



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,

SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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**19 July 2020**

### **Parish Feast Day**

First Reading: Acts 1:12-14

Psalm Response: Luke 1:46-55

**O Blessed Virgin Mary, you carried the Son of the eternal Father.**

Second Reading: Luke 2:41-52

Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Blessed is the Virgin Mary who kept the word of God and pondered it in her heart.**  
**Alleluia!**

Gospel:

### **LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Carmel CORKER Dale MAHER  
Rebecca MCGREGOR Fr Bernard O'BRIEN  
Lucy PERKOVIC Trevor SALTER Ren WILSON

**Recently Deceased:** Bonnie BIRD Brian HETHERINGTON Robert HOCKING

**Anniversary:** Charlie ZERAFA



*Happy  
Parish  
Feast  
Day*

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

### **OUR PARISH FEAST DAY– 160 YEARS YOUNG**

The first Masses in our parish were celebrated in homes from 1852 to 1860– first at Oaklands Junction, in the home of Mary Daniel, later from 1854, in Powlett St in the Fanning home. With the opening of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in 1860, the school rooms were the place for Sunday Mass with Father Matthew Downing travelling on horse back from Keilor.

**OUR PATRON SAINT:** is Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Our school and later our church were the first in Australia with this patron. The Carmelite Friars founded on Mount Carmel in norther Israel in 1208 came to Adelaide from Dublin in 1881, and to Port Melbourne in 1882.

There is a theory that Father James Moore, serving Sunbury from Keilor between 1862 and 1869 was taught by a Carmelite priest in his Dublin seminary and so introduced the title here.

In 1864, Bishop James Goold and Father Moore laid the foundation stone of our church. Bishop Goold wrote in his diary that he travelled on the 9 o'clock train from Melbourne to Sunbury, the railway being opened in 1859.

**160 YEARS OF EDUCATION:** opened in 1860, with 32 students enrolled, our school doubled in the second year to 64 students. The school was built of bluestone and timber. The new school became the first stable space for public worship in Sunbury which had no churches in 1860. On 2nd September 1860, Bishop Goold came by train and celebrated Mass at 10.30am in which some students received their First Eucharist and some were confirmed by the Bishop. Sunday Mass was celebrated within the school from 1860 to 1874 when our new church was opened.

Later in the year, we hope to celebrate the school's 160th Anniversary to mark the wonderful Catholic Education given to hundreds of students.

**30 YEARS OF ST ANNE'S CHURCH:** In 1976, the Parish Education Board with Fr Jim Feenan discussed a name for our second school. The Board favoured St Anne, the mother of Mary the Mother of the Lord.

Christians for a long time believed St Anne lived in Jerusalem. The present St Anne's Church in Jerusalem was built nearly 900 years ago and is still used. On 15th June 1990, our Church was dedicated by Archbishop Frank Little KBE. On 7th February 2010, Bishop Timothy Costelloe consecrated the new Altar. As a sign that the Altar represents the Body of Christ it is anointed with the oil of sacred Chrism by the Bishop. As there is only one Christ, there is only one altar in the church. As a sign that we are all members of the Body of Christ, the relics of saints were placed in the altar– the relics of the bishop, St Francis de Sales, of the widow, St Jane Frances de Chantel, of the nun, St Margaret Mary Alcocke, and of St Mary MacKillop.

**GROWTH OF HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL:** Opening last year with 45 students, the enrolment has increased to 145 this year. Architects are presently designing the stage 2 of the school whose construction will begin this year. Stage 2 will include classrooms, a community pavilion and sports hall, a larger staff room and administration area will be added.

**SUNDAY MASS ON TV:** is telecast live from St Patrick's Cathedral on Channel 44 at 11am.

**THE YEARS AHEAD:** Recently, the National Catholic Research Centre provided us with a profile of our Parish based on the last ABS census which found that 35% of the residents served by our Parish are Catholic.

As we are aware, we are at the beginning of much growth with several new subdivisions which will have land available next year.

Last Thursday evening, 160 Catholics in Victoria took part on a Zoom presentation by our Archdiocese on making our parishes more missionary, going out to others.

The presenter was Dr Mary Healy, live from Detroit USA. She is a biblical scholar and one of the first women to be a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission appointed by Pope Francis. The title of her lecture was "The Hope that does not disappoint." (Romans 5:5).

She quoted St Paul writing from Corinthin where the local church was full of problems— disunity, neglect of the poor, sexual immorality, gossiping, etc. Paul is urging his readers to persevere: "Perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us." (Romans 5:4-5).

She said the Covid-19 has presented two challenges— fear and economic problems. Her diocese of Detroit spent a year in prayer before doing any planning to renew their diocese. The Alpha program was used, with good results. Parishioners gave a 5 minute testimony at Mass which moved people. As we know the Lord, we have peace and joy. We can speak to people who have fear.

**OUR FEAST DAY EUCHARIST:** Our first reading today describes how after Jesus ascended to heaven, the first apostles and certain women including Mary, the mother of Jesus, went back to where they were staying and gathered in the room upstairs and continually prayed together as they were awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. During this lockdown, we are gathering in our homes to pray together as we cannot gather in church (Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14).

Our gospel is from the occasion when Jesus aged 12 years was lost by his parents during the Passover festival in Jerusalem which would have been crowded with residents and visitors. Jesus was found in the temple school listening to the teachers and asking them questions.

Like any parent losing a child, Mary and Joseph were very worried and anxious. During our anxiety due to the pandemic, Mary our Mother understands our anxiety. Let us turn to her in prayer.

Jesus appreciated the precious relationships within his family at Nazareth, with Mary and Joseph and his grandparents, Anne and Joachim. This pandemic has put stress on some areas of home life. Let us support each other by telephone and internet.

**FEASTDAY LETTER TO THOSE IN CARE:** to mark our feast day, Sister Jose` has arranged a card to be delivered for all our Parishioners residing in Goonawarra Aged Facility and Riddell Gardens Aged Facility. The card states we are missing seeing them and are praying for them.

..... Kevin McIntosh

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

**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

**SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES:** Due to Stage 3 restrictions in Hume, we cannot celebrate Masses in our Churches for the next 6 weeks at least. Masses will be recorded and available on line each week via the parish website [olmcsunbury.com](http://olmcsunbury.com). We will update parishioners when changes will occur and any actions will be in accordance to Victorian Government restrictions and the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

**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](mailto: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.

**VINNIES COVID-19 WINTER APPEAL.:** Thank you in advance for your support of the Winter Appeal. Now more than ever, the funds raised during this appeal are critical in ensuring that Vinnies can continue to do our Good Works and be there for people when they need us most. This year we ask all donations to be given via phoning 13 18 12 OR Online [vinnies.org .au](http://vinnies.org.au) all donations are tax deductible.

Thanking you for your support.

*John Stafford Sunbury Conference President*

**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.

**CATHOLICCARE:** is not just a program, or a series of programs— they are a safety net and a capacity builder.

They accompany clients on their journey, listening and responding and ensuring their dignity is upheld at all times.

They offer a range of programs and services that aim to build and strengthen relationships, because these are crucial to life.

Services available through CatholicCare include Family & Relationship Services; Relationship Courses; Pastoral Services; Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support; School & Education Support & Emergency Relief. To donate go to <https://www.ccam.org.au/donations> or call 9287 5555.

**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*



