



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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Liturgy Times-all at St Anne's Church

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
Sunday 10.30am
Tuesday 11.30am- Funeral Service
Peter Naughton

Wednesday 9.15am
10.30am- Funeral Mass
Marie Lombardo
7.00pm Baptist Church-
World Day of Prayer
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: Noeline Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

28 February 2021

2nd Sunday of Lent Yr B

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
Psalm Response: Psalm 115:10,15-19

I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.**

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Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Katherine, Soren, Sharen & Sharyl
AGLIAM Mark ARIANS Martin CLANCY Chris
DOUTRE Frances GLEESON Vicki HEATH
Roisin MCGOVERN Benjamin MIFSUD Lucy
PERKOVIC Bob POWLES Brian RIPPE
Eduardo SANTOS

Recently Deceased: Marie LOMBARDO Fr Ian
MACKINTOSH OMI Peter NAUGHTON

Anniversaries: Maria BARRO Lynette BEHAM
Vincenzo BRULLO Ashby ROMEO

*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

YOU ARE MY BELOVED

The Gospel insists on this truth: "God so loved the world he gave his son." At his Transfiguration, a voice from heaven said: "This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him" (Mark 9:7) This statement is a repetition of the Spirit's message at Jesus' baptism: "This is my beloved Son."

As our baptism we become beloved children of God.

If we seriously enter into the journey of Lent, there can be times of discouragement when our weakness can undermine our resolutions. The gospel encourages us to know that God is still present to us, still calling us, "My Beloved One."

The second reading from Romans today has a similar message-God is on our side and with God on our side how can we possibly fail? Jesus is the sign of God's generous love for us and nothing can destroy such love-especially not our frailty. Paul is here writing to the Christian community in Rome who are experiencing tension that will eventually become persecution. Paul reassures the members of the community that even in times of struggle and weakness these are not signs that God has abandoned them. The reading goes on to ask a series of rhetorical questions: "Who can separate us from the love of Christ?" "Could tribulation or distress or persecution..." Paul's answer is a resounding "No!... Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ."
....c Mary Coloe

INSPIRATION FROM POPE FRANCIS: on a high mountain, immersed in prayer, Jesus is transfigured before the disciples: his face and his entire person irradiate a blinding light....Jesus is the son-made-Servant, sent into the world to save us all through the Cross, fulfilling the plan of salvation. His full adherence to God's will renders his *humanity transparent to the glory of God*, who is love. (Angelus address, 1/3/2015)

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD: Last Thursday and Friday evenings 45 students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School, and their families, celebrated First Eucharist. 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 as they begin to receive the Eucharist.

NEW MELBOURNE CATHOLICS: A couple of hundred people preparing to be received into our Catholic Church at Easter gathered in St Patrick's Cathedral last Sunday afternoon. Archbishop Peter welcomed them and received their written requests. With their families and sponsors, the Cathedral was at capacity under Covid regulations.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST: children enrolled at our 3 Catholic Primary Schools will be registered for celebration of these Sacraments on Tuesday 2 March at 7pm & Wednesday 3 March at 2pm. The meetings will be held in St Anne's Church. Please pray for the children and their families as they learn about these Sacraments.

.....Kevin McIntosh

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: This 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 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.

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, with our Pastoral team to come together as 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.

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

REFLECTION RESOURCES FOR LENT: Melbourne Proclaim Office has prepared a number of resources, "Simply Jesus", accessed via www.melbournecatholic.org under Lent, View Resources

"LOOK TO JESUS": The Liturgy Team have chosen this phrase as our focus for the Lenten period. Archbishop Mark Coleridge writes to Look to Jesus as our source of hope after experiencing such affliction and anxiety over the past year.

We are invited to look to Jesus in our community, in one another, finding the face of Christ in others' fear, anxiety and hope as we journey together through Lent.

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

Isabella COULTER-CARTER

Olivia LAIRD

Hannah MCKINNON

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



2020 CONFIRMATIONS: Our Parish candidates, now in Year 7, will be able to celebrate their Confirmation on March 12 at the Salesian College Stadium. This week our young candidates have attended a "Parenting in Faith" session with a parent or their Sponsor. During one of the sessions held, the candidates have been reminded of the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit given to us through Baptism and reflected how they can strengthen and support us throughout our lives. The candidates were presented with the Apostles' Creed and its relationship to our Baptismal Promises.

The candidates will celebrate reconciliation together soon.

Our Parish is proud to offer these young candidates as the Elect, in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and pray for each one as they complete their Sacraments of Initiation.

EVERGREENS: are having lunch at Sunbury Football Club on **2 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 February 2021. Always if it is safe. Watch Bulletin for any changes. Seniors all welcome.

ENGAGE YOUTH GROUP: it is with great joy, we announce the recommencement 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.

Did you know that Project Compassion helps people living with disabilities gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

You can also donate via www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or call 1800 024 413.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE: all the Christians in Sunbury are invited to the Australian Prayer Service at the Sunbury Baptist Church, 207 Gap Rd, Sunbury at 7pm on **Wednesday 7 March**. The service has been prepared this year by the women of Vanuatu.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Wed 3 March 1pm RSJ Companions St Anne's Church



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

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

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021