



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy Times-all at St Anne's Church

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	10.30am
Wednesday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am-10.30 St Anne's Church
No bookings required

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: Noelene Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

17th January 2021

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time Yr B

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Psalm Response: Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel Acclamation: John 1:41, 17

Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ,
who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:35-42

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Mark ARIANS Pam BELL Chris DOUTRE
Roisin MCGOVERN Benjamin MIFSUD Fr Gerry
O'COLLINS SJ Cassie O'KEEFE Lucy
PERKOVIC Bob POWLES Hubert ROZARIO
Billy TAGGART

Recently Deceased: Fr Frank HART (Bendigo)
Stephen REDFERN John SALVANO Trevor
STEWART Gary WHELAN

Anniversaries: Giovanna BRULLO Cenon
HIPOLITO Jnr Maxima LAZARO Sr Mary TOBIN
RSJ

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

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

LISTENING TO THE CALL OF GOD

Today's gospel begins with looking, gazing and responding to the call to discipleship. John the Baptist watches Jesus pass by: the eyes of John's heart penetrate to the reality of this man and he points out to his two disciples Jesus as the Lamb of God. The disciples leave the Baptist and follow Jesus. Jesus himself turns and sees them. Then Jesus asks his first question in John's gospel: "What are you looking for?"

At the end of the gospel the Risen Christ in the garden asks the weeping Mary Magdalene: "Who are you looking for?" (John 20:15)

The two disciples ask Jesus, the Teacher, where he is staying and he responds by inviting them to "Come and see." They spend the rest of the day in a relationship with Jesus.

THE PATTERN OF DISCIPLESHIP: is established: through witness (of the Baptist), others follow and experience Jesus' truth for themselves. They in turn bring others to Jesus. Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus.

All discipleship is an active and evolving relationship with Jesus: a following, seeking, staying, finding and dialoguing.

As we begin a New Year, let us seek and find Jesus and help others find him by our introductions.

THE DIGNITY OF OUR BODIES: Today is the first of five Sundays when we will listen to St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. At that time, Corinth, a coastal city near Athens, was a city of depravity and licentiousness. It was a "Sin City" for sailors on shore leave. We are a whole embodied person. Christians by baptism are incorporated into the body of the Risen Christ and are one with Him. Sexual immorality violates one's dignity and defiles the intimate relationship between Christ and ourselves.

In Corinth, there were dozens of pagan temples and shrines. Each Christian person is a temple, a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We are called to "glorify God in our bodies" in our sacred and precious embodied humanity by which we can relate to others, since we are not disembodied spirits. Such a relationship is to bring honour to the One who has purchased us at such a great price.

ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON CARDINAL WILTON GREGORY SAID: our Capitol is sacred ground and a place where people over the past centuries have rightly demonstrated, representing a wide variety of opinions. We Americans should honour the place where our nation's laws and policies are debated and decided. We should feel violated when the legacy of freedom enshrined in that building is disrespected and desecrated."

LET US DREAM- THE PATH TO A BETTER FUTURE: is the title of the book written by Pope Francis in November last year while he was in lockdown due to Covid 19. In the book, he urges the Church to embrace a synodal process. He writes: "Rather than seeking confrontation, declaring war, with each side hoping to defeat the other, we need processes that allow differences to be expressed, heard, and left to mature in such a way that we can walk together without needing to destroy anyone. This is hard work; it needs patience and commitment-above all to each other. Lasting peace is about creating and maintaining processes of mutual listening."

POPE FRANCIS HAS BOOKED HIS VACCINATION: Pope Francis says he has booked his Covid 19 vaccination and is calling on everyone to receive their jab as an ethical obligation to protect their own health and those around them.

"I believe that ethically everyone must take the vaccine," he said in an interview with Italian TV station, Canale 5. "It is an ethical choice because you are risking your health, your life, but you are also risking the lives of others."

BOOK OF THE HEART: MEDITATIONS FOR A RESTLESS SOUL:

This prayer to God was written by Meister Eckhart (1260-1328), a German Dominican priest who was a great mystic, often quoted by St John Paul II.

*When I learn to love You
Simply because You are Love*

*I come to accept myself simply
Because You made me in love*

*And You never stop making me
And when I hold onto this and*

*Let go of every doubt, I find
Your love is everything*

*And I become love in You
And You become love in me*

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 19 Jan 7.00pm Parish Finance & Development
7.30pm Sunbury Inter-Church Council
....Kevin McIntosh

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde (With a Father's Heart)*, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from **December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.**

St Joseph was a remarkable man. He was a working class man- a carpenter by trade. He was betrothed to Mary who was with child through the Immaculate Conception. This would have caused him a lot of anxiety because during that time in history, a man could have his fiancé stoned to death for becoming pregnant before marriage. This shows Joseph as a very compassionate and good man. He spared Mary any insult and disgrace by marrying her and becoming a father to Jesus. This is why St Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travellers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers and working people. Joseph cared for Jesus and Mary and ensured their safety his entire life. For this we are thankful.

SUNDAY MASS AT 5PM: As announced previously, 5pm Mass is being postponed until further notice. The impact of the Covid restrictions has forced us to cancel the 5pm Mass however we would like to resume this Mass in the New Year. We require a support team of volunteers as registrars, ushers and cleaners as well as setup and an AV operator to ensure the Mass can be celebrated in line with health regulations.

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.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Mary Whelan and her three sons as her husband Gary "Jack" entered eternal life last week aged 68 years. Gary was born, educated and lived his whole life in Sunbury. He was very involved in St. Anne's PTFA. His funeral was held on Friday concluding at Sunbury cemetery.

The following children from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:

Lincoln MERCURI
Ella MILLER
Maison WACHTER
Boris VITI

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES: a new set of envelopes was sent out with statements during the month of November. Please note that the 1st collection envelopes do not need a number printed on them as statements are NOT produced for 1st collection contributions.

Statements are produced for contributions to the 2nd Collection only. We are grateful for the financial support given to our parish.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE: during Covid 19 lockdown, our parish committee continued to meet to complete the Self Assessment Audit of our Parish. The Self Assessment Audit ensures our parish is providing a safe environment for everyone, including children and vulnerable adults. Our committee completed all 10 of the Standards set by the Victorian Government and submitted it to the Professional Standards Unit of the Archdiocese of Melbourne in November.

The self assessment ensures we are always focusing on various aspects of safety in our parish and is an ongoing work in progress.

Our committee comprises of 6 members, Fr Kevin, Jan Honner, Maree Shields, Nikhil Hendricks, Stacey Duffy and Jo Spiteri. Nikhil & Stacey are our Youth Group Leaders and work very hard to ensure the work from our Safeguarding committee is incorporated into the Youth Group sessions.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Jovita & Errol Daniels who celebrate their 26th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. May God continue to bless you both in your marriage and bring many more happy years ahead.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Bernadette & Dennis Lacy on celebrating 50 years of Marriage.

*Side by side through 50 years
through laughter, sorrow, joy and tears
You didn't know what life would bring
But you've loved each other
Through everything*

PARISH BINGO RESUMING: This **Thursday 21 January** our Parish Bingo is being re-launched bigger and better at a new venue- **SUNBURY BOWLING CLUB, 49 Riddell Rd, Eyes down 8pm.** \$60, \$100 & \$1000 game prizes every week. Come along and join the fun. Enquiries- Gary Plummer 0419 301 760. Bookings are essential. Please call the Bowling Club on 9744 1211.

.....Parish Bingo Committee

MASKS NOT REQUIRED WHEN ATTENDING MASS UPDATE: as of 18 January, no masks will be required to be worn in church. This will mean that we cannot sing in Mass due to airborne droplets being projected further with singing.

We will still be taking bookings for all weekend Masses via the parish website **olmcSunbury.com** or call the parish office. You are now able to book for the months of January, February and March. We will still need volunteers to assist with each Mass, so please offer help when you book your place at Mass.



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021