



## 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
Wednesday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am

### 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

### 21st February 2021

#### 1st Sunday of Lent Yr B

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm Response: Psalm 24:4-9

**Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of endless glory**

**No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God**

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Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Katherine, Soren, Sharen & Sharyl  
AGLIAM Mark ARIANS Chris DOUTRE Frances  
GLEESON Marie LOMBARDO Roisin  
MCGOVERN Benjamin MIFSUD Lucy  
PERKOVIC Bob POWLES Peter NAUGHTON  
Eduardo SANTOS

**Recently Deceased:** Noriel GABALES



*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**

### **"ASPIRE NOT TO HAVE MORE BUT TO BE MORE"**

These words are by Archbishop Oscar Romero who was shot and killed at Mass in a hospital chapel in San Salvador in March 1980. A government soldier martyred him aged 62 years because he spoke out against poverty, social injustice and torture. Pope Francis canonised him in 2018.

Oscar Romero born into a wealthy family later had a change of heart and spoke up for the poor on church radio heard throughout the nation. This annoyed the ruling military dictatorship who wanted him silenced. His death brought about conversion in the Church leadership which began to support the poor.

**LENT IS A JOYFUL SEASON:** as described in one of the prayers of the Mass. The focus of Lent is on our relationship with God. The three pillars of Lent—almsgiving, prayer and fasting—help us to take the focus off ourselves and turn our focus to God.

Almsgiving reminds us that we are joined to others in the world and the social responsibilities that accompany that bond. Our common humanity obliges us to share what we can. Project Compassion is one means of almsgiving.

Fasting sensitises us that we are dependent on the world of nature and we may need to curb our insatiable desires.

Prayer unites with God, the source of our being and our merciful covenant partner. Prayer expresses our gratitude to our Creator.

**ASH—A SIGN OF REPENTANCE:** The tradition of marking our foreheads with ash at the beginning of Lent can be traced back to the ancient Jewish action of dusting oneself with ash as a sign of repentance and mourning for wrongful actions and a public commitment to turn around one's life and try not to make the same mistakes again.

**INSPIRATION FROM POPE FRANCIS:** The desert is the place where the *voice of God* and the *voice of the tempter* can be heard. In the noise, in the confusion, this cannot be done; only superficial voices can be heard. Instead we can go deeper in the desert, where our destiny is truly played out, life or death... The Lenten desert helps us to say 'no' to worldliness, to the 'idols', it helps us to make courageous choices in accordance with the Gospel... Now let us enter into the desert without fear, because we are not alone: we are with *Jesus*, with the *Father* and with the *Holy Spirit*. In fact, as it was for Jesus, it is the Holy Spirit who guides us on the Lenten journey; that *same Spirit* that descended upon Jesus and that has been given to us in Baptism. (Angelus address 22/5/2015) .....Kevin McIntosh

**WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD:** to the 71 students from St Anne's Primary School, and their families, as they celebrated First Eucharist on Thursday 11 February and Friday 12 February, just before the Covid 'circuit breaker' lockdown. These children were to celebrate in 2020, however Covid postponed the celebration of this special day. We thank the Principals, teachers and parents who prepared the children for the Sacrament and we ask you to pray for them to cherish the significance of the Sacrament.

We will be celebrating the First Eucharist celebrations for Our Lady of Mount Carmel children on Thursday 25 February & Friday 26 February and then Holy Trinity celebrations on Thursday 4 March. Please continue to pray for these children and their families as the children begin to receive the Eucharist.

**EVERGREENS:** are having lunch at Sunbury Football Club on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at NOON, and to get together raising the spirit in each other.  
Please call Joe on 0477 677 248 to book before 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Always if it is safe. Watch Bulletin for any changes. Seniors all welcome.

**PCT:** Building our Parish Coordinating Team (PCT) After experiencing such a tumultuous 2020, it is a good time now to engage, plan for our future and be ready to welcome one another back in whatever forms we are able. Late last year we invited interested Parishioners, to join with our Pastoral team to form a Parish Coordinating Team. The process of building our PCT was delayed due to the tasks involved in organising Masses within strict Government guidelines, managing the booking systems, maintaining rosters for our wonderful volunteers and returning to our Catholic and Government school and Adult Sacramental programs.

The Parish Coordinating Team (PCT) will consist of the Parish Priest and the Pastoral Team together with individual parishioners and delegates of Parish Groups invited to represent our Parish community. The PCT shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ and strive to bring our Parish vision to life. Anyone interested in being a member of the PCT is very welcome to call the Parish Office as the nominations will close by early March.

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Continue to book online please via [www.olmcsunbury.com](http://www.olmcsunbury.com)

**WEARING OF MASKS:** the correct wearing of masks is mandatory if we are to continue to celebrate Mass at St Anne's church

**VOCATIONS:** Archbishop Peter has accepted six men for admission to Corpus Christi College this year. They are: **Jordan McBroom, Xavier Ryan, Greg Lewis, Gerard Martin, Anthony Wright and Andrew Tran.**

A special thanks to the priests who have encouraged and supported these men over the past several years to bring them to this point. It is a reminder that the role of priests in parishes is an essential part of vocations work.

Please pray for these men as they begin their seven years of formation to be priests in the Melbourne Church. You may wish to include them in your parish bulletins and social media platforms to highlight the place of vocations in the life of the Church and the parish.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE:** all the Christians in Sunbury are invited to the Australian Prayer Service at the Sunbury Baptist Church at 7pm on Wednesday 7 March. The service has been prepared this year by the women of Vanuatu.

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

Zara BUGEJA  
Will MUSIAL  
Vida RETTORE  
Stella TOIA

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



**OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT:** Next weekend the special collection will be for the LAP Group who look after children living with HIV/ AIDS in the very poorest slum areas of Jakarta Indonesia. If you are unable to attend Mass next weekend and would like to assist LAP with their work you can make a donation directly to the following parish account established specifically for contributions to LAP BSB 083347, ACCOUNT NO. 546358602, ACCOUNT NAME: OLMC CHURCH ACCOUNT – LAP DONATION. Thank you for your wonderful generosity over the past seven years. Parish LAP Fundraising Team.

**ENGAGE YOUTH GROUP:** it is with great joy, we announce the commencement of our Youth Group. The youth group is for young people from 12-17 years of age, to gather and make new friends through activities and social engagement. Our group gathers weekly on Wednesday nights from 5-6pm in the Parish Centre. Our leaders, Nikhil & Stacey look forward to restarting our group this year. For more info contact Jo at the Parish Office on 9744 1060.

#### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN CHURCH

**FOYER:** please take home your Project Compassion Box and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Be More". Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. You can also donate via [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or call 1800 024 413.

**COVID VACCINE:** A message from Archbishop Peter Comonsoli: our Archbishop has released a statement regarding the welcome news of the Covid Vaccine in Australia and the ethical standings of the church. For more info refer to <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/a-letter-to-the-faithful-regarding-development-of-a-covid-19-vaccine/#more-8597>

**PIETY STALL:** thank you to our lovely team of volunteers who look after the Piety Stall. We are happy to announce that they are ready to open this weekend.

**MASS BOOKINGS:** the office staff wish to thank those who have started to book online or use other options– it has really helped us cope with our workload! If you would like to make a booking for next week/ month, please see your Mass Coordinator after Mass who can take your details and arrange the booking for you. You will need to provide your name & contact phone number for the booking to be made.



## YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

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

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021