

# 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

### **RECONCILIATION**

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

Parish Priest: **Rev Kevin McIntosh** Priest Assisting: Fr John Papworth 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** 7th February 2021

5th Ordinary Time Yr B

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 First Reading: Psalm 146:1-6 Psalm Response:

Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, Alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

### **LET US PRAY FOR**

Sick: Mark ARIANS Chris DOUTRE Marie LOMBARDO Roisin MCGOVERN Benjamin MIFSUD Lucy PERKOVIC Bob POWLES Tonina SPITERI Naresh STAINSBY

Recently Deceased: Deon LAWRENCE Lindsay MOTT Nancy NOLLENBERGER SALLEE

Anniversaries: Jimmy DIMOPOULOS James HARMAN Aileen MCGOVERN Patrick MCVEIGH



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

#### THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD

Before the earliest parts of the Bible were written about ten centuries before Christ, there was an oral knowledge of God and eventually this was written down. When Jesus went to the synagogue, he opened the Bible (now called the Old Testament) and he read the scriptures to the congregation.

On the first Easter Sunday evening, the risen Lord meets his disheartened disciples walking to Emmaus away from his community of believers. Jesus walks with them explaining the Scriptures in the light of his suffering, death and resurrection. The disciples later commented, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was opening the Scriptures to us." (Luke

In the 20th century, there was a growth in the study of the Scriptures under the encouragement of the Church. Various Popes and the Vatican Council promoted scriptural scholarship. We now do not take the Scriptures literally but in the context of the writer's intentions. We in Melbourne have been blessed with world-class scripture scholars, including our Father Frank Moloney AM, a world authority on the Gospel of John.

THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD: is being celebrated throughout Australia today as the Bishops implement the exhortation of Pope Francis' letter in September 2019. This day is intended to help us to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. At the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) bishops taught "The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body." (Dei Verbum 21).

The ambo (pulpit) can be called the Table of the Word, from which we are fed the words of eternal life. Our Table of the Word has been split in the front to indicate this is where the Word of God is broken and given to us. The opening is painted in gold.

We show our reverence for the Word of God by being on time at Mass, and the Book is held aloft by the reader and carried in procession to the Table of the Word. When the Word is spoken Christ speaks, One of the early saints wrote, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE: Our fist reading this Sunday is from the Book of Job. Job is very disheartened as he writes about his suffering. Our gospel reading gives us hope as it recalls Jesus healing and caring for the married woman sick in bed and healing many persons later in the evening. Mark is featuring Jesus as a healer and liberating people from diseases. Jesus is our hope.

This event affirms Pope Francis' letter: "The Bible is a book of the Lord's people, who in listening to it, move from dispersion and division to unity. The Word of God unites believers and makes them one people (...3)

Finally another quote from the Pope's letter, (Aperuit Ilbs-art 9): "The Holy Spirit then, makes the sacred Scripture the living Word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of the people."

**WEDNESDAY- FRIDAY MORNING MASS:** will not be celebrated this week as our school children are using the Church to celebrate Opening School Year Masses. With the present Covid restrictions only students and staff may be present – no parents or other parishioners are permitted.

### **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

Wed10 Feb 10am Holy Trinity Site Meeting 12.15pm **Sunbury Ministers** Historical Committee 2pm

Strategic Meeting 5pm-9pm

**SALESIAN COLLEGE GRADUATES:** with their parents held a dinner last week to celebrate their exam results, the best in the history of the college despite the Covid disruptions. Two students had the highest marks in Victoria in Agricultural Science. Maddy Hendy, our parishioner and former student of St Anne's is the Dux of the College with an ATAR score of 98.6.

**DIAMOND JUBILEE:** on the Feast of St John Bosco in 1961 three Salesians took their vows to live the religious life in the Salesian Congregation founded by Don Bosco. Sixty years later, they are continuing their vocation: Fr Frank Moloney, Fr John Papworth and Fr Laurie Moate (Principal in Sunbury 1987-1992). Congratulations and thanks for your service to the People of God. May God continue to bless you in your senior years.

**THE FIREFIGHTERS PRAYER:** this prayer is used by the MFB and was composed by a firefighter in the USA 100 years ago after a fire tragically killed three children. Thank you to those on the frontline, who work tirelessly to keep us safe.

When I am called to duty God Whenever flames may rage Give me strength to save some life Whatever be it's age Help me embrace a little child Before it is too late Or save an older person From horror of the fate Enable me to be alert And hear the weakest shout And quickly and efficiently Put the fire out I want to fill my calling To give the best in me To guard my every neighbour And protect his property If, according to fate I am to lose my life Please bless me with your protecting hand The special people in my life.

**200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA:** The first school opened in 1821. This year marks 150 years of Parade College opened by the Christian Brothers in East Melbourne. Later, the College moved to Bundoora where now there are 1800 students served by 300 staff. A Trade Centre at the college offers Certificates II & III in Building & Construction.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN FRATERNITY: The UN has set 4th February as a new occasion to promoting unity. Last Thursday there was a virtual meeting between Pope Francis, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, The Secretary General of the UN. "Fraternity lead us to see in the other a brother, a sister, to share life, or to support one another, to love, to honour." said Pope Francis.

....Kevin McIntosh

The following children from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:
Gia JANKOVIC
Winston HENNESSY-DOWLING

Raphael LORETO

Zoe MARTELL

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



**MASS BOOKINGS:** As the participation numbers at Mass continue to increase it is essential for your safety and to meet state regulations that you book for Mass. You are strongly encouraged to make your own bookings via the Parish web-site and instructions are attached to this newsletter. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**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.

**OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT:** The LAP team in Jakarta continues to face significant challenges caring for the poverty-stricken HIV AIDS children as the Covid-19 pandemic worsens across Indonesia.

Our parishioners have been very generous over a number of years in financially supporting the critical work of the LAP team.

Pandemic restrictions are now being eased in Victoria, so we are able to conduct our first fundraising collection for more than a year at all Masses on the weekend of 27/28 February.

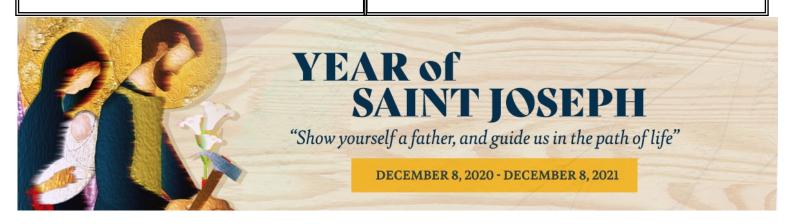
Could we please, once again, ask for your support to enable the LAP team to continue their work in the very difficult conditions they are experiencing. Thank you, OLMC LAP Fundraising Team.

**YOUTH GROUP STARTING:** we are looking forward to commencing our Engage Youth Group for students aged 12-17 years. Our group will be meeting on Wednesdays in the Parish Centre from 5-6pm weekly. We will advise the start date soon..... Keep posted!

# COME JOIN THE SATURDAY MORNING WELL-BEING WALKERS

**GROUP.** A social network group to meet new faces and enhance ones well-being and networks. Stretch, exercise (with the equipment in the park) and bring along your pet for the walk. Explore nature and different trails around Sunbury landscape with experienced and trained walkers. From 8:30 to 9am around Clarke Oval ground. If you have extra energy or want a later start join the walkers for a 9AM start from the park close to Clarke Oval for 1 to 1hr 15 minutes. Slow and brisk walkers are welcome. Contact: 0411286428 Garnet

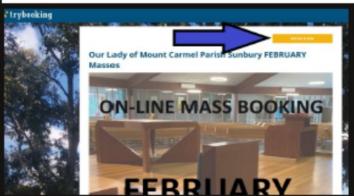
**YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:** This year has been dedicated to St Joseph. He is Mary's husband and looked after her and Jesus at their most vulnerable time. But what do we really know about St Joseph? We don't know exactly where and when he was born, how he spent his days, exactly when or how he died. But Scripture has left us with the most important knowledge: who he was- "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:18).



# How to Book For Mass Online...it's easy



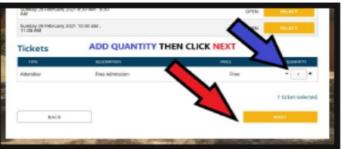
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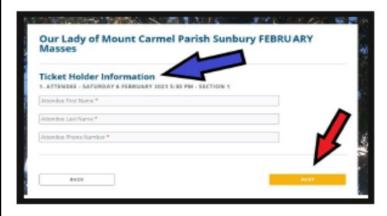
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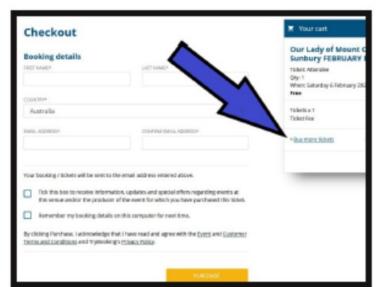
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STEP 4: Select number of attendees and click "NEXT".



STEP 5: Enter details of all attendees and click "NEXT".



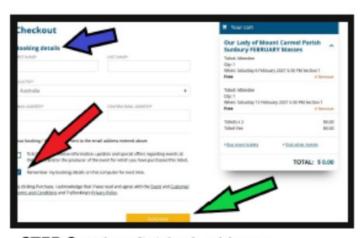
STEP 6: Click to select another date and time of Mass.



STEP 8: Click "NEXT".



STEP 7: Enter attendee details for new date and time of Mass.



STEP 9: When finished, add your details, tick "Remember my details", then select "PURCHASE" to finish.