



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,

SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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### Liturgy Times-all at St Anne's Church

Wednesday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am
Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.30am 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

2 May 2021

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31  
Psalm Response: Psalm 21:26-28,30-32  
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24  
Gospel Acclamation: 1 John 15:4-5

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.**

**Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 15:1-8

### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Mark ARIANS Chris DOUTRE Frances GLEESON Vicki HEATH Paul HOCKING  
Roisin MCGOVERN Christopher MCKEOWN  
Benjamin MIFSUD Esmaela PAPANGO Lucy PERKOVIC Peter RYAN Eduardo SANTOS

**Recently Deceased:** Shirley BOURKE Rodel CASTILLO Ivy PINTO Michael ROCK

**Anniversaries:** Sheila & Wilfred D'SOUZA Margaret FRANCIS Adolf GILMING Yvonne LOFT-HOUSE Raymond & Dorothy PINTO Yvonne ROBSON David ROMERO Eduardo SANTOS Fausto SERVITO Lolita SERVITO Alice TAURO

*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**

### **GROWTH IN OUR LIFE OF FAITH AND LOVE**

We can imagine the Easter season as a great tree that thrusts its roots deep down into the soil even as its trunk and branches grow upward and outward. The hidden roots draw nourishment from deep under the earth and fuel the visible growth of the tree.

The gospel readings for today and the next three Sundays taken from Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples in the gospel of John, invite us on an interior journey into the depths of our hearts. It is there that Jesus makes his home in us, it is there that the Holy Spirit teaches us all wisdom. As with the tree, the more our faith is fed from deep within, the stronger is our desire to let love loose in the world.

### **PRUNING THE VINES AND OURSELVES**

We know the process of cutting away and pruning branches is a very nurturing action; it is removing the unproductive portions of the plant so that the vine has a better opportunity to produce fruit in the next season. It is an act of love, not an act of economic rationalisation.

Within our own lives we are called to make decisions about which of our thoughts and actions are life-giving (fruit-bearing) and which are unproductive, negative, life-diminishing. Then we are free and able to fully flourish. Feelings of jealousy, greed, resentment, self-doubt can limit our ability to be fully alive and able to perform at our best.

### **DIVINE INDWELLING**

Our second reading for St John's letter insists the love we have received from God must flow through us to become truly active loving in our own lives.

To live a life of active love, we must be conscious, through the Holy Spirit, that God has made a home within us and that we too are 'at home' with God.

### **OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY**

We offer to our parishioners—Jose Vergara, Juliet D'Souza, Monica Francis and Arnold Rock whose parents, brother and sister died in India recently from the coronavirus. These four families are unable to be with their loved ones for their funerals.

### **ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION IN SUNBURY**

It is generally believed that last Sunday's attendance was the biggest in memory, about 3,000 took part. Most primary and secondary schools, the SES, Police Force, Probus Clubs, Air Cadets and other community organisations laid wreaths at the Memorial on the Village Green. The prayers were led by the Anglican and Catholic priests.

### **GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER SERVICE**

Led by the Anglican, Baptist and Uniting Ministers was held in St Anne's Church and was live-streamed. The collection raised \$1,000 for the flood victims around Port Macquarie being distributed by a Christian Community there.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Maree Shields, who graduated last Wednesday at Melbourne University of Divinity with her Masters degree in Religious Education, Philosophy and Theology. Maree attended St Anne's School and leads our music ministry at Mass.

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### CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings as the remainder of our 267 students begin to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with four priests at each session.

### FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER - 1 MAY

The prayer presented was written by Saint Pope John XXIII. Born in 1858, Angelo Roncalli was one of thirteen children born to a family of sharecroppers, in a village in Lombardy. He was Pope from 1958 to 1963 and called Vatican II.

...Kevin McIntosh

**ANNUAL MASS COUNT:** during the month of May, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are asked to count all who attend at all parish Masses.

### POPE FRANCIS AFTER COVID 19—CLIMATE CHANGE

Our Pope late last year wrote a book "Let Us Dream—The Path to a Better Future" Part Three of the book is entitled "A Time To Act". The following extracts are from Pages 128 and 129.

The pandemic and the economic crisis offer a chance to examine our lifestyles, to change destructive habits, and to find more sustainable ways to produce, trade, and transport goods.

We can also begin to implement an ecological conversion at every level of society in the ways that I suggested in *Laudato Si'*: moving to renewable energy and away from fossil fuels; respecting and implementing biodiversity; guaranteeing access to clean water; adopting more restrained lifestyles; changing our understanding of value, progress, and success by taking into account the impact of our businesses on the environment.

As a world community we must commit to meet the United Nations' sustainable development goals by 2030. Let us use the years ahead to practice an *integral* ecology, allowing the principle of ecological regeneration to shape the decisions we take at every level.

The goods and resources of the earth are meant for all. Fresh air, clean water, and a balanced diet are vital for the health and well-being of our peoples. Let us put the regeneration of the earth and universal access to its goods at the heart of our post-Covid future.

**HALL BOOKINGS:** For Parish Centre bookings please contact Cathie Lio, the Parish Centre Manager on 0405 380 560 directly.

**THE PERNAPERNA WOMEN'S GROUP:** Are involved in a project knitting and crocheting blankets and beanies for Aboriginal people in Palliative Care across Australia and are seeking donations of 8 ply acrylic wool. Donations can be left at the Sunbury Neighbourhood House, 531 Elizabeth Drive, Sunbury—Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm. Those wanting to knit squares for the blankets, we would be most grateful. Measurements 50 stitches x 8cm (a square). Wool and needles available if you would like to knit. Contact Joan 9744 3357.

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

Leila CAREW

Phoebe DOWLING

Michael FITZPATRICK

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. Come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. welcome, including children. For further info/transport please contact Elaine van der Weerden on 0418 322 596.

**SUNBURY WINTER SHELTER:** is seeking volunteers as the Shelter is planning to commence on 1 June. Training sessions will be held in May. Volunteer registration forms are available on the desks in the foyer. More details—on [wms.sunbury@gmail.com](mailto:wms.sunbury@gmail.com) or 0497 216 118. Each night of the week the Shelter will operate at a Sunbury Church at three shifts: 5-11pm, 11pm-6am, 6am-9am. There are various roles for volunteers: fellowship, kitchen, driver and laundry. **SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: SUNBURY WINTER SHELTER 1/2 MAY**

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tue	4 May	12 noon	Sunbury Ministers
Wed	4 May	1.00pm	School Principals
Wed	5 May	1.00pm	RSJ Companions - St Anne's Meeting Room
		7.30pm	Knights of the Southern Cross - Parish Centre
Fri	7 May	1.30pm	School Advisory Council

### PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Saint Joseph,  
you who worked each day  
to earn your bread  
side by side with  
the word Incarnate,  
giving Him the strength  
to live and labour, and who experienced  
anxiety for the morrow  
and the uncertainty of  
work,  
bless all workers,  
pray for the poor,  
watch over  
the peace  
of the world,  
for the good of humanity,  
for the church's mission  
and for the glory  
of the Most Holy Trinity.  
Amen



## YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

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

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