



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
Tuesday	10.00am Australia Day
Friday	9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am-10.30am 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

18th January 2021

3rd Ordinary Time Yr B

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm Response: Psalm 24:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 1:15

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:

Believe the Good News

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Mark ARIANS Pam BELL Chris DOUTRE
Marie LOMBARDO Roisin MCGOVERN
Benjamin MIFSUD Fr Gerry O'COLLINS SJ
Lucy PERKOVIC Lorraine PINCINI Bob
POWLES Billy TAGGART

Recently Deceased: John CHAMPNESS
Fr Bernard O'BRIEN OMI Hubert ROZARIO

Anniversaries: Joan GOOLD Gerry QUIN
Pat SWANN



*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

FOLLOW ME NOW

It is a providential coincidence that our gospel today is Mark's description of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry as many workers began to work again in the city last Monday and our schools begin their new school year this week. On the global scene, we have the beginning of a new government in USA.

FISHERS OF PEOPLE: Jesus calls his first four disciples who were fishermen. God calls ordinary common people to be his first disciples. Let us not imagine that these disciples were poor, simple, lower-class people. These men were successful business people providing staple food in Israel. Fishing was a major industry. These men owned their own boats and employed staff. Hence, they were leaving a profitable business plus their extended families to follow where Jesus would lead them, whom he called to be fishers of people.

"REPENT" A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE: Jesus announces the reign of God and invites his hearers to the change of hearts necessary to embrace God's desires. The dramatic leaving behind of boats and families symbolises the totality of the shift required to change one's heart.

In Joe Biden's Inauguration Speech, he called for a change of attitudes so as to promote unity in a divided nation.

Conversion leads us to a wider community-the Church-in other words- to a new boat and a new family. Four disciples, Simon, Andrew, James and John formed a community with Jesus and stayed with him.

NEW ATTITUDE- NEW BEHAVIOUR: On his first day in office, Joe Biden made some significant changes. He re-committed to the Paris Climate Agreement; he re-joined the World Health Organisation WHO and promoted unity.

While the USA has its problems, we need to discern our own problems as we celebrate Australia Day this week. Some of our issues are our first people, the Aborigines live ten years less than non-indigenous Australians; there is a growing gap between rich and poor in Australia; there is an increasing number of prisoners; why should we need an extra 5000 police in Victoria? The pay gap between women and men; our treatment of asylum seekers who are enduring lockdown in Melbourne hotels since Covid-19 not being able to have fresh air- the list of issues is endless.

WE ARE PART OF GOD'S FAMILY: When Jesus saw the fishermen at the beach, his gaze was like a loving parent gazing at a newborn, loving the baby into a beautiful future. Similarly, he looks at us. He can't take his eyes off us. He loves us unreservedly and calls us to "Follow me."

The reign of God will come. The first readers of Mark were living in a time of persecution from the Roman occupiers. Today, the international "World Watch List" recently reported that 340 million Christians world wide are now suffering high levels of persecution and discrimination for their faith. The report quoted Amina, a woman in Nigeria who was forced to watch the killing of her family by Boko Haram.

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN: He began his Inauguration Day by paying a visit to pray in St Matthew's Catholic Cathedral in Washington. During his speech, he quoted St Augustine. He is a regular Sunday Mass-goer.

For his swearing of the oath, he placed his hand on a Bible used by his Irish family since 1893 and used also by Joe's late son, Beau who died of brain cancer five years ago. In 1972, Biden lost his first wife and their fifteen month old daughter in a car crash.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Sister Rochelle who is celebrating 50 years as a member of the Religious Congregation of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. Sr Rochelle's life long ministry has been defined by her enthusiasm and creativity for Youth music and liturgy. Currently she is on the staff of Salesian College, Sunbury and also on the staff of Craigieburn Parish.

POPES VACCINATED: On 13 January, Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict received their jabs to vaccinate against Covid-19 as the Vatican began vaccinating its staff.

AUSTRALIA DAY: will be celebrated with Mass at 10am in St Anne's Church. Bookings can be made via our parish webpage olmcsunbury.com.

We take this day to celebrate our great nation and also to acknowledge the first people of our land— our Indigenous Australians. We are very fortunate to live here and we acknowledge that the history of our treatment of our first people has not been very good. May we really be aware of making life for our Indigenous Australians as good quality as everyone deserves. We are fortunate to have resources available to ensure good health and good education for all. May the process of Reconciliation with our first people continue to be positive.

May All Australians give thanks for the beauty of our country and the rich resources we have; for the freedom we have and the infrastructures that allow us to live our lives relatively comfortably. Recently the words of our National Anthem, "Advance Australia Fair" were changed from "we are young and free" to "we are one and free" to show respect for our first people.

Australia Day has recently become a controversial day due to the way many Indigenous Australians have been and are still treated. May Australia Day in the future really be a day of Unity and celebration of the gratefulness of living in our great nation together.



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.

PARISH HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: met last Wednesday and is investigating how to make our historical display more accessible with better display cabinets and virtual resources in our History Room at St Anne's. We have a long history in Sunbury since the Eucharist was celebrated in houses from 1852 and Caroline Chisholm had two shelters in our parish.

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

Lennox DEOKI

Jeremiah PATRICE

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: now that we are fortunate to be celebrating Baptisms again after postponing many celebrations due to Covid, we are needing volunteers to help with registering families and ushering them to their seats before the celebration begins at 12noon each Sunday. Please contact the office on 9744 1060 if you can help. Thank you

VOLUNTEERS FOR PARISH BINGO: Last Thursday, Parish Bingo began for 2021 with record numbers attending at Sunbury Bowling Club. The venue was fully occupied and its cafes well patronised. We need some more parishioners to volunteer maybe once per fortnight on a Thursday night. Please join our happy team of volunteers serving our happy bingo patrons. Please contact Gary Plummer on 0419 301 760. Bookings are needed to take part in the bingo.

ST JOHN BOSCO AND THE PANDEMIC OF 1854: In 1854, cholera which is highly infectious disease with very high mortality rates, swept into Turin in Northern Italy where Don Bosco taught. The government appealed for volunteers to be first aiders to the sick. Don Bosco and 44 senior student volunteered supporting hospitals, visiting patients and searching for abandoned people. Don Bosco brought in many changes. The boys were to regularly wash their hands, beds in the dormitories were to be spaced apart, masks to be worn by all and disinfection vinegar was to be carried. He encouraged the students to pray and believe in Mary. Two months of hard, tiring and disgusting work passed and with it did the worst of the cholera pandemic. The feast of St John Bosco, founder of the Salesians is celebrated this week.

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.



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

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

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