



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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Principal: Krystine Hocking

17 October 2021

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm Response: Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place
our trust in you.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 10:45

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Son of Man came to serve and to give his
life as a ransom for all.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Marie HUDSON

Anniversaries: Lawrence DILLON



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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

James and John are effectively calling 'shotgun' on the best seats at the table! When they ask to sit at the left and right hand of Jesus, they are asking Jesus to name them as his deputies. They're looking to secure for themselves positions of power and authority. The only problem is that they have a completely messed up idea of what it means for Jesus to enter into his glory. For several weeks now, we have been exploring a theme from the Gospel of Mark that follows a physical journey towards Jerusalem as well as a symbolic and theological journey towards what is going to occur in Jerusalem – Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and resurrection.

Throughout this journey, Jesus has been trying to prepare the disciples for what is to come and educate them about what it really means to be a disciple of his. Three times Jesus tells the disciples explicitly what lies ahead. Each time the disciples fail to grasp what Jesus tells them. Despite occasional glimpses of insight, the disciples still believe that Jesus is going to rise up as a political or military figure. In a complete dismissal of this sort of thinking, Jesus declares quite forcefully that leadership of this sort is not what he intends for himself, nor for those who follow him.

Leadership in the Jesus model is about being of service to others; it is not about prestige and acclamation. Many of the best leaders are those who do not have any title of leadership or authority. Their leadership and authority come from what they do and how they do it. They inspire others to follow their example. They don't demand it; they don't bully; they don't play power games. People simply want to follow their example.

LIVING THE GOSPEL – SERVANT LEADERSHIP

What does it really mean to practise servant leadership? It means placing the needs of others before your own desires for prestige or authority. We've all known people who have been given a position of leadership and they really only wanted the job as recognition of their popularity; a thank you for previous work done; an opportunity to demonstrate their strength of will or cleverness with words. Servant leadership is about collaborating; it's about empowering people to do their best; it's about trusting others and about rolling up your sleeves and getting on with the job.

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EYES ON THE HORIZON

As the days lengthen and warm up, there is a sense that life itself becomes a little more open and expansive. We lift our eyes, feel the sun on our skin, look further into the distance and dare to anticipate better, clearer days ahead. This sense of anticipation is amplified as we inch ever-closer to the targets that will bring an easing of restrictions and a gradual, longed-for return to fellowship and community. Of course, this being Melbourne, we can also expect sudden cold snaps and downpours, just as there will inevitably be obstacles on our way out of lockdown. Sometimes weariness and cynicism cloud our outlook and close us in. St Paul knew as well as anyone the setbacks and disappointments that mark the path of discipleship. But he pressed on (Philippians 3:13). He kept his eyes on the horizon.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Wed 20 Oct	7.00pm (Zoom)	Liturgy Team
Thu 21 Oct	10.00am (Zoom)	Mass Co-ordinating Team
Thu 21 Oct	7.00pm (Zoom)	Parish Co-ordinating Team
Fri 22 Oct	2.00pm (Zoom)	Parish Finance Committee

OUR VISION THROUGH THE SPIRIT – Sessions have been post-poned to a date to be confirmed.

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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Reference: 171

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

SYNOD OF BISHOPS

This weekend, the Church in Melbourne joins the rest of the world in the diocesan launch of the Synod on Synodality. It marks the beginning of an intentional process of mutual listening that will span two years and engage the people of God in a journey of communion, participation and mission. As the vademecum (handbook) for the Synod states: 'This rediscovery of the synodal roots of the Church will involve a process of humbly learning together how God is calling us to be as the Church in the third millennium.'

A dedicated page has been set up on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website to host content for the Synod. It has links to the preparatory document and handbook for the Synod.

SAINT GERARD'S FEAST DAY SATURDAY

On Saturday 16 October the Majellans will again hold a liturgy and family blessing which has been our custom for many years. In the past, the liturgy was conducted at Majellan House but last year due to covid restrictions we switched to a live stream which has increased considerably the number of people that can 'attend'. So, on behalf of the Majellan team I cordially invite you and all your family members to join us on Saturday at 11:00 am Facebook to receive a special family blessing.

In this time of COVID-19 where families are separated and life for many is difficult, we hope the liturgy provides some comfort and is uplifting. Everyone is welcome so be sure to let your family and friends know so they too can share in this liturgy and blessing.

PLENARY MEMBERS PRESENT FINAL REPORTS

At the recent First Assembly of the Plenary Council, participants (members) worked in small groups to discern important issues facing the Church in Australia. The 16 agenda questions considered, included a range of different topics such as how parishes can lead the formation and animation of missionary disciples. On the final working day, groups presented the fruits of their discernment, sharing proposals that will guide discussions before the Second Assembly meeting next year. The report is available on the Melbourne Catholic website.

MONTH OF NOVEMBER, REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

During the month of November we especially remember our loved ones who have died. Hopefully we will be able to celebrate a Mass during November and be able to place the names of those we wish to prayerfully remember in our Book of Remembrance.

On **Saturday November 6**, Fr Kevin will bless the graves of those buried at the **Bulla Cemetery at 2.30pm** and at the **Sunbury Cemetery at 3.30pm**.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: As we approach the month of Holy Souls, consider arranging Masses for your deceased loved ones and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. For over fifty years, ACN has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people, to poor priests, who have no other means of material support. In return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year, over 400,000 priests, ten per cent of the world's priests, are supported by 1.5 million Mass offerings. One hundred percent of every Mass offering is sent directly to the priest in need. To arrange your Masses visit: www.aidtochurch.org/Masses

ANTI POVERTY WEEK

The theme for this year's International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (October 17) is 'Building Together: Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting all People and our Planet.'

The United Nations reported on August 30, 2021 that millions more people worldwide have been pushed into poverty since the Covid pandemic, including the region of South Asia.

Extreme weather events and the emergence of new infectious diseases and pandemics are linked to climate change and the unsustainable use of nature's resources. This knowledge highlights the need for joint responses to issues of poverty.



Podcasts for Christian living: Theology of the Body and Healing

In this podcast, Catholic therapists, Dr Bob Schuchts & Jake Khym discuss how we can glorify God in and through our bodies. Using St John Paul II's Theology of the Body, they look at ways we can receive healing and peace. Listen here www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving7

Getting to know your Bible: How do Scripture and Tradition work together?

Getting Started: Why do we believe in things like the Trinity, purgatory or even what books make up the Bible? They all form part of Sacred Tradition. In this 3-minute video, hear how Scripture and Tradition work together in the life of the Church. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted7

Going Deeper: Written for Catholic teachers, this short article 'Catholic Teaching on Sacred Scripture' explains the role and importance of both Sacred Scripture and Tradition in our understanding of the revelation of God. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper7



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

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

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021