



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,

SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy Times:

Liturgies have been suspended temporarily due to the lockdown

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19 September 2021

Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Psalm Response: Psalm 53:3-6, 8

The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Sr Jean COUTTS Miguelito ELMA Paul HOCKING Chris HULL Mary & Joe KLOSS Roisin MCGOVERN Brian SAID

Recently Deceased: Joan FRANGOS John ROMERO Lina TANWANGCO

Anniversaries: Judy HOGAN Frank HOGAN Peter LAMOURY James PELLY Don RODRIGUES Pat TORR



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

A UNIQUE STYLE OF LEADERSHIP

These Sundays as we read Mark's gospel there are three predictions by Jesus that he will suffer once he arrives in Jerusalem. Last Sunday, Peter objected to Jesus suffering.

Today, Jesus confronts his disciples as they journey to Jerusalem asking them: "what are you arguing about?" They do not answer as they are embarrassed because they had been arguing who is the greatest, who will be the most important person when the new kingdom is established in Jerusalem. They expected the new king would restore justice and peace, like the great kings of their history.

WHO IS THE GREATEST?

Our Royal Children's Hospital is given the most in appeals for donations, because we value children greatly. In Jesus' time, children were at the bottom of the social scale. These were non-entities, no-bodies until adulthood, totally under the control of the father of the household.

Jesus called the Twelve to him and said: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all". Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them: "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me". (Mark 9:37)

An example of this style of service was given by Pope Paul VI when he was elected in June 1963. He did away the crowning ceremony when the three-tiered papal crown (tiara in Latin) was put on a new pope's head. Paul VI said he wanted to be known by the title: 'Servant of the Servants of God'.

While some in our world seek position, status and power, Jesus advocates leadership should be based on being of service to others.

FAILING DISCIPLES

In chapters 8-10 of Mark's Gospel, the disciples consistently fail to understand Jesus. Let us remember the gospel was written decades after the Resurrection and the disciples like Peter and James, had died for their faith, so it is strange that these great figures are presented so poorly in Mark's gospel.

Scholars believe this is a deliberate technique of Mark to teach his community and Christians of all time that disciples do not have to be perfect, that failure does not stop one being a disciple. Jesus remains faithful even to failing disciples.

THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE

Joanne Spiteri began working in our Parish Office in 2010. She has now resigned to take on more family responsibilities. We thank her for her competent and cheerful service. She will continue to do some volunteer work.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We offer to Carlos Tanwangco and his two sons as Lina his wife of 57 years entered eternal life on 13 September aged 82 years. Lina was a great cook and dressmaker. The family came from the Philippines in 1992 to our parish. Carlos and Lina were at the first Sunday Mass each week. Her funeral was held last Thursday.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We wish all students, teachers and families a very refreshing break after a term of remote teaching and learning due to the lockdown.

....Kevin McIntosh

REIMAGING OUR LOCAL CHURCH AS MISSION COMMUNITIES: This initiative from the Archdiocese of Melbourne has 3 aims: To reinforce effectiveness in Sharing the Gospel. To facilitate Vibrant, Vital and Viable Faith Communities. To ensure equitable sharing of Resources across the Archdiocese. Three Parish representatives attended the zoom workshop of North Western Parishes on 25 August. As well as discussing the aims of the initiative the presentations gave a snapshot of the demographics of our Parish and those of our neighbours. Delegates were given an insight into how "notional" Mission Communities might be structured. Our Parish has been suggested as a participant in a "Notional" Mission with our Gisborne neighbours. This is not an announcement of a change but a potential model to be discerned, discussed and prayed about in coming months. The Archdiocese hopes to have 2 or 3 Missions moving towards implementation in the next 12 to 24 months. At this time we see the initiative overwhelmed by the Covid Pandemic and whilst we will continue to attend workshops and discussions we see our overriding concern being serving the Pastoral needs of our Parish, working to open our churches, keep them safe and welcome our Parishioners back. Should you have any concerns please speak with a member of the Parish Team.

PASTORAL COORDINATING TEAM

The PCT have identified 7 themes to support and build our parish community:

- Outreach and inclusion of the marginalised.
- Social activities.
- Engage with the young, the families and the school community.
- Evangelise and provide formation for adults.
- Involve the laity – including women.
- Stay united and listen.
- Communicate regularly.

The Team have met again this week and is exploring possibilities that will address some or all of the themes.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Will meet by zoom on Friday 24 September at 2.00pm.

MASS TIMES & BOOKINGS: We will need to await further instruction from the State Government once lockdown finishes as to when we are able to celebrate Mass together.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL: Our Sunbury Chapter of Vinnies support, both financially and emotionally, many in our community, particularly through the recent months of COVID. If possible please support them in the help they give to those less fortunate. Electronic donations will be greatly appreciated:

BSB No: 063 000

Account No: 1031 7778

Reference: 171

Account Name: SVDP

Please email receipts to Parish Office at

sunbury@cam.org.au. Thank you for your support.



Resources for Christian living: Making the most of lockdown

In this blog post, local Melbourne mum of six, Kate Moriarty, shares some fun and creative ideas to help families make the most of their time together in lockdown. Find out more at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving3

Getting to know your Bible: Opening up the Old Testament

Getting Started: This video by Bible Snap brings you the Old Testament in 8 minutes, with a comprehensive overview of where the books and people fit in the timeline of history. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted3

Going Deeper: Exodus is one of the key books of the Old Testament. Hear about the pivotal events in Exodus from a range of other Christian Biblical scholars and theological experts in this 10-minute video. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper3

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY: On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

We call to mind the recent 2021/22 Social Justice Statement – Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor – released by the Australian Catholic bishops, which reminds us of the social mission of the Church and which urges us to reflect on 'the bigger picture' and to act together on social, economic and ecological issues. Together, we all have a role to play in building a just and equitable society, where all have equal opportunities to flourish and prosper.



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

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

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