



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST, SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

ON WURUNDJERI COUNTRY



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Mass Times: all at St Anne's Church

Saturday 5.30pm
Sunday 8.30am
Sunday 10.30am

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.

Weekday Masses will resume on Wednesday 24 November.

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
Priest Assisting: Fr John Papworth 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

21 November 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm Response: Psalm 92:1-2, 5

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9,10

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 18:33-37

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Miguelito ELMA Rose HABER Chris HULL
Fr Noel MACKAY Chris Reilly Clive SUMNERS

Recently Deceased: Ambrose KELLY Hilary (Eddy) KILLEEN John PORTA Charlie PSAILA

Anniversaries: Leoncia CABUGUANG Philomena FRANCIS Megnon LAMAIER Ron PLUMMER Charlie RODA Alby TORR

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:
LAP APPEAL

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

This week marks the end of the liturgical year. Next week, with the first week of Advent, we begin the new liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the Church concludes the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. The conversation between Jesus and Pilate displays a lot of word play on the part of Jesus and quite a lot of confusion on the part of Pilate. The confusion stems from different perceptions of what it means to be a king. For Pilate, part of the most powerful political and military rule in the ancient world, the idea of a king was a threat. Claiming kingship was claiming authority and power that would inevitably lead to challenging the authority and power of Rome and, more directly, its representative in Palestine – Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a completely different idea about ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed declare that he is a king and that is what leads us to today's feast of Christ the King. However, his intention is not to claim a position of power and authority. When we think back to Jesus' teachings about the kingdom of God, we recall that he declares the people of highest status – the first – in the kingdom to be the lowliest of this world. It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the children and the widows who will hold the highest places in the kingdom of God. In a kingdom like that, what does it mean to declare oneself king? The confusion about what it means to be a king that is captured in this interaction between Jesus and Pilate is the same confusion that we saw among the disciples as they came to terms with exactly what it means to be the Messiah.

GOSPEL FOCUS – TRUTH

Jesus says to Pilate that he came into the world 'to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' That is where today's gospel passage finishes but as the gospel continues on, Pilate famously asks Jesus 'What is truth?' and the question is left dangling; unanswered. The truth Jesus has borne witness to is the truth of his whole life – the revelation of God's love for humanity. It is for proclaiming this truth that Jesus is placed on trial and is brought before Pilate.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT – CHRIST THE KING

Unfortunately, political and military images of kingship have played a dominating role in the Church since very early in its history. The very earliest Christians, or followers of the Way, did not conform to social and political hierarchies of their day. But when Emperor Constantine declared Christianity to be the official religion of the Roman Empire the structure of the Church quickly adopted the political and social structures of the empire. At times in history the Pope has adopted a regal status and led huge armies into battle. Many of these structures persist today and we sometimes struggle to recapture Jesus' intention when he declared himself a king.

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CONGRATULATIONS: To the 55 students who will be celebrating their First Eucharist next Tuesday and Thursday.

THE SUNBURY EVERGREENS: Are having a Social afternoon on **Tuesday 23 November at 12.30pm, in the Parish Centre.** Tea and biscuits supplied. Please **Do Not** bring food to share. All seniors are invited **No membership required.** Looking forward while being safe. All those attending **MUST be double vaccinated for Covid 19** with a certificate of proof to enter as per Health Department rules. We are having a Christmas lunch at the Bowling Club on **Tuesday 7 December at 12.00pm.** Roast turkey and dessert for \$25 a head. Other **Dietary requirements** please call Joe. Those interested please call **Joe on 0477 677 248.** As soon as possible for booking.

OUR VISION THROUGH THE SPIRIT: You are invited to join our Parish Advent 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 in the Parish Centre and you have a choice of day or evening sessions. Day sessions will be **11am WEDNESDAYS 1 and 15 December.** Evening sessions will be **7.30pm THURSDAYS, 2 and 16 December.** 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 your smiling eyes.

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT:

Next weekend the special collection will be for the LAP Team who care for children living with HIV/AIDS in the very poorest slum areas of Jakarta in Indonesia.

If you are unable to attend Mass next weekend and would like to assist LAP with their work you can make a donation directly to the following parish account established specifically for contributions to LAP

BSB 083347, ACCOUNT NO. 546358602, ACCOUNT NAME: OLMC CHURCH ACCOUNT – LAP DONATION.

Thank you for your wonderful generosity over the past eight years. Parish LAP Fundraising Team.

HEART OF LIFE: 'Advent Anticipation' (in-person reflection event), Saturday 27 November 2021, 10am-3.30pm. We invite you to join us for a day of prayer, offering time to make space for anticipation and hope. This is an opportunity to pay attention to yourself in the midst of many demands. Led by Gail Crisp and Cathy Beaton. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$60. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS: The 100 years edition of this beautiful Calendar is available to purchase at the weekend Masses, for \$10 each. **Cash only.** These calendars make a lovely gift for family and friends.

The following children from our parish will be baptised this Sunday: Milena DEKAN, Matilda GEARY, Dane & Nina LEATHAM, Levi NIDDRIE, Seamus O'CALLAGHAN. We Joyfully welcome them to our parish.



MONTH OF NOVEMBER, REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

During the month of November we especially remember our loved ones who have died and place the names of those we wish to prayerfully remember in our Book of Remembrance. The Book of Remembrance will be available at all Masses and you are welcome to email the names of loved ones you wish to remember. sunbury@cam.org.au

PARISH BINGO'S BACK: Now out of lockdown, 'MAJOR BINGO' our Parish bingo session is back bigger and better than ever, from **THURSDAY 25 November.** Eyes down **7.30pm** at Club Sunbury Bowling Club.

Covid safe rules apply-all attendees need to be fully vaccinated and social distancing needs to be adhered to. Re-launch gifts plus a guaranteed \$2000 last game jackpot. Come along and join in the fun. Enquiries Gary Plummer 0419 301 760

2021 VIRTUAL RETREAT 21- 24 NOVEMBER

This NATSICC retreat will focus on the understanding of Faith and Spirituality from both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non- Indigenous perspectives. The event is suitable for those working in a Catholic Context with First Nations Catholics in addition to First Nations people.

We have adopted a true 'Retreat' format (in difference to a conference format) that incorporates quiet time for reflection and a slower, more contemplative pace.

We hope to foster healing and mutual respect through sharing and understanding.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tue 23 Nov	5pm & 6.30pm	St Anne's First Eucharist Celebration
Wed 24 Nov	1.00pm	RSJ Companion Meeting—St Anne's
Thu 25 Nov	5pm	OSPNEY First Eucharist Celebration
	6.30pm	Holy Trinity First Eucharist Celebration

JGNG GARDEN: The Parish community wish to congratulate the gardeners on the 10 year anniversary. Hope you all have an enjoyable day of celebrations.


RETURN TO MASSES: The safety of our parishioners are the upmost importance. The appointed Risk Management Team have met regularly, often weekly to ensure the ever-changing regulations are adhered to. Each Mass, parish meeting or event has an appointed COVID marshal and a check in team. Booking of masses is no longer necessary but all participants must have a double vaccination status. Rigorous sanitizing of the church and parish facilities is carried out after each gathering by a dedicated team. Face coverings are no longer compulsory.



YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

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

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - DECEMBER 8, 2021



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
invites you to our

SIZZLE & MINGLE!

Saturday 4th December
6.30pm onwards
St. Anne's Church, Sunbury (rear carpark)

An occasion to re-connect after the months of lockdown!
Open to all our parishioners!

- Free Sausage Sizzle!
- Games!
- Music!
- Bingo!
- Carols!
- Santa!
- Free entry!

BYO chair/Plenle rug and come prepared for an evening of
fun and laughter!

*Opportunity available for
a gold coin donation towards funding this event*

****COVID regulations will apply****

Volunteers welcome: please contact
Lyn at the Parish Office at sunbury@cam.org.au