



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH
BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,
SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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

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13th September 2020

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Psalm Response: Psalm 102:1-4,9-12

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Pam BELL Gieseppe GALATI
Marie LOMBARDI Cassie O'KEEFE Charlie
PARNIS Lucy PERKOVIC Jeanette
RAMAGE Anne SAUNDERS Ren
WILSON

Recently Deceased: Warren SAUNDAS
Margaret TWORKOWSKI

Anniversaries: Michael DILLON



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

AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished.

Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

THE CHIEF RABBI ON FORGIVENESS: Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of Britain and the Commonwealth, writes of the pain of generations of exile, persecution, and pogroms, culminating with the Holocaust, that is written into the Jewish soul and so into their identity. It cannot be forgotten, and so he struggles:
"How can I let go of that pain, when it is written into my very soul. And yet I must. For the sake of my children and theirs (the enemy's), not yet born. I cannot build their future on the hatred of the past, nor can I teach them to love God more by loving people less. Asking God to forgive me, I hear, in the very process of making that request, His demand of me that I love others. I forgive because I have a duty to my children as well as my ancestors.... I honour the past not by repeating it but by learning from it— by refusing to add pain to pain, grief to grief. That is why we must answer hatred with love, violence with peace, resentment with generosity of spirit and conflict with reconciliation." (Dignity of Difference (2003) P190)

FAITH— A FORCE FOR SOCIAL COHESION: In late July, the renowned British Academy published a report based on substantial research that faith is a positive force for social cohesion, rather than something that leads to social and ethnic ghettos. The report, part of a wider study into how societies can sustain cohesiveness in the face of rapid political, social, economic and technological change. Faith-based social action merges from prayer; eg care for the homeless and new migrants. Prayer also builds hope Professor Tariq Modood a member of the report group said: "We need to rethink secularist assumptions and the role of religion in public life. We need better appreciate faith communities as social and national assets."

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY: This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

Our Parish of Sunbury has an active Child Safety Committee of six parishioners including parents, a teacher, youth workers and our priest. We meet fortnightly to study the latest standards of child safety.

A special prayer is prayed in our Mass online today.

Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED: Anglicare and MacKillop Family Services are urgently seeking foster carers to support young people to heal from trauma and reach their full potential. Could you care for another child? Anglicare has an information session by Zoom on Wednesday 16 September 6.30-7.30pm. Call 9301 5200. For MacKillop Services call 1300 791 677 or Mackillop.org.au

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DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Mary & Fred Menzies on the 60th anniversary of their marriage which began in the Immaculate Conception Church, Romsey on 6th September 1960. They have been blessed with five children, fifteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They were pioneer and active parishioners at St Martin de Porres Parish, Avondale Heights before coming to Sunbury in recent years.



.....Kevin McIntosh

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: The Parish newsletter continues to be printed and copies are available online at olmcsunbury.com and outside St. Anne's church. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a copy please download one, or pick up a copy, or notify the parish office please. For many the newsletter is the only form of communication they may have with the parish. Thank you.

SICK PARISHIONERS: Please let the parish office know if one of our parishioners are sick and would appreciate a call.

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PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST: CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

2020: This year marks the 30th anniversary of Child Protection Week (6-12 September). The theme for 2020, 'Putting Children First', was chosen by the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) and underscores the need to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children in all aspects of our community and family life.

The occasion is of great significance for the Catholic Church in Australia as it emphasises the need for a continuous commitment to effectively safeguard children, young people, and vulnerable adults.

Partnered with the commitment to safeguard those most at risk, the Church also acknowledges the devastating harm caused by the sexual abuse of children by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic settings.

'Although the Pandemic has changed the way we are all living and working, it doesn't change what is most important,' said Archbishop Peter A Comensoli.

'For Christians, the Lord Jesus shows us that at all times, the most vulnerable among us are those requiring our greatest care. Our priority is to ensure the safety and the protection of children at all times.

I am sad and angered that the Church has not always been a place that has put children first. We continue to address the horror of abuse, and I will continue to meet with survivors of abuse, hearing and trusting them, and helping our Church be continually converted.'

To grow up well, children need to feel safe and loved, have a chance to play and explore, have a say in decisions that affect them, and access to essential things like food, shelter and healthcare. For children to thrive we need to come together as a community and put children's needs first during National Child Protection Week and every week.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tues 15 Sept	7pm	Parish Finance & Dev Committee
Wed 16 Sept	12.30pm	Sunbury Church Ministers
	2pm	Alpha- from Evangelisation Office
	6.30pm	Anglicare- Foster Carers
Thurs 17 Sept	7pm	Parish Child Safety Committee

SUNDAY MASSES: Masses will be recorded and available on line each week via the parish website 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.

Sunday Mass is telecast live from St Patrick's Cathedral at 11am on Channel 44.

CATHOLICCARE: During these challenging times, there is help available. Contact CatholicCare on 03 9287 5555 if you're experiencing financial hardship, increased anxiety or depression, or you need a helping hand. CatholicCare has trained counsellors available for individual counselling or family counselling.

You don't have to suffer in silence when there is help at the other end of the phone line.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING TEAM: Fr Kevin, Jan Honner, Maree Shields, Nikhil Hendricks, Stacey Duffy and Jo Spiteri. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the parish office on 9744 1060 for confidential assistance.

Gracious God,

You love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

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