



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,

SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy Times

Mon	9.15am	St Anne's— Liturgy of Word
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
Fri	9.15am	St Anne's
Sat	5.30pm	St Anne's
Sun	8.30am	St Anne's
	10.30am	St Anne's
	5.00pm	St Anne's

Sacrament of Reconciliation OLMC 10-10.30am Saturday

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

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
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12 January 2020

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm Response: Psalm 28:1-4, 9-10

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 9:8

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Rany AZORES Laurence MILLETT Cassie O'KEEFE Phillip ROWAN Chris TELFER Ruth WEATE

Anniversaries: Giovanna BRULLO Shane CASTLES Peter & Ulyses D'SOUZA Jean DORNEY Norberpo GABALES Zenaida RIVERA Joe SPITERI Shirley WHORLOW



Parish Vision: Christlike relationships of friendship and faith, valuing one another and sharing our gifts for the good of all

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

When Jesus approaches John the Baptist for baptism, John recognises him as the Messiah that John has been preaching about, preparing his way. So John tries to reverse roles and force Jesus into a superior role to himself. (Matthew 3:13-17). But Jesus says just do like this for now and "do all that righteousness demands" - that is, carry out the will of God. God's will was that Jesus needed to be the sort of Messiah that did not sit within the expectations of the people who were hoping for a powerful, avenging Messiah—rather Jesus sees his role as a servant Messiah. Jesus submits to John's baptism showing the way of humility and gentleness.

THE SERVANT MESSIAH

Our first reading today (Isaiah 42:1-7) teaches the servant of God, the chosen one will not exercise harsh justice, but is committed to the needy and the marginalised. He came for people who are broken and suffering—the blind, the impoverished, the abandoned, etc. Today, the Messiah comes for those in Australia who have lost so much in the bushfires.

LEAVE IT LIKE THIS FOR NOW

There is comfort to be found in the words Jesus spoke to John, 'Leave it like this for the time being'. We can sometimes be frustrated by the slow pace of change in the world and in our own lives—we often want things to happen immediately, if not yesterday! But Jesus' words convey a sense that there is an order to things a right time for them to come about. 'Leave it like this for the time being' says, let things unfold in their own time without being anxious; work for change, but there is a proper time for things.

OUR CHURCH RESPONSE TO THE BUSHFIRES:

As part of a national response, parishes are encouraged to take up a special collection at Masses on Australia Day weekend. This concrete response can complement the work already taking place on the ground, led by governments and first responders, but augmented by faith communities and other groups.... A genuinely Catholic response to a crisis of this magnitude must draw strength from prayer which inspires concrete and compassionate action." **Help our neighbours by donating at www.vinnies.org.au or as part of our Parish Special Collection on Australia Day weekend.**

THE EVOLUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

The earliest Eucharists were home Masses using their own language, Aramaic and Greek. Latin appeared in the second half of the second century in North Africa and prevailed in the West until 1960's. The early Christians continued the Jewish practice of fasting from midnight. This practice was relaxed in 1960s'. The early Christians adopted Jewish blessings and readings of scriptures from the Bible with new letters from Paul, Peter, John and others.

SENSE OF UNWORTHINESS

For the first 800 years, ordinary bread was used. Then to counter the Arian heresy which said Jesus was not divine, the church stressed that Jesus was not only God but that he was the judge of all humankind and a severe judge at that. People then felt they should not touch this divine presence in the host, so receiving on the tongue became the norm, and kneeling to show penitence.

Around the 4th century, a new kind of vocabulary of awe and fear was attached to the Eucharist and Christians were reluctant to receive the Body and Blood of Christ out of their sense of unworthiness.

By the 13th century, the reception of communion had become so rare that the Church made a law that everyone must receive communion at least once a year. In early 20th century, Pope Pius X urged frequent communion.

After Emperor Constantine tolerated Christianity in 313, large public basilicas were built allowing processions of ministers and of bringing up the gifts. Sunday became a holiday, giving more time for Christians to celebrate. The liturgies became longer and more elaborate than home Masses.

ORIENTATION OF CHURCHES

In first churches, the altar was placed at the western end so the priest could face the east which was symbolic of the risen Christ. 8th century, the altar was moved to the eastern end, but the priest still faced east meaning his back was to the people, preventing them seeing what he was doing at the altar.

THE RESURRECTION FORGOTTEN

During the Middle Ages, Jesus' suffering and dying became the focus of the spirituality of the faithful while the resurrection was neglected. The Easter Vigil was dropped altogether. The main focus of the Eucharist was making the bread and wine into the 'real presence' of Christ. This led to devotions as Benediction, Forty Hours, etc. These are all good in themselves, but are not substitutes for receiving communion.

FURTHER CHANGES

From 14th century, the Precious Blood was not given to the laity. Altar rails were installed to define the sacred area, where only priests, male altar servers could be present during Mass. The Eucharistic prayer was recited silently by the priest, while many in the Church recited the Rosary and other prayers.

NEED FOR REFORM

A movement of reform began in 16th century. Pope Pius V in 1570 published a new missal returning beyond the Middle Ages back to the traditions of the early Church. The liturgical reform was promoted by the Benedictine monks in Belgium in 1880's. The first action of Pope John XXIII as Pope was to establish an institute for liturgy in Rome. In 1950's, the Easter Vigil was restored. In 1966, Vatican II made a mighty leap forward with the principal changes:-

- The Eucharist is celebrated in the local language.
- The presider faces the congregation.
- There are responses for the people.
- The laity may read and give communion.
- The gifts are brought to the altar by the laity.
- The Precious Blood is available to all.
- The music is better suited to the people.
- Fasting has been reduced to one hour.

This material is from the book by Rev Frank O'Dea SSS of Melbourne "Eucharist: The Basic Spirituality", which can be found online at www.theeucharist.wordpress.com.

..... Kevin McIntosh

ST ANNE'S CHURCH SECURITY: CCTV and alarms have been installed at St Anne's Church. The CCTV is now operational and is designed to help protect our people and assets.

Feedback from our Parish Survey advised that a review of the allocation and management of parish keys is required. To address this issue all locks to St Anne's Church, Parish Office and Parish Centre will be changed over the next few weeks. Application forms for new keys will be available from **20 January 2020** for parishioners who require access to these buildings. When the new keys are issued an alarm code will also be provided. Once the transition to the new keys has been completed the alarms to St Anne's Church will be activated. The Management of Parish keys will follow the guidelines of our insurer, Catholic Church Insurance.

PLENARY COUNCIL—CALL FOR DELEGATES: The Australian Bishops ask for four Catholics from each diocese to be delegates at the Council in October 2020 and June 2021. Each delegate will discern and take part in various forms. Application forms <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2RPTKHZ>. Closing date 24 January 2020.

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

Mikyla KRANJEC
Alejandro SERRANO
Frankie & Edie TAN

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



WELCOME: To Rev Desmond Daniels, a brother of Errol, one of our parish musicians. He is visiting from U.S.A and will preside at the 5.30pm Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS: Congratulations and welcome to the newest member of our team, Katarina Perkovic. We also see the retirement of Liam Fisher—we thank him for the great service and wish him all the best with his school studies.

SUNDAY MASSES DURING JANUARY & FEBRUARY— as is our custom, all Masses will be celebrated at St Anne's Church to **23 February 2020**. St Anne's has cooling for the health of all in summer.

OUR CHURCH URGES ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Last month, 197 countries were represented at the Cop24 meeting in Katowice, Poland. The Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin addressed the meeting calling for the achievement of the Paris Agreement goals of 2015. He said the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), reported in October 2019 that "a collective response" was needed to "work together to build our common home."

A few days later, the US, Saudi Arabia, Russia and Kuwait blocked the other 193 assembled countries from "welcoming" the IPCC report.

Caritas Australia, our national Catholic overseas aid organisation, has called on the Australian government to make climate change a priority through domestic emissions policies and international leadership, particularly focusing on our Pacific neighbours.

The Director of Caritas Tonga, Amelia Ma'afu said the Pacific countries were already experiencing the impacts of climate change. "In the Pacific, climate change is here," she said. "It is a question of us losing our home, our values and our lands.... a number of our countries are already facing migration due to the islands going underwater".

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS: thank you to all who have returned the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration to the Parish Office. These forms were sent out to all parishioners who currently volunteer in our parish. Please drop these forms into the collection plate at Mass.

If you haven't already done so, please ensure volunteers have updated their Working With Children Check to include the Parish as an organisation you work at. If you require any assistance with this, please contact the Parish Office.

To ensure all volunteers in the parish understand the importance of Child Safety (including Vulnerable Adults), the parish will be conducting Child Safe Workshops on Tuesday 21 January at 10am and 7pm in the Parish Centre. It is a requirement for all volunteers to attend at least one session per year.

If you can't get to the session on 21 January, we will hold another workshop on 23 June 2020.

We thank all volunteers for understanding that child safety is a priority for all parishes. When all volunteers understand their responsibilities then we will be ensuring our children and vulnerable adults will be safe from harm.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tues	14 Jan	7.00pm	Parish Child Safety Committee
Thurs	16 Jan	7.30pm	Parish Liturgy Team

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:

Tues	21 Jan	10am & 7.00pm	Safeguarding Children Workshop
			Sunbury Inter-Church Council
Wed	22 Jan		Parish Staff Inservice

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND— 18 January

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Nil **St Anne's Church—** Cedric D'Souza Beth Girdwood Nilu Perera **COUNTERS:** Jack Sullivan Janet Elliott Mary Reay **GIFT SHOP:** Pat & Peter Readman John Porta **LECTORS:** Jan Gavaghan Adelfo Hipolito Mick Hetherington Teresa Quin **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 5.30pm Rochelle Menezes Eileen Naylor Anthony Proctor Barry Roberts 4 Standby Ministers 8.30am Sigurd Rodrigues Peter Rush Ann Chircop Glenda Shanahan 4 Standby Ministers 10.30am Jennifer Poon Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose' Noy Terry Sweeney 4 Standby Ministers 5.00pm Alan Slocombe 2 Standby Ministers

Children's Liturgy of the Word: No Sessions during School Holidays