



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,

SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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24 May 2020

Ascension of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm Response: Psalm 46:2-3, 6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19, 20

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Monica ALLEN Ruby KECHAYAS
Dale MAHER Lucy PERKOVIC Hubert ROZARIO
Christine RUSH Trevor SALTER
Veronica SEQUEIRA Chris TELFER
Carmel TRENTON Ren WILSON

Recently Deceased: Joe CASSAR Joseph MUSCAT

Anniversaries: Fr Thomas CONSIDINE
Irene HAMILTON Lorna HONNER Sam MUSCAT
Henry SIMMONS



Our Parish is committed to the Safety, Wellbeing And Dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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

50 YEAR
Golden Jubilee

Congratulations Fr Kevin

FR KEVIN GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ORDINATION: Kevin grew up in a very supportive family of Mary and Wal. Religious practice and involvement in the local parish of Holy Name East Preston, came very naturally with a vibrant parish, led by a very inspirational and forward-thinking Parish Priest, Tony Cleary.

Kevin was greatly influenced by his parents, Parish and his early education with the Good Samaritan Sisters and the Marist Brothers. To me, I think he never entertained any other vocation in life. His major influencers all seemed to foster this desire and calling to be a priest.

Today the people of Sunbury can see the distillation of his 50 years of priesthood. Time, study, prayer, the support of others, experiences gained through many Melbourne parishes, as a curate and then as the founding Pastor of the North Greensborough Parish have all added to the gift which Kevin is to the Parish of Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

As his brother (Frank), I would like to briefly emphasise a few aspects which describe his life. He has always been one to support his fellow priests, two in particular, Peter Fulton and Peter Cross, both of whom have reached their eternal reward. Kevin has often been the organising spark for social gatherings of priests. Both our parents had this inbuilt gene. The friendships made in the various parishes have been very supportive of him and he cherishes these. Kevin's interest in music and travel, probably stems from his Dad, Wal, who loved travel and played the violin. This interest in travel was encouraged by Mum and gave both of them many shared and happy experiences across the years.

Kevin's attention to the sick and elderly is very paramount. At North Greensborough he was instrumental in setting up an aged care village and his frequent sick calls to people especially those in hospital are most appreciated.

People will sometimes say of him: "you are always building something". Well, the physical set up of schools and churches has certainly occurred, but the deeper reality of building community and peoples' ability to thrive both educationally and spiritually, has been the basis and bedrock of these activities. He has always been ready to seek the help of expert people to assist in the multi-faceted aspects of parish life.

The present Covid-19 restrictions have prevented us from fully celebrating with Kevin his wonderful Golden Jubilee as a priest, but that time will come in the near future. Let us thank him and remember him in our prayers as he continues to provide wonderful priestly and pastoral care to the people of Sunbury and beyond.

Frank McIntosh fms

Prayer of Pope Francis Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart ... I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You

"SEE GOD I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL" Hebrews 10:7

Today we are congratulating Father Kevin on his 50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. He is our 15th Parish Priest here in Sunbury. Though Covid-19 has made differences, in many ways we can celebrate the wonderful life of Fr Kevin's service to our Parish and thank God who chose him to bring us closer through his Priesthood.

We have all been touched by him in various ways:

His Masses with short prepared homilies can deepen our faith. We can grow with his love of liturgy.

His visits regularly to Staff and children at our three schools.

His care for the sick and housebound and the residents of the Aged Care Facilities.

Parishioners who experience dying and death in the family appreciate his preparation and follow-up visit.

Many Sisters of St Joseph who lived in Sunbury have had the privilege of him celebrating their Funeral Mass.

The gift of friendship Kevin really enjoys, and is ever faithful with those near and far.

At meetings he listens with ideas and follows up suggestions.

His humility and gratefulness is shown by listening and responding. Kevin is blessed with good health and thanks others for their care of him.

Working with Kev is a pleasure, it is light-hearted trying always to work as a Team. We can be enriched by his presence being staff member.

For many years on Thursdays he is kept busy at the Marriage Tribunal and brings home work to finish before the following Thursday.

May the grace of God's blessing that was given to Fr Kevin 50 years ago continue and may God who has begun the good work in him bring it to fulfilment among us here at Sunbury.

Sr Jose and Parish Staff

REOPENING OUR CHURCH: We are pleased to invite our parishioners to one of three Private Prayer Sessions that have been organised for this **Wednesday May 27**. Within the strict rules of 10 participants per session, we will open for bookings from Monday morning. As the office is closed please leave a clear message which will record the time of the call. The first 30 calls will be taken and confirmed with the callers. Details of names and contact numbers will be stored carefully for the required time. As you can imagine there are restrictions that must be maintained. Numbers, cleaning regime, time allocation, social distancing are just some. We thank those who have been diligent in the preparation for the Private Prayer Sessions. These sessions will be reviewed within 48 hours with the hope of further liturgies. Numbers may be increased as new directives are in place.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE: A copy of our Parish Newsletter will be available outside St Anne's church over each weekend and during the week. **Please use gloves when opening the box for the protection of all.** Please pick one up for your family and a neighbour who may require one in their letterbox. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCE: a letter of thanks has been sent to all parishioners who are financially supporting our parish during the Covid-19 Pandemic. For anyone wishing to make any changes to their current level of support, please complete the form in the letter and return it to the parish office at your earliest convenience.

We are very grateful for all who are still able to support the parish financially.

2021 ENROLMENTS: So far, there are 160 students enrolled in Prep at our three Parish Schools. Parents are advised there are still a few vacancies so please contact the schools by telephone or by email.

FIRST EUCHARIST PRAYER COMPANIONS: this weekend, our children preparing for First Eucharist celebration will be participating in Masses at home. We ask our Parishioners to remember to Pray for them and strengthen their faith. The normal practice of Prayer Companions for our children is that they present a card to a parishioner at Mass so they can especially receive prayerful support from us. It is an opportunity for our **whole** parish to remember the 130 children who are currently preparing. Please remember to pray for their families as well as we all learn to celebrate Mass 'differently' during Covid-19.

EXTENSION OF HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: The architects are presently designing the second stage of our school which will include six classrooms and open a creative learning space, a pavilion with a canteen, two basketball courts and extra playing space. Hopefully, the construction will commence in October this year.

PARTIAL REOPENING OF OUR SCHOOLS: classes in Years Prep, 1 and 2 resume at our three schools on Tuesday 26 May. Parents will be advised of many new procedures including arrival times. Parents will not be allowed on the school property.

A special Thank you to the teachers and school staff who have worked tirelessly to support students and families during this very strange time. Teachers already work hard to educate our children and support families in normal times. With the current climate, they have been asked to still provide this while juggling their own children/ family life. **Please say a prayer of thanks for the dedication of the teachers, Principals and support staff.**

THANK YOU: Thank you to all our generous Parishioners who are telephoning many of our Parish community and those who have offered to shop for the housebound.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: A group of our parishioners recite the rosary between Monday to Thursday's from 6pm via Zoom app. If any parishioners are interested please send a message to Garnet Jacob on 0411286428 and he will include you in the group.

CURRENT RESOURCES FOR FAITH REFLECTION:

www.cam.org.au

www.melbournecatholic.org.au

www.salesians.org.au/info/audiodivina

www.cam.org.au/Summit

cathnews-prayer resources

Prayer and reflection App. – De La Daily

COMMISSIONING, LEAVING AND SUPPORTING: Today's Feast of the Ascension celebrates three key elements. Before the Risen Christ left the earth, ascending to heaven, he commissioned his disciples: "Go, make disciples of all the nations." He sends them out on mission.

While on the mission, God will support us with the gift of the Holy Spirit- "and know that I am with you always; yes to the end of time."

In last Sunday's gospel, we heard Jesus' words, "The Father will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, the Spirit of truth." Next Sunday, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples on Pentecost day.

....Kevin McIntosh

OUR MISSION TODAY: Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

....Prof Dianne Bergant, Chicago

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: due to Covid-19 the Parish Office operating hours are temporarily changed to Tues, Wed, Friday 9am-5pm (closed lunch time 1-2pm). The office is not open for face-to-face contact for safety of all staff and public. Please make all enquiries via telephone 9744 1060 or email sunbury@cam.org.au. To drop anything to the office, please use the locked box near the front door of the parish office. Staff are still checking messages, email's and letter boxes. Thank you for your understanding.