



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

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Liturgy Times-all at St Anne's Church

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	10.30am
Tuesday	2.00pm-Funeral Mass-- Bruno Penjalov
Thursday	6.00pm-Booked Out 8.00pm Christmas Mass 10.00pm Christmas Mass
Friday	8.30am Christmas Mass 10.30am Christmas Mass
Saturday	5.30pm Christmas Mass
Sunday	8.30am Christmas Mass 10.30am Christmas Mass

Reconciliation-St Anne's Church
Saturday 10-10.30am

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

20th December 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent- Yr B

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Psalm Response: Psalm 88:2-5, 27, 29

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 1:38

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:

may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Mark ARIANS Pam BELL Chris DOUTRE
Bishop Peter ELLIOT Marie LOMBARDI Roisin
MCGOVERN Cassie O'KEEFE Lucy PERKOVIC
Joseph SPITERI Billy TAGGART Enriqueta
VILLAMATER

Recently Deceased: Marita GONZALES Bruno
PENJALOV Rose PULIS Phyllis THOMAS David
WEATE

Anniversaries: Bill DILLON Marie KARAM
Rose MIZZI Patrick REDDAN Charlie RODA
Betty WARREN

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

EIGHT CHRISTMAS MASSES

Due to the government health regulations of providing 1.5 square meters per person, we need to celebrate Christmas Mass on eight occasions over four days to allow 1600 parishioners to take part in the Christmas Mass. The same liturgy will be celebrated eight times.

MASS TO 200: Some restrictions will remain in place. Ushers will be required to assist people to their seats to allow for correct social distancing. With 200 we are still unable to sing and will continue to pray our responses and acclamations. We are no longer required to wear a facemask providing we can maintain 1.5 metres between us. The use of a sanitiser by everyone is essential.

Our cleaning teams continue to sanitise the church after each liturgy.

The Parish Office will open at 9am Tuesday to take further bookings for those unable to book online. Please call 9744 1060. Online bookings can be made from 2pm on each Tuesday, through the Trybooking system on the parish website- olmcsunbury.com or use this link <https://www.trybooking.com/BNNYM>. Please use the booking system as the office has been inundated with calls. **Only those who can't use a computer should be calling the office for assistance.**

All Christmas Masses are booked in the same manner, thanks you.

FIRST EUCHARIST: today, five children of our Parish will begin to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at 10.30am Mass. We congratulate Ella Wallis, Kate Lorenzi, Connor De Veth, Alexandria De Veth & Ethan De Veth and their parents and teachers for preparing the children.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT? WHAT ABOUT JOSEPH?

Luke's account of the Annunciation focuses its attention on Mary. But what of Joseph? How does he react to the news that his betrothed wife is pregnant? By Jewish Law and tradition, Mary could well have been stoned to death if Joseph had denounced her. Even if Joseph allowed people to think that he was the father of her child, this would have caused an enormous scandal-a breach of the sanctity of the betrothal vow.

However, foreshadowing the compassion of Jesus himself, Joseph acts purely out of compassion and continues with his marriage to Mary. Joseph becomes a great protector of Mary and Jesus as they escape as refugees to Egypt to escape the murderous Herod.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: was held last Thursday evening at St Anne's for Sunbury residents who are finding Christmas not a time of joy and happiness due to the loss of a loved one, a sense of loneliness or other serious pain. The service was led by Rev Stan Clarke (St Andrew's), Rev Kevin McIntosh (Catholic Church) and Archdeacon Gavin Ward (St Mary's). The scripture readings recalled Jesus being alone and hurt. He knew the struggles of being human, concluding with God's love for us. Those present appreciated the service. The following is one prayer of the service:

Know that your struggle is honoured; You are loved deeply right now wherever you are. As you go through the next few days and weeks may you feel ok about how you are.

May the light of the coming Christ child give you hope and see you through. May the love of God surround you. May the Holy Spirit hold you, lift you, and help you move forward. Amen

*Oh, Emmanuel,
"God-with-Us,"
You have touched me;
you are God-with-Me.*

*Thank you for these weeks of prayer.
In the spirit of the season
my waiting, my patience,
feels sacred.*

*Refine and purify my heart
with the hottest flame of your love.
Give me the courage of your prophets
and let me do what is right
even when others don't understand.*

*Bless my heart with generosity
and make me ready to receive you.*

Come, Lord Jesus! Come!

*"Christlike relationships of friendship and
faith, valuing one another and sharing our
gifts for the good of all"
Come and share your gifts to help welcome,
usher, sanitise our church as we receive one
another back to our Parish Masses.
You can help at any Masses in coming weeks.
Please call the Parish Office to let us know
how you will help.*

SUNDAY MASS AT 5PM: As announced last Sunday, 5pm Mass is being postponed until further notice. The impact of the Covid restrictions has forced us to cancel the 5pm Mass. There are very few parishioners attending 5pm Mass at this time but still requires a support team of volunteers as registrars, ushers and cleaners as well as setup and an AV operator.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2021: are available for purchase for \$10 per copy. Please call the parish office on 9744 1060 for your copy of this beautiful calendar.

MASS COLLECTIONS: we sincerely thank those who are financially supporting the parish during these challenging times. Collection plates will not be handed around due to Covid restrictions. We have 2 boxes at each Mass for any envelopes or donations to be made. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS: After much planning it is hoped that all children whose Sacraments were postponed in 2020 will celebrate Confirmation, First Eucharist and First Reconciliation early in 2021.

FAREWELL AND GOD BLESS: to Mary Sammut who has been with us since 1985 and is leaving this week to live with her son in Perth. Mary's late husband Eddie was a classmate of Fr Bert in Malta from where they both came to Western Australia aged 13 years. With Fr Bert being appointed to Sunbury, their friendship deepened.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: Builders came on site on 17 November to begin constructing the second stage of the School. Yesterday, the concrete slab of the community hub was poured. Fortunately, little rock was been found. Construction is proceeding on time.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Margaret Weate as David, aged 86 years, her husband for 61 years entered eternal life on 12 December. They and their children came from central England to Sunbury in 1974 as David was appointed a senior nurse educator at Calloola on Jacksons Hill. David was a member of our Parish Choir and a regular at 10.30am Mass. David was a keen bush walker and cyclist. He contracted cancer 18 months ago. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION 2020 APPEAL: Thank you for your support which has over the years, made it possible to fund many projects for the disadvantaged. Some \$200000 has provided clean water, health education and improved living standards to people who would not otherwise have had this opportunity over the last year. If you can donated, please use the link <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMOM>. Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS READINGS & CAROLS: the service has been produced at St Mary's Church, Sunbury with some of our parishioners. The service is available online from St Mary's Parish website www.stmarysanglican.org.au

Sunbury Parish Christmas Program 2020: St Anne's Church

Thursday 24 December	6pm	Christmas Mass- (<u>6pm Booked Out already</u>)
	8pm	Christmas Mass
	10pm	Christmas Mass
Friday 25 December	8.30am	Christmas Mass
	10.30am	Christmas Mass
Saturday 26 December	5.30pm	Christmas Mass
Sunday 27 December	8.30am	Christmas Mass
	10.30am	Christmas Mass



Please note **all eight Christmas Masses are at St Anne's Church and bookings are essential** due to Covid restrictions capping numbers in our church at 200 people. Please book via **Trybooking** <https://www.trybooking.com/BNNYM> or call the parish office on 9744 1060 to book your place.