



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy Times:

Liturgies have been suspended temporarily due to the lockdown

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3 October 2021

Twenty Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms Response: Psalm 127

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel Acclamation: 1 John 4:12

Alleluia! Alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Miguelito ELMA Chris HULL Fr Noel MACKAY Roisin MCGOVERN Brian SAID

Recently Deceased: Irene POLE Graham STEPHENS

Anniversaries: Jennifer RILEY



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 PLENARY COUNCIL BEGINS

The last Plenary Council in Australia was in 1937—hence today is a very historical day. This Sunday, our Plenary Council's first session will run until 10 October. Nine months later, the second session will be held.

Today, 272 members (17 from Melbourne Archdiocese) will join online with the Opening Mass, presided by Archbishop Tim Costello SDB of Perth.

DAILY LIVESTREAMS

Will be available each day. On October 3, at 2pm Opening Mass. Daily Mass—October 4-9 at 9.30am and on demand afterwards.

Daily sessions—October 4 to 6, 8-9—at 11am to 12.30pm; October 7 12noon to 12.45pm. Closing Mass 10, 11am. Website: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly> -1 / Times are local Melbourne times. (AEDT)

ST ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH PRAYING FOR US

In a letter from the Sunbury Uniting Church: "Our Church stands in prayerful solidarity with the Australian Roman Catholic Church to call on God's Spirit to accompany the Australian Catholic Church during this period as it listens to the promptings of the Spirit and seeks to discern what God is calling it to as a Church for the future. The people of St Andrew's congregation here in Sunbury are holding you in our prayers this Sunday.

Our Uniting Church has often been surprised, sometimes disturbed, but always greatly benefited by the movement of God's Spirit among the people of our Church in the various levels of inter-conciliar councils we have. As we approach such times of opening ourselves to, and waiting on the movement of, God's Spirit among us it is often exciting and daunting at one and the same time as new possibilities are discerned that require some letting go of how things have been.

Our prayer for you in this journey is this: Creator God, in your great love you have given us the gift of your Spirit. As the Roman Catholic Church in Australia enters this time of discernment, we pray that your Spirit would guide and encourage those involved in the Plenary Council. May we all stand together as we seek to be your people on the way of Jesus. We pray this through Christ Our Redeemer. Amen Your brothers and sisters in Christ—(Rev) Stan Clarke Minister of the Word, Peter Mitchell Congregational Chair, Lorraine McLaren Chair of Church Council.

MARRIED PEOPLE—AN OUTWARD SIGN OF GOD'S LOVE

This Sunday in Mark's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples on marriage. The reflection below is from Dianne Bergant, Professor Emerites of Biblical Studies at the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago.

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness.

We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit

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Themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters.

Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust—trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part—openness to give and openness to receive.

....Kevin McIntosh

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY:

We offer to the four daughters of Ida Kerekes who entered eternal life on 18 September aged 87 years. Ida was born in Romania where her elder brother was a priest. Ida escaped the communists in 1956 from Hungary. After fleeing in their horse and cart, they were accepted by England and in 1969 came to our Parish. Ida was a nurse aide at Caloola Psychiatric Centre where she befriended many residents, inviting them to her home in Horne Street for afternoon tea. Her funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday.

We offer to the three daughters, Carmen, Bernie and Erin of Irene Pole who entered eternal life on 22 September aged 93 years. Irene's family of origin had a farm in Sunbury seventy years ago. Irene returned to our Parish about 7 years ago. We thank the Communion Minister who served Irene at home during that time. Her funeral will be celebrated at Birchip where Irene spent much of her life on a farm.

OUR VISION THROUGH THE SPIRIT:

You are invited to join our Parish initiative - "Our Vision through the Spirit". A journey of 3 sessions over 6 weeks where we join in prayer, scripture, reflection, discussion and personal commitment as we work together with the Holy Spirit to bring our Parish Vision to Action. Sessions will be conducted over zoom and you have a choice of day or evening sessions. 1.30pm Wednesdays 13, 27 October, 10 November or Thursdays 14, 28 October and 11 November. Each session is planned for 1.5 hours. Please let the Parish Office know which session you would like to join - sunbury@cam.org.au or 9744 1060. We look forward to seeing you.

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:

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

PRAYER OF PETITION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

A prayer used before every session of the Second Vatican Council.

This is to be prayed at the beginning of a Plenary Council.

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
conscious of our sinfulness,
but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us,
and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength
to know your will,
to make it our own

and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom,
support us by your power,
for you are God,

sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for ALL
enable us to uphold the rights of others;
do not allow us to be misled by ignorance
or corrupted by fear or favour.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love
and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name
may we temper justice with love,

So that all our decisions
may be pleasing to you,

and earn the reward
promised to good and faithful servants,

Amen



A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown ...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

PODCASTS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING: HOW TO KEEP OUR KIDS CATHOLIC:

In this episode of The Word on Fire show, Bishop Robert Barron and Brandon Vogt discuss what helps children retain their faith into young adulthood. Listen at www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving5

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE: SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE: ARE THEY OPPOSED?

Getting Started: In this video, Bishop Robert Barron firmly debunks the common claim that science and religion are diametrically opposed. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted5a and visit www.reasonfaithscience.com for further resources.

Going Deeper: This video skilfully explores a Catholic understanding of the Book of Genesis' account of creation through a tapestry of voices. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper5



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

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

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