



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,

SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK:

Wed 24 June 9.30am St Anne's
Fri 26 June 9.30am St Anne's
Sat 27 June 5.30pm St Anne's
Sun 28 June 8.30am St Anne's
Sun 28 June 10.30am St Anne's

(Bookings Required)

**Parish Masses and Newsletters are
available on the parish website
olmcsunbury.com**

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
Priest Assisting: Fr John Papworth SDB
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Pastoral Co-ord: Lyn Plummer
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Principal: Noelene Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

5 July 2020

Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm Response: Psalm 144:1-2,8-11,13-14
**I will praise your name for ever, my king
and my God.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13
Gospel Acclamation: cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Blessed are you, gather, Lord of heaven
and earth, you have revealed to little ones
the mysteries of the kingdom.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Bonnie BIRD Brian HETHERINGTON
Dale MAHER Rebecca MCGREGOR Fr
Bernard O'BRIEN Lucy PERKOVIC Trevor
SALTER Ren WILSON

Recently Deceased: Brian DODD Gordon
SHANNON

Anniversaries: Adrian PHUNG Des
SKILLECORN

*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**

PEACE-MAKING KING ON A DONKEY

History repeats itself. Our first reading from the Prophet Zechariah was written in 520BC when the northern tribe of Ephraim and the southern tribe of Judah had endured a repeated cycle of war and peace.

Zechariah writes that a new King will come, humble, riding a donkey, not in a chariot or on a warhorse. He will not return violence with violence.

Matthew writing his account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday uses the image of Christ on a donkey, the bringer of world peace. How fortunate we are to have our parish donkey which is well cared for by our parishioners on their farm.

MY YOKE IS EASY: While we tend to think of a yoke as part of the harness to keep two oxen together, in the Jewish tradition, a yoke had a different meaning. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (The Law) his particular teaching. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by his answer to "Which is the greatest commandment?" When Jesus was asked that question, he replied: "Love God and love your neighbour."

The Pharisees had developed the Torah into 613 commandments—a heavy burden on people. In contrast Jesus' yoke was easy to understand and simple.

SHOULDER MY YOKE: Jesus invites us in today's gospel to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart by loving God and our neighbour. This may seem simple but in fact, it can be challenging. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. Our busy lives often do not allow us room for prayer and quiet nor allow room for compassionate responses to others.

MY BURDEN IS LIGHT: To return to the farming use of the yoke, the harness was used to distribute the weight of the load and helped to keep the two animals in step. Jesus' yoke will distribute the heavy burdens between each one of us and Jesus, keeping us in step with the One who is the Way as we plough through life. Jesus accompanies us giving us the gift of right judgment to make the best possible choice to alleviate our pain and difficulties.

HUMBLE PEACEMAKERS: The Prophet Zechariah wrote of the "humble King riding on a donkey will banish chariots and horses; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations." God taught the kings were to be protectors of the poor and the defenders of justice. 2500 years later, when we observe freedom of speech and freedom of elections being trampled on, we need to support those who ask uncomfortable questions about the reasons for the burdening of the poor. As Archbishop Helder Camara of Brazil (1909-1999) said: "When I fed the poor, they called me a saint. When I asked why the poor were hungry they called me a communist."

CHRISTMAS 2020: Last Tuesday evening, the Sunbury Inter Church Council (LEC) met on Zoom to discuss our Christmas program for the year. As social distancing will probably still be needed in December, the group decided to produce an online Christmas Carols Service, replacing Carols on the Green for this year. The Inter Church Council will meet on 25 August to further discuss the planning.

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FAITH IMPORTANT IN LOCKDOWN: Paul Farmer is the chief Executive of the British mental health charity, Mind, established in 1970. He said in May, "Livestreaming Masses is reassuring people, and that is very important at a time like this. Faith is keeping a lot of people going; it's part of our mental health toolbox and the Church hopping online is very impressive."

Paul Farmer's mental health tips for lockdown:

- * Sleep well
- * Eat well
- * Exercise well
- * Meditate and pray well
- * Identify someone you trust who you can talk to— *really* talk to
- * Improve your listening skills
- * Avoid social media and too much news
- * Take up or revive a pastime or hobby

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to the family of Brian Dodd who entered eternal life on 25 June aged 88 years. Brian and his late wife Roma have been our active parishioners since 1971 with their two children, Mark and Pauline. Brian worked as a Customs Officer for 43 years. He was involved in Probus and Vinnies. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday concluding at Sunbury Cemetery.

....Kevin McIntosh

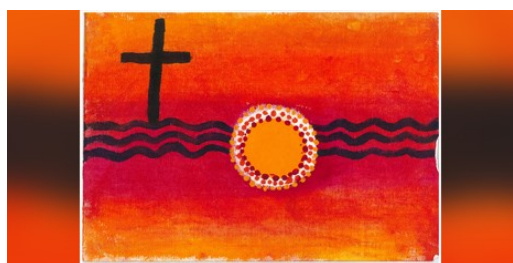
ABORIGINAL SUNDAY: As a Council, we prayed upon and discerned for many months as to the theme for this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander. While there were many options discussed, the developing Covid-19 situation and its widespread effects and concerns throughout our communities, made our decision on the theme clear. Together in Spirit. Whether we are able to come together physically in Churches, or via a digital platform, we feel enriched by the fact that, as Australians, we will be "Together in the Spirit" on 5 July 2020. the Gospel of the day calls for those of us that are weary, to share our burdens with God. Communities around Australia, both First Nations and non-Indigenous, have endured bush-fires, droughts and now a pandemic, it is only natural that our spirit also becomes weary.

There are already many burdens that exist in our communities. With the new challenges presented in times like these, it is important that we continue to place our trust in God, and try even harder to embody the spiritual gifts of empathy, friendship and love for one another.

The Covid-19 pandemic has forced NATSIC to rethink the ways in how we empower Catholics to celebrate our special day. This year, by modifying our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday resources to work in a digital setting, we are also holding the first ever live-streamed, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass from the St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Adelaide from 11am EST.

We are inviting everyone around Australia— and the World— to join us on 5 July 2020, as we come "Together in the Spirit" to celebrate the gifts of spirituality and culture.

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SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES:

20 only, participants will be able to celebrate one of three SUNDAY Masses or one of two Weekday Masses.

Saturday evening 5.30pm and Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am.

The weekday Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday 9.30am and Friday 9.30am

Bookings must be made for all Masses and will be taken by telephone (only) and open from Monday morning. As the office is closed please leave a clear message which will record the time of the call and booking. Please nominate your preferred Mass time. Details of names and contact numbers of each participant is required. Please advise which volunteer role you are able to fill. If booking for a family member please give their details as well. **We can book for only ONE week at a time.** These details are stored for the Victorian Health Department. Please allow time before Mass for details to be checked and regulations to be fulfilled.

Strict directives from the Victorian Health Dept. and Melbourne Archdiocese will be adhered to.

The Masses can be celebrated only if sufficient volunteers are available to meet the required regulations by the Victorian Government.

Each celebration will require:

LECTORS	SINGER MUSICIAN	
ALTAR SERVER	AUDIO VISUAL OP	MASS SET UP
2-3 CLEANERS	2 MONITORS	2 USHERS

Thank you for your patience.

MASS DISPENSATION: during this time of Covid 19, the Australian Catholic Bishops have dispensed all Catholics from the obligation to take part in Sunday Masses.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Sheila & John Stafford who are celebrating 50 years of marriage. They were married in St Patrick's Cathedral, Kilmore by Monsignor Ken Morrison OBE, a decorated military chaplain. He married all members of Sheila's family.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: Married couples, the COVID-19 lockdown may have encouraged you to spend time together. You may have realized that your marriage could do with some polish! 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. **Our next weekend is on 24 -26 July 2020 in Melbourne Starts 7.30 pm on Friday.**

Ends 5pm Sunday. COVID-19 Safe. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

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

Dear fellow parishioners,

We are all aware of the limitations which the outbreak of Corona Virus has had on our parish life. In view of this, the Finance and Development Committee (FDC) has been working hard to keep abreast of the many implications on OLMC Parish and we thought you might be interested in knowing more about our activities:

A. STAFF.

Our principal concern has been the health and welfare of our staff and we have put in place some measures to support and protect them, including

1. The parish office is now closed on Mondays and Thursdays
2. We have implemented a 'no contact' policy between our staff and parishioners/the public
3. A thorough risk management audit has been conducted to ensure the normal requirements of the State and Federal Governments, such as social distancing are observed and this audit is now reviewed fortnightly
4. Where possible, our staff are working from home
5. The myriad of day-to-day issues are considered as they arise and practical steps are implemented where required.

B. FINANCE.

We identified early that the parish was going to be significantly impacted financially by this pandemic. Notably, our income has been reduced by the fact that, until recently, Masses have not been conducted disrupting our normal thanksgiving program and also that bingo, which is a substantial revenue contributor for the parish, ceased in early March.

1. We have applied for and received the Government's JobKeeper Wage Subsidy payments, which have offset staff costs and received the ATO's \$10,000 grant to boost 'business'. We continue to monitor this area to ensure we make use of any government subsidies to which we might be entitled
2. In the absence of Masses, a program was run to encourage parishioners to donate their normal thanksgiving amount electronically and we are pleased this has been taken up by many
3. A careful analysis has been made of our expenditure and, where possible, costs have been avoided or at least, deferred until a later date
4. Of particular concern was the amount which would normally be directed to the Presbytery (first) Collection and this has had to be supplemented by the Parish (second) Collection.
5. Initially, our financial position was monitored on a daily basis, now weekly, and adjustments are made as required. The FDC meets monthly and a sub-committee of that group meets every other fortnight

In this section, I must thank our parishioners who continue to donate to the parish, by whatever means. Your ongoing financial support has assisted the parish greatly in minimising the deficit in our finances and I pass on Father Kevin's deep gratitude for your commitment.

C. PARISH CONNECTION.

Of course, we are all disappointed that our liturgical celebrations have been interrupted to such an extent. However, our parish has remained connected to some extent through other means.

1. A weekly Mass has been streamed and we hope this will continue post-pandemic. It is an excellent means to enable parishioners, who are not able to attend in person, to participate in the liturgy
2. As restrictions are eased and more people can attend Mass (currently only 20), our Liturgy Committee is ensuring the necessary precautions are in place. While this is inconvenient, it is a critical step in our community's recovery from this virus
3. Father Kevin has made two video presentations to stay connected with parishioners and these remain available on our website
4. Our Pastoral Team supported by a great complement of volunteers has made personal contact with many parishioners who might be elderly or ill to check on their wellbeing
5. Early in the pandemic, the parish engaged the 'Zoom' technology which enables parish groups to meet 'virtually'. If you are in a group which would like to use this medium, please contact the parish office
6. Despite the difficulties, all our staff have continued to work on their usual activities so that the disruption to parish life is minimised and recovery will be smooth and as quick as possible.

If you would further information or would like to attend Mass, for which you must book ahead, please contact the Parish office (9744 1060). And until our parish community is back to normal, whatever that looks like, please stay safe and well.

Kind regards,
Peter Rush
Chairman, Finance and Development Committee