



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	9.30am	St Anne's-Ash Wednesday
	2.00pm	OLMC
	2.30pm	Holy Trinity
	7.30pm	St Anne's
Fri	9.15am	St Anne's
	7.00PM	St Anne's Way of the Cross
Sat	5.30pm	St Anne's
Sun	8.30am	St Anne's
	10.30am	St Anne's
	5.00pm	OLMC

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
Priest Assisting: Fr John Papworth SDB
Pastoral Assoc.: Sr Jose Noy RSJ
Pastoral Co-ord: Lyn Plummer
St Anne's School: 8746 6800
Principal: Noelene Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

23 February 2020

Ministry Commissioning Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 41:8-10, 13-14

Psalm Response: Psalm 99

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: 2 Corinth 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God,
the Father of all.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:1-5

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Colin BEAR Don CABRAL Nadia
CHRISTOPOLIS Royston LEVARO Rochella
MAGABILEN Michelle MIGLANS Martin
MULLINS Cassie O'KEEFE Emilee PALSER
Carmelita & Pio ROCCO Hubert ROZARIO
Christine RUSH Trevor SALTER

Recently Deceased: Joseph MUSCAT Fr Rod
PITTS

Anniversaries: Maria BARRO Vincenzo Brullo
Nicola & Maria CORICA John FERNANDEZ
Matthew FLANIGAN Walter GRECH James
MILLETT Ashby ROMEO

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

"I CAME TO SERVE, NOT TO BE SERVED." (MARK 10:45)

The night before Jesus died for us, he celebrates his last meal with his friends. Jesus rises and lays aside his garments to perform an act of service; next day, he will lay aside his own life. The "hour" has come: the hour of Jesus' love for his own to the very end, the hour when the Father has given all things into his hands.

John's gospel reminds us by the washing of the feet, this "parable in action", that Jesus is Servant, one who is ready to do the dirty jobs, to be at the bottom of society with the poor, the refugees, the unemployed, those living with a disability, etc.

THE HOMELINESS OF GOD: Peter finds Jesus as Servant hard to accept. He wants a Jesus who is Master, in whom Peter can feel secure. Rather than a powerful Messiah, Jesus kneels on the floor. To put one's feet in another's hands makes one vulnerable. Julian of Norwich described the scene as "the courtesy or homeliness of God." Jesus gives us an example: to get down and serve one another, despite the dust and smell and misunderstandings; to be hospitable to our sisters and brothers. "I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you." (John 13:5)

BEETHOVEN'S 250TH BIRTHDAY: is being celebrated around the world this year. His music "Ode to Joy" is used in our singing the "Gloria" at our Masses. He was born in Bonn, Germany in 1770. While his date of birth is uncertain, he was baptised on 17 December 1770. He composed 722 works. He composed "Ode to Joy" in 1824 in Vienna.

THE JOURNEY OF LENT AND EASTER: League footballers often remark that the pre-season training is the least pleasant time in the year. Lent is a season of preparing us for our renewal of our commitment to Christ and his Church when we shall renew our Baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. Lent can be seen positively as a time of taking on more, rather than giving up things— of making more time for prayer, for service to others, etc.

SUNBURY INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL: is also called Lay Ecumenical Council Inc. (LEC) which is made up of members of the seven Churches of Sunbury and coordinates prayer services and outreach. The Council meets about eight times a year. The Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 25 February at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Office, O'Shannassy St. More members are sought to join the group.

2021 SCHOOL ENROLMENTS— INFORMATION SESSIONS: our three Parish Schools will hold an Information Session at our Parish Centre on Thursday 12 March at 9.30am and 7pm for parents wishing to apply for enrolment next year. As our schools are very popular, late applications can be disadvantaged. This year, 1062 children are being educated at our schools.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Marilyn and Angela as their brother, Father Rod Pitts entered eternal life last Saturday aged 77 years. Rod attended CBC Parade College and then gained a science degree. He then began his formation as a priest and was ordained in 1971. He was in Forest Hill Parish for 15 years before his retirement due to dementia. Rod and I grew up six houses apart in the same street in East Preston. Rod used to take me to school. Later, he designed my ordination vestment. His Funeral is on Tuesday at 11am in St Timothy's Church, Forest Hill.

ASH WEDNESDAY: is on **Wednesday 26 February** and is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat:

• Prayer Self-Denial Helping Others
Those over 14 years are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their 18th year and not yet begun their 60th year are bound to fast. During Lent we are asked to devote ourselves in a special manner to prayer, engage in works of charity and be penitent. Each Catholic is obliged to receive Holy communion at least once per year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday 26 February and Trinity Sunday 7 June.

....Kevin McIntosh

SUNDAY EVENING MASS: will return to OLMC Church next Sunday 1st March at 5pm.

PROJECT COMPASSION: each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways Caritas Australia works around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Through a holistic approach Caritas is working with communities providing hope for a just and fair world regardless of their ethnicity, political beliefs, gender or religion. We are assisting women, children and men to break free from the cycle of poverty whilst ensuring they are the architects of their own development. Project Compassion boxes will be available for collection at Ash Wednesday Masses on 26 February.

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 are available from the Parish Office and in the entrance to St Anne's Church 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.

CATHOLICCARE BUSHFIRE RECOVERY APPEAL: CatholicCare warmly thanks our parish community for its generous donation to the recent Bushfire Recovery Appeal. Together we fulfil the Church's mission of service. Because of our parish's support, CatholicCare can help bushfire affected communities to identify their needs and deliver tailored programs to promote and strengthen community connections and resilience. Thank you for helping to bring hope and healing to East Gippsland families.

HELP SOUGHT: The Sunbury Churches who sponsor the Sunbury Winter Night Shelter are seeking the services of a building surveyor to help us satisfy the VBA on the venues of our Winter Shelters. Please contact Fr Kevin.

LENTEN RESOURCE AVAILABLE: the Archdiocese of Wollongong has developed a beautiful resource for Lenten reflection. It is available for purchase via the Piety Stall for \$10.

WAY OF THE CROSS: will be prayed using the sacred scriptures during Lent on Fridays at 7pm in St Anne's Church.

ROSARY: will be prayed at 5pm on Saturday in St Anne's Chapel prior to Mass.

SYMPOSIUM: CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR OUR ERA: "Brothers and sisters, Christendom no longer exists," Pope Francis said last December. Yet new spaces of encounter between Christians and others are opening up in the multicultural and pluralistic societies of today. Symposium is on Sunday 1 March 1.30-4.30pm at Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Pd, East Melbourne. Three international professors, Massimo Faggioli (Italy), Richard Lennon (NSW) and Mijcom Wujlens (Holland). RSVP 25 Feb Sarah Styring 9412 3366.

The following children from our parish will be baptised this Sunday: Lucas AYALA, Emma HOANG Sebastian GOIC
We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARISH VOLUNTEERS: twice in 2019 we asked our wonderful volunteers to pledge their support for the Parish— through the Stewardship Program in March 2019 then in Ministry Month in October 2019. We would like to acknowledge the amazing service done in our parish by the 185 volunteers who work to keep our parish vibrant and welcoming. This weekend we invite our volunteers to attend a commissioning service at all Masses. Vinnies will be at 10.30am Mass only.

VINNIES: today, we welcome the 150 volunteers of Vinnies from Bacchus Marsh, Kilmore, Melton, Seymour and Sunbury. They are part of the 12000 Vinnies volunteers in Victoria. The Sunbury Conference is helping 190 families in Sunbury. Today, they will re-commit their service to those in need.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP "ENGAGE" FUNDRAISER: will be held on **Friday 6 March from 6.30pm** in the Parish Centre. We are raising funds for "Petshaven" who shelter abandoned/abused animals. We will be running a Movie Night in the Parish Centre; the movie will be "How to train your Dragon 3" which is a fantastic family movie. Tickets cost \$10 and can be purchased via: <https://www.trybooking.com/BGVJB>. If you can't make it but want to support a very worthy cause, you can donate through: <https://give.everydayhero.com/au/sunbury-engage-pets-haven-movie-night>. Hope you can join us!
Also, from Monday 24 February our Engage Youth Group will run on Monday nights in the Parish Centre from 4.30pm-6pm by popular request!

THE GOSPELS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER RETREAT Fr Frank Moloney SDB 16 – 19 March: Fr Frank Moloney will lead this retreat on the Gospels of Holy Week and Easter at the beautiful and peaceful Don Bosco Retreat Centre. Cost - \$430 all inclusive (retreat, meals, accommodation, etc). Further information and registration: Contact - Candy 9752 2432 or e-mail: dbrclysterfield@gmail.com

IGNATIAN WOMEN: Friday 13 March– Sunday 15 March; A weekend silent retreat, with optional spiritual direction, reflecting on the *feminine face of Ignatian Spirituality over 500 years*. There will be some input on women over these centuries, single or married, lay or religious, poor or rich. Do you know any of these women? Can they teach us something for our times? For more info contact Campion Centre of Spirituality on 9854 8110 or email: secretary@campion.asn.au

EVERGREENS SOCIAL AFTERNOON on **Tuesday 25 February 2020** at 12-30pm. St Anne's Church Hall. Having a speaker from the Hume Global Learning Centre to explain what is available in the New Building and a nice cup of tea with biscuits supplied.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND *Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage!* Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **Next weekend is on 17–19 April 2020 in Melbourne**
Other weekends on 17-19 July and 13-15 November 2020
Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

LEGION OF MARY: meet on Wednesday mornings at 10am and Wednesday nights at 7.30pm in St Anne's Church. All Welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: will be held at the Lutheran Church, Brook St on Tuesday 3 March at 7.30pm organised by the LEC.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND— 29 February

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Nil **St Anne's Church—** Rochelle Menezes Perpetua Acosta Aquilina Bagsic **COUNTERS:** John & Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer John Porta **LECTORS:** Patricia Altair Lyn Mandouit Mary Reay Jane Voon **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Patricia & Angelo Altair Mary Baensch Vicki Heath 4 Standby Ministers **8.30am** Sigurd Rodrigues Peter Rush Ann Chircop Glenda Shanahan 4 Standby Ministers **10.30am** John Bottoms Christine Cassar Divino Costales Johanne Dajic 4 Standby Ministers **5.00pm** Ervine Avena 2 Standby Ministers **Children's Liturgy of the Word: 5.30pm** Carol & Sally **10.30am** Christine & Maureen