



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	5pm & 7pm Sacrament of Reconciliation for Confirmation
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: Noeline Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

7 March 2021

3rd Sunday of Lent Yr B

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms Response: Psalm 18:8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel Acclamation: John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: John 2:13-25

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Katherine, Soren, Sharen & Sharyl
AGLIAM Pam BELL Martin CLANCY Chris
DOUTRE Frances GLEESON Vicki HEATH
Rubina LAKEY Roisin MCGOVERN Benjamin
MIFSUD Lucy PERKOVIC Dennis PRICE Bob
POWLES Brian RIPPE Eduardo SANTOS
Kevin SMITH

Recently Deceased: Bill KAISER

Anniversaries: Peter CANNON Philomena
FRANCIS Mary NOY Christina VELTHUIS Jelka
ZONNEVELD

*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 NEW TEMPLE

Similar to many parts of the Bible, there is a deeper meaning to Jesus' dramatic action of driving out the animal sellers and coin changers from the Jerusalem Temple. The event is sometimes seen as Jesus ridding of corruptive practices.

Rather, St John is teaching that Jesus is bringing Israel Temple worship to an end. Before Christ, the Temple was considered by the Hebrews as the most sacred place to be reconciled to God by offering an animal— a lamb, a goat or a pigeon-in sacrifice. The practice promoted an idea that we can buy our forgiveness from God. Jesus is teaching us that forgiveness comes from God's mercy.

St John is teaching that Jesus' body is the new Temple, the living Temple of God among us. Jesus is the new focus of God's presence in the world, the Word made flesh. The Temple and its sacrificial system are no longer needed. When the Temple authorities ask for Jesus for his credentials to explain his actions, he points to himself as the new living Temple where God dwells. With the coming of Jesus a building made of stones is no longer needed to reconcile us with God.

John writing his gospel in 90AD (CE), sixty years after the event, proves Jesus' words: "Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up." This actually happened at the first Easter.

John's gospel account was also to give the locals some comfort as they were still shattered by the Romans destroying their Temple in 70AD. Jesus is the new Temple— the new point of connection.

THE TEN RESPONSES: As Moses was leading the Jewish people from the slavery of the Pharaoh of Egypt by crossing the Red Sea, he received a message from God which begins, "I am the Lord your God who brought out of the land of Egypt, from slavery." Then follows ten ways in which a free and liberated people should respond. They should be called the Ten Responses, rather than the Ten Commandments.

These Responses should not be seen as a moral code of prohibitions. They are ten ways in which a free people should respond. "Respond by worshipping me as your one and only liberator: don't bow down to others. I am the Lord your God."

In our modern world, there are contemporary gods— nationalism, racism, sexism, individualism, consumerism, etc.

The first Responses stress our relationship with the Lord, as the sole and unique God. Then comes the Sabbath, the day set apart each week for leisure to reflect and foster relationships, beginning with the family and extending to marriage and all social relationships. The Responses enshrine the values essential to peaceful life in human society.

The most important relationship after one's relationship with God is with one's parents— so honour them. The following Responses ensure right relationships with neighbours— protecting his or her life, the marriage relationship, one's property and one's good name in the community.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Madeline McClymont whose daughter Marie entered eternal life on 23 February aged 68 years. Marie was educated at Mercy College, Coburg and later was in administration at Telstra. Marie had two children. Her Funeral Mass last Wednesday concluded at the Northern Memorial Park.

We offer to Linnell Naughton as her husband of 38 years, Peter entered eternal life on 23 February aged 72 years. Peter was well known in Sunbury as he was the gatekeeper of the Sunbury landfill for 26 years. His Funeral was held last Tuesday.

OUR ENROLMENTS FOR 2022: are now open at our three Parish Schools. Open Days with tours will be on 15 March at Our Lady of Mt Carmel and St Anne's and on 16 March at Holy Trinity. Details are on the websites: htsunbury.catholic.edu.au; olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au and sasunbury.catholic.edu.auKevin McIntosh

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: Dear parishioners, thank you most sincerely for your wonderful response to last weekend's fundraising collection for LAP. Due to your generosity, almost \$2,000 was raised and will be forwarded to the LAP team in Jakarta to assist them in their care for the HIV AIDS children. Your continued support for the children is inspiring. Parish LAP Fundraising Team.

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES to the family and friends of Pam Bell following the announcement of her passing at the 10:30 Mass last week. This information was inaccurately passed to the Parish Office.

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

2020 CONFIRMATIONS: Our Parish candidates, now in Year 7, will be able to celebrate their Confirmation on March 12 at the Salesian College Stadium. The candidates will celebrate Reconciliation with their families this week. 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.

'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. This weekend's theme is "Finding forgiveness in Him and one another." Lent is an opportunity to reflect more deeply on our relationship with Christ and those around us.

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.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 10 March	10.15am Melbourne Priests' Lenten Prayer Day
Thursday 11 March	9.30am Parish Education Board
	1-5pm Parish Strategic Plan

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

Charlie AYRES
Lylah BOYLE
Rylan TURNER
Isaac YOUNG

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



SUNBURY WINTER SHELTER IS HOLDING THE INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

at St. Andrew's Uniting Church, 3pm March 21. COVID guidelines will require you to sign in, hand sanitise and please carry a mask with you unless you have a lawful reason not to (depending on numbers use may not be necessary).

As we are planning to hold our Shelter as we did in 2019 it would be wonderful if members of our church families would consider Volunteering for one of the many roles available:

Shift leader, shift member, cook/kitchen helper, laundry person, driver or behind the scenes support with knitting beanies, supplying toiletries, donating funds, every facet of assistance is welcomed and appreciated.

Volunteer role descriptions and registration form are available on our website www.sunburywintershelter.org.au

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact either your Venue Co-ordinator or Chris Morgan-Prosser, Volunteer Project Co-ordinator 0497 216 118.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Caritas Australia fund literacy and numeracy classes to people in developing nations to improve their ability to generate income for themselves and their communities. The money from your Project Compassion box will make a world of difference to those in need. Donations can also be made via www.caritas.org.au or call 1800 024 413.

A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY DURING LENT: "When sorry isn't enough: making things right with those you love" by Gary Chapman (5 Love Languages) & Jennifer Thomas.

Date: Saturday 20th March 2021.
10.00am – 3.30pm.

Address: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Hall.
49 Nicholson St, Brunswick East.

Cost: \$40 per couple.
(Includes copy of the book and morning/afternoon tea) **Please bring your own lunch. Book early using TryBooking. Limited places available.**
<https://www.trybooking.com/BOZGX>

More information contact: **Helen & Leo Wursthorn 0422 340 096**
Money refunded if COVID lockdown occurs. COVID safe protocols in place.

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE at 362 Albert Street East Melbourne, invites parishioners, families & friends to their first Weekend Open Day for 2021 on Saturday, 13th March from 10.00am – 4.00pm. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum, the Chapel where Mary prayed, as well as the Gift Shop & Refreshments area for morning or afternoon tea. A 'socially distanced' Mary "MacKillop Walking Tour" will take place at 11.00am. Everyone welcome & entry is free.



On my desk I have a statue of St Joseph sleeping.
While sleeping he looks after the church.
Yes, he can do it.
We know that.

When I have a problem or a difficulty, I write on a piece of paper and I put it under his statue so he can dream about it. This means please pray to St Joseph for this problem.

.... Pope Francis
Meeting of Families Philippines January 16, 2015