



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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24 October 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm Response: Psalm 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Miguelito ELMA Chris HULL Fr Noel MACKAY Roisin MCGOVERN Anthony MCMAHON

Recently Deceased: Eugene MCMONAGLE Brian SAID

Anniversaries: Laurie JOHNSTON



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

WITH HIS SIGHT RETURNED, HE FOLLOWED JESUS

In our times, Fred Hollows and other eye specialists have worked hard to restore people's eye sight. In Bible times, blindness and any other type of disability not only meant financial hardship, but also social segregation. Disability was considered a curse sent by God as a punishment of sin.

In our gospel event today, the blind man Bartimaeus is sitting by the side of the road from Galilee to Jericho, outside the town gates. He would sit with his cloak spread out in front of him to collect coins from pilgrims journeying to Jerusalem.

MIRACLE OF SIGHT RESTORED

Hearing Jesus is passing by, Bartimaeus calls on Jesus to help him and the crowd tries to shut him up and remind him of his status. But Jesus calls Bartimaeus to him and placing the needs of the other first, asks "What do you want me to do for you?" When Bartimaeus says: "Master, let me see again" Jesus announces that it is his faith that has saved him and his sight is restored.

SPIRITUAL CONTEXT—BLINDNESS

Blindness is a powerful metaphor used repeatedly in the Bible generally for blindness of heart, of mind, rather than a metaphor for physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of the healing of blindness. Saul/Paul blinded on the road to Damascus has his sight restored at his baptism. The Pharisees are described as 'blind fools'.

MODEL OF DISCIPLESHIP

In his poverty, Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus knowing that only Jesus can give him what he really desires. He jumps to his feet; flinging off his cloak and going to Jesus. Physically he has nothing now - not even his cloak. When he is healed he leaves behind all he has and becomes a follower of Jesus on the way that will lead to the cross.

RESPONDING TO OUR VISION

With our sight and the insight that can come from what we see, we have the responsibility of doing something about what we behold. We are in the position of making choices about what we look at. We are not let off the hook because some problems are so immense. We can make small steps. Here in Sunbury, the Christians have been alerted to the problem of homelessness. Now there will be some meeting to discern how we can help.

THE HOMELESS IN SUNBURY

Last Tuesday, the leaders of the seven Christian Churches of Sunbury met to discuss the welfare of the homeless in our area. It is proposed that there be a meeting of the Committee of the Winter Night Shelter and the Church leaders to discuss the future directions to assist the homeless.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

On Friday, students in Years 3 to 6, moved into their new classrooms for the first time. The classrooms are equipped with new technology. The new buildings blend in well with the existing buildings opened in 2019.

WOMEN AT THE HOLY SEE

Mrs Sally Axworthy has just finished five years as the British Ambassador to the Holy See. She described..."a change in the Holy See in their approach to women.

There are more senior appointments now ... women are increasingly being appointed to positions of real responsibility in the Vatican”.

POPE FRANCIS TO GLASGOW

He intends to attend the COP26 summit of world leaders. John Kerry the United State's climate envoy described the Pope as “one of the great voices of reason and compelling moral authority on the subject of the climate crisis”.

Pope Francis has made protection of the planet a hallmark of his pontificate and he timed his encyclical on the environment “caring for our common Home” to influence the Paris COP21 summit in 2015.

THE VACCINES THAT SAVED LIVES

Smallpox existed for 3000 years. In 1980, WHO declared the disease eradicated after a vaccine program began in 1967. Polio vaccine began in the 1950's. Australia was declared polio free in 2000. Measles vaccine began in the 1970's. In 2014 Australia was declared free of measles due to the success of the vaccination program.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We offer to Kate McMonagle as her husband Eugene, known as “Red”, entered eternal life on 14th October aged 80 years. Red, born in Ireland, came to Australia to work on the Snowy Mountain Project. During their 54 years of marriage, they were blessed with their three children. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated this week concluding at Sunbury Cemetery.

.....Kevin McIntosh

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

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Account Name: SVDP

Please email receipts to Parish Office at

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

CHILDREN'S WEEK: 23 - 31 OCTOBER 2021: Children's Week, is a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children and presents an opportunity to consider the conditions in society which affect the lives and future of our own children. The theme this year is: Children have the right to choose their friends and safely connect with others, drawn from Article 15 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

To celebrate Children's Week, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is taking this opportunity to reach out to parents, carers and children in our parishes to raise awareness to the issue of online safety. In doing so, we hope to support the efforts of parents and carers to better understand online safety, as children connect to activities in their parish, with peers and family.

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. The Book of Remembrance will be available when Masses open but in the meantime you are welcome to email the names of loved ones you wish to remember. sunbury@cam.org.au

MASS OPENING: Based on the Victorian Government Roadmap we anticipate the return of weekend Masses early November. All participants will need to use Try-booking, on our parish website, to book prior to Mass. According to the Victorian Government regulations, all participants must be fully vaccinated and show proof of vaccination before entering the church. Online Masses continue to be televised.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COORDINATING TEAM: met during the week, starting with some prayerful formation. There was fruitful discussions regarding the role of the PPCT, support of the parish community, Mass openings and the hope of the return of social activities. More information to follow soon.

THE LITURGY TEAM: are pleased to welcome you to 3 sessions of “Our Vision Through the Spirit” as our Advent focus.

November 17, 11am or November 18, 7.30pm

December 1, 11am or December 2, 7.30pm

December 15, 11am or December 16, 7.30pm

More information regarding booking and venue to follow, keep the date!!!



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

As we slowly emerge out of lockdown, aware of that many aspects of life—including our parishes are only able to open up gradually, here's one last edition of Lockdown Light for your coming week.

Podcasts for Christian living: Parenting teens

In this podcast, well known Catholic speaker Jason Evert discusses how to keep an open and ongoing dialogue with your children around topics related to love, dating and other serious issues as well as tips for internet and phone safety. Listen here www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving8

Getting to know your Bible: The Acts of the Apostles—The Church begins

Getting Started: In this interesting video introduction to the Book of Acts, The Bible Project provides an overview of Pentecost and the beginning of the early Church. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted8

Going Deeper: In this video, Bishop Barron speaks about the spread of the Gospel during the early Church, challenging us to share in the same work as St Paul and the early Apostles in proclaiming the message of Jesus to the world. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper8



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

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

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021