



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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Liturgy Times-all at St Anne's Church

Wednesday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am
Saturday	4.00pm
	5.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
	10.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am-10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
Priest Assisting: Fr Brian Ahern 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

20 June 2021

Twelfth Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Job 38:1,8-11

Psalm Response: Psalm 106:23-26, 28-31

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 7:16

Alleluia! Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Chris DOUTRE Vicki HEATH Paul HOCKING Chris HULL Anna LEE Roisin MCGOVERN Christopher MCKEOWN Benjamin MIFSUD Esmela PAPANGO Lucy PERKOVIC Peter RYAN Anthony SERIC

Recently Deceased: Sidney FARIA

Anniversaries: Eddie GRECH

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

CHRIST CARES FOR US IN OUR FEARS

The storm and floods in Victoria this month have brought fear and destruction into people's lives. Our gospel today features the event where Christ calms the storm that threatens to engulf the boat on which he and his disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee.

Mark's account of the episode combines the human and the divine. At first the disciples are very much in control. On land Christ may be in control but the sea is their sphere of competence; they are fishermen after all. Completely in their hands, Jesus takes the opportunity to take a little nap.

The sudden onset of a storm (frequent on the sea of Galilee) changes everything. The disciples become desperate, wake Jesus and rather rudely ask if he cares at all that they are about to sink! They aren't asking for a miracle, but asking him for some help like bailing out the water.

Swiftly, Christ moments before was so humbly asleep like a child, rises and majestically commands the sea and wind to be calm. The fury of the storm gives way to a divinely created calm. Jesus then turns to the disciples and questions them about their fear and lack of faith. Did they not understand with him present, there was no chance that the forces of chaos and destruction would overwhelm them?

While their faith had still to develop at least they asked the right question, "Who is this, who ever the winds and the sea obey?" From their knowledge of the Bible, where God calmed the sea at the creation of the world (Genesis Chapter 1), they knew they had witnessed an exercise of divine power. Hence, they are "filled with awe". All the signs point to the fact that Jesus is God in their midst.

STORMS IN OUR LIVES: In all four gospels, the boat is a symbol of the Church; the sea especially out of control—is a symbol of all the forces that are hostile to the Church and seek to destroy it.

Mark's gospel was written for the Christians around Rome forty years after the resurrection when there was great persecution of Christians by the Emperor Nero.

Yet to fulfil its mission and win people (fish) for the Kingdom, the Church must go out upon the sea. There are times in the history of the Church when its Lord seems to be absent or asleep—times when faith in the divine presence and power is put to the test. In such situations, this gospel event gives great hope and encouragement. We are not to lose courage in the face of storms and difficulties in our lives. We are to trust Christ who journeys with us always.

OUR SUNDAY MASSES POPULAR: Last weekend, our four Sunday Masses were booked out by the Friday at the legal limit of 200 persons. It is hard on our ushers who have to turn away people beyond the limit. Victoria Police came to inspect us.

This weekend, our four Sunday Masses have the capacity of 300 persons—75 at each Mass.

...Kevin McIntosh

BOOKINGS FOR MASS: while restrictions are in place to have only 75 people at each Mass, please ensure you continue to book for any of our 4 weekend Masses—4pm & 5.30pm Saturday and 8.30am & 10.30am Sunday. Please book via the parish website olmcsunbury.com or speak to your Mass coordinator for assistance with booking for next week. Parish staff are unable to make bookings for Mass. Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation during these unusual times.

CATHOLIC FAITH: Do you know someone who may be interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith?

The Inquiry Period of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) will commence in our Parish shortly.

Any inquiries would be welcome at the Parish Office 97441060

JUSTICE IN JUNE & JULY: During the months of June & July, 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.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: the week after Christmas Day celebrations is the Feast of the Holy Family. This is a time to reflect on Jesus, Mary and Joseph. As a family, they went through good times and bad times. They would have had their challenges as every family endures. In this year of St Joseph, we focus our attention on Joseph who quietly served God throughout his whole life. The Gospels don't have much information on this humble man. We can assume that he would have taught Jesus many valuable life lessons as Jesus grew from an infant to an adolescent and into a young man destined to bring salvation to all. Joseph would have performed many unrecorded acts of love in his life. Showing compassion and mercy for Mary with an immaculate conception which was not fully understood by Mary or Joseph, however they trusted in God and Joseph protected Mary from any adversity even before Jesus was born. We know he was compassionate, merciful, righteous, honest, kind and protective. We pray to St Joseph to continue to help us get through this pandemic.

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

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.

The following children from our parish will be baptized

This Sunday

Maison GRAY

Chloe HOARE

Kayla HEARD

Michael MURNANE

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



ENGAGING WITH 'TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL'

Proclaim: The Office for Mission Renewal, warmly invites you to engage with the heart of this renewed vision for our Archdiocese through prayerful reflection and dialogue.

1. 'Take the Way of the Gospel': Together we Pray

You are invited to take up the invitation from Archbishop Comensoli to pray for our Archdiocese as we begin the journey of 'Take the Way of the Gospel'.

This significant time of discernment begins with prayer and with calling upon the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us.

Invite anyone and everyone—your parishes, family, prayer groups, school communities—to join in this weekly online prayer opportunity for our Archdiocese. To allow for differing availabilities, each week the same session will be run twice:

- **Wednesdays 7.30–8.00pm:** 16, 23, 30 June and 7 & 14 July
- **Thursdays 12.30–1.00pm:** 17, 24 June and 1, 8 & 15 July (repeat sessions)

2. 'Take the Way of the Gospel'—Beginning the Journey

In this online workshop, we will listen carefully to the 'Take the Way of the Gospel' pastoral letter and ponder how we are each being called by the Holy Spirit into a renewed way of being in our local Church. There will be time to respectfully share with each other so as to deepen our understanding of this vision and fuel our energy to involve our faith communities.

The sessions will model the use of a resource 'Take the Way of the Gospel—Beginning the Journey' which will be available for parish use in coming weeks. The workshop is suitable for parish leadership, parish pastoral councils, school communities, ministry groups, prayer groups and all interested parishioners and diocesan community groups. To allow for differing availabilities, the same session will be run twice:

- **Friday 18 June, 2.00–3.30pm**
- **Tuesday 22 June, 7.30–9.00pm (repeat session)**

Location: Zoom

Registration via: www.trybooking.com/BRYSQ



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

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

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