme seeing as Advent is a time of waiting for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. And like Mary waiting for her precious son to be born, we too wait ....

**THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Sunbury Baptist Church and friends warmly invite you to the Gift of Christmas Lunch on December 25 11.30am-2pm at Sunbury Baptist Church, 207 Gap Rd, Sunbury. RSVP 9740 7683 or [admin@sunburybaptist.com](mailto:admin@sunburybaptist.com)

**MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL:** enables the work of missionaries across the world to support the needs of the poor and respond through the development of programs in healthcare, education and essential community infrastructures. Your support will enable Melbourne Overseas Mission to continue this vital work in developing countries. Please give generously.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES SETTING UP DAY:** our parish is very blessed to have amazing support from our parishioners, especially at this special time of year. We request helpers to set up St Anne's Church for Christmas Masses on Sunday 23 December straight after 10.30am Mass. If you are available, please help us.

**REMEMBRANCE CARDS:** there are remembrance cards for parishioners to complete for those who we can't celebrate Christmas with this year. Our loved ones may have entered eternal life or are in hospital, travelling afar or living abroad. You are welcome to complete a card and leave in the empty manger in the crib in St Anne's Church foyer.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

Tues	11.30am	Parish Education Board
Wed	1.15pm	Sub-committee of Parish Finance Council
Thurs	7.30pm	Plenary Council Committee
Fri	4.00pm	Parish Finance Council

**NATIVITY RE-ENACTMENT:** at the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass at St Anne's Church we will have the Nativity re-enactment. We need 12 children from St Anne's Primary School to be part of the re-enactment so that we can practice during lunch time before Christmas Eve. Please contact Jo asap at the office on 9744 1060 if your child would like to be part of this. All children are invited to dress as angels and shepherds when they attend 6pm Mass and they will be invited to sit around the Sanctuary while the re-enactment is taking place.

**ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND**

**ALTAR CARE:** Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Lucy Gatt **St Anne's Church—** Lisa Crotty Chris Perry Julie Daniels **COUNTERS:** Gerard Duggan Mimi Quattrone Anne McCormick **GIFT SHOP:** Carmel Wiegerink Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS:** Jan Gavaghan Adelfo Hipolito Des Dowling Patricia Altair **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 5.30pm Patricia & Angelo Altair Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Paul Fanning James Francis Albert & Diana Mastramico 8.30am Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Liz Richards Carmel Wiegerink Glenda Shanahan 10.30am John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis Olga Ellul Johanna Fahey Tony Hendy Gary Plummer 5.00pm William Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** 5.30pm Sue Wight 10.30am Carlo D'Amico

Volunteers Needed to help for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Celebrations:

Car Parking


which Mass?


Collectors

--

Musicians

which Mass?

Minister of Communion

which Mass?

Lectors

which Mass?...

...please detach and put in collection plate.