



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH
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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

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

13 June 2021

Eleventh Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm Response: Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Chris DOUTRE Frances GLEESON Vicki HEATH Paul HOCKING Chris HULL Anna LEE Roisin MCGOVERN Christopher MCKEOWN Benjamin MIFSUD Esmaela PAPANGO Peter RYAN Anthony SERIC

Recently Deceased: Givan MADEDA

Anniversaries: Roy DENNER Eveleen REDDAN George WESTWOOD

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 REIGN OF GOD WILL COME

As we experience uncertainty, worry and suffering caused by Covid 19, this Sunday we have two parables from Jesus which lead us not to be discouraged about the future. The Kingdom of God is not a political entity but a lifestyle with a renewed relationship with God involving the unconditional offer of forgiveness and familial intimacy with God ('Our Father').

The Gospel of Mark was written about thirty five years after the Resurrection when some of the early Christians were becoming disappointed at the slow growth of Christian living—hence they needed some hope and encouragement.

PARABLES ARE BRAIN-TEASERS: Jesus states the reign of God is like seed that takes root and grows in secret places with human reality. In fact it is usually found in places where one would least expect to find it—among the poor and despised, in the lives who suffer or are persecuted. The reign of God thrives in its own mysterious ways. Like a TV advertisement: "From little things big things grow."

Jesus preached using parables. The scene is on the shore of Galilee. His listeners are local farming peasants who were familiar with the images of seed, sowing and harvesting. The secret of Jesus' parables, when we understand the cultural context, is that there is always a 'twist in the tale' that turns the expected outcome of the story on its head. The second parable today is about the mustard seed. On the surface the parable is about the kingdom of God starting from small, humble beginnings and growing into something great. The seed grows into a great shrub 'so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' A farming community growing crops would be greatly alarmed at the thought of actually attracting birds to their fields. Jesus' message about the kingdom of God is that it is actually disruptive and invasive. The kingdom brings unrest and disquiet to the predictable. The kingdom of God is unsettling. There is more to the parables than appears from literal meaning.

THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD: The two parables this Sunday show us that the growth the kingdom cannot be measured by the yardstick of the human success story. The kingdom is 'of God', and will grow silently and steadily according to God's design. The silent action of God will eventually bear fruit.

Often we are concerned about the lack of public success which our efforts for God seem to have. Many lament because the Christian Church does not play the dominant role in forming culture and politics which it once played. Christians are now relegated to the sidelines and our way of life is often ridiculed.

Today's parables encourage us to allow our God to be God, to work in mysterious and surprising ways. We can be sure that the harvest time, when God will reap good fruit, will eventually come. Meanwhile, the silent working of God is still present in our world.

....Kevin McIntosh

MASS FOR INDIAN COMMUNITY: unfortunately will be postponed until less restrictions on numbers.

CORRECT FACTS ON SCHOOL FUNDING: a report in "The Age" on 10th June suggested that non-government schools were overfunded and government schools were underfunded on school facilities.

Jim Miles, director of Catholic Education Commission of Victoria states this suggestion is flawed as the Andrews Government has invested over \$2billion in new government schools since 2014.

Despite educating more than 20% of Victorian children, our school communities contribute 72% of the funds to build and upgrade Catholic schools saving taxpayers. The Andrews Government has committed \$402 million to build and upgrade Catholic and Independent schools between 2019 and 2023. This commitment has received bipartisan support.

BOOKINGS FOR MASS: with current restrictions on churches of only 50 people per Mass, we have had to restart our booking system so that we don't turn people away. Please book via the parish website olmcsunbury.com for this week and next weeks Masses. Parish Office staff request you book in after Mass or request family or friends to assist with online booking. It is still mandatory to QR into Mass. Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass to avoid congestion and delays getting into Mass. Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation during these unusual times.

HOLY SEE- NOW PERMANENT OBSERVER AT WHO: On 31st May, 72 countries supported the granting of permanent observer status to the World Health Organisation, being permitted to participate in debates, but not allowed to vote on issues. Since 1953, the Vatican has been an observer of WHO and a permanent observer at the United Nations since 1964. A WHO official said the Holy See has been providing assistance for years through organisations of the Catholic Church to millions of needy people around the world.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Teresa Foschia and her two children as her husband Dominic entered eternal life recently aged 78 years. After boarding at St Patrick's College, Ballarat, he studied pharmacy which he practised at St Vincent's Hospital and other places. In 1973 Dominic and Teresa bought a farm on Lancefield Road. Dominic was a member of the Knights of the Southern Cross and regular at Sunday Mass. His Funeral will be celebrated on Friday.

CARE FOR THE HOMELESS: The Steering Committee of Sunbury Winter Shelter has resolved to move the opening date of the program to 1st July after considering the current COVID restrictions. Currently Vincentcare is accommodating those who are at risk of homelessness and the Winter Shelter will continue to refer to them for assistance until the shelter begins taking guests.

JUSTICE IN JUNE: During the month of June, being the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Parish community in collaboration with our primary schools are asked to think about and support the plight of disadvantage families. We are asked to support Vinnies, Asylum Seekers and Winter Shelter. There will be a Vinnies Winter Appeal for cash donations, a call for food staples, toiletries and warm hats, scarves and gloves. There will be a collection box for those who wish to support this appeal. Thank you.

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION – ANOTHER WAY TO CONTRIBUTE: As outlined at Masses last month a "Tap and Give" donation terminal has been set up in the foyer to enable contactless contributions to be made to the Presbytery Collection. The terminal enables parishioners who may not be carrying cash to make a donation by simply tapping their credit or debit card (or smartwatch) on the screen. The device is pre-set to \$5 and will automatically send that donation to the parish presbytery account and debit the card-holder's bank or credit card account. While the terminal provides an easy, flexible and cost-effective alternative, it's important to emphasise that the current methods of donating either through direct debit, envelope or cash are still available. Please continue to support Fr. Kevin and retired priests through the Presbytery Collection in whatever way suits you best. Please do not hesitate to contact either Glenn Morris or Tony Kiley from the Finance Committee if you have any queries.

The following children from our parish will be baptized This Sunday
Isla BARTOLO
Theo VAN NIEKERK
We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



YOUTH GROUP EXCURSION: On Saturday May 22, Sunbury Engage had an excursion to AceKarts Go-Karting in Albion.

The day consisted of arrival at AceKarts, two absolutely awesome rounds of competitive and exciting Go-Karting, followed up by a delicious fish 'n' chips lunch and hangout!

We had a brilliant day Go Karting, although some of us were a bit better at racing than others were!

The day was wonderful and we are eager to run more excursion like this in future!

The group is hard at work planning and preparing for their next upcoming fundraiser, keep an eye out for further announcements.

...Nikhil Hendricks, Youth Group Leader

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Wed 16 June	10am	Holy Trinity School
	7pm	Baptism Focus Group-Zoom
Thurs 17 June	2pm	Parish Finance Committee

QR CODES: As everyone knows by now, we must use QR codes to check in to all our Parish facilities. For those who need the Vic Gov app, we have put links on the front page of our website (olmcsunbury.com) and if you just open that site on your smartphone and click on the appropriate link for either your Android phone or your Apple iPhone, it will take you straight to the Victorian government QR code application where you just click install and it will install it for you. If you have an older Samsung phone there is a link there with information from Samsung which may be able to help you to get it to work on an older Samsung phone.

POPE FRANCIS TAKING VACCINE: as reported by Vatican News on 14 January 2021

The vaccination campaign against Covid-19 in the Vatican which began on Wednesday continues with both Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI receiving their first doses of the vaccine.

"I can confirm that as part of the vaccination program of the Vatican City State, as of today, the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine has been administered to Pope Francis and to the Pope Emeritus," said Matteo Bruni, director of the Holy See Press Office in response to journalists' questions.

Pope Francis had announced during an interview with Italian television station Tg5 on Sunday that he planned to receive the vaccine this week.

The Pope referred to the vaccination as "an ethical action, because you are gambling with your health, you are gambling with your life, but you are also gambling with the lives of others."

Private Secretary to Pope emeritus Benedict XVI, Bishop Georg Gaenswein, had also confirmed that the Pope emeritus would be vaccinated.

ST ANNE'S CHURCH GARDEN: Our thanks Jo and Carmel Wiegerink who have sourced and tirelessly spread the mulch on the church grounds. The garden beds look wonderful too, thank you.

GENEROSITY OF OUR PARISHIONERS: Caritas Australia has looked after the worlds most vulnerable communities for decades. Sunbury Parishioners have again opened their giant hearts and generous wallets to support their work with just under \$2500. During these difficult Covid times, it is inspiring to know our people still give to support those in need.

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