



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 have resumed on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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

28 November 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm Response: Psalm 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 84:8

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Wayne LIDDICOAT

Anniversaries: Shelia DAVISON Joseph RIBEYRO

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS 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

JOY AND CELEBRATION FROM TODAY

From today, we begin reading the Gospel of Luke which has the major characteristics of joy and celebration. Today, is the beginning of the church year, Year C in the three - year cycle of gospel readings. An example of celebration of joy is in the parable of the father forgiving his prodigal son: "Come, celebrate my joy with me, my lost son has returned."

COME TO THE PARTY

In Luke, Jesus begins a ministry in Nazareth announcing that the year of 'God's favour' has arrived, the year of jubilee, of celebration. This year we will read of Jesus at meals often or talking about meals - it is if Jesus is at one long party as he invites all to come and celebrate God's gracious love. All are welcome at his table. After a year of pandemic, how uplifting will the gospel readings from today be for us.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Anne and Maurie Saunders who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary. They both grew up in Our Lady's Parish, Sunshine where they were married in November 1961. They have been blessed with their three sons. They came to our parish where they have been active parishioners for the past 29 years. Recently, their grandson, Jackson Saunders was ordained a deacon in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo. Next year, Jackson will be ordained a priest.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We offer to June Killeen and her three daughters, including Robyn Harvey of our parish as Eddie Killeen entered eternal life on 17 November aged 93 years. June and Eddie celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary in September begun in St Mary's Church, Footscray. In 1962 Eddie and June came to our parish when Eddie was employed as a farm manager in Diggers Rest. Eddie retired from this position 3 months ago. In 1992, Eddie was awarded a life membership of Lions International. His funeral was celebrated on Friday concluding at Sunbury Cemetery.

We offer to Mary Porta and her children including Maria Kirby of our parish as her husband John entered eternal life on 17 November aged 82 years. John grew up in a family of eight children in Ivanhoe. He later trained as a secondary teacher specialising in languages and music. He taught around the state. Mary and John were married in Holy Name Church, East Preston in 1971. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in May. They came to our parish 11 years ago where John has been regular participant at Sunday and weekday Masses. He suffered leukemia for 12 years, never complaining. His funeral will be held on Thursday beginning with Rosary at 10.15, Mass at 10.30 concluding at Sunbury Cemetery.

PARISH MAJOR BINGO

Resumed last Thursday evening with a very good attendance and with great prizes to be won. Meals are available at the Sunbury Club, Riddell Road prior to eyes down at 7.30pm.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

Final works of construction of Stage 2 are proceeding well. Last Wednesday, next year's students and parents toured the school and were amazed at the facilities. Some are now encouraging their friends to send their children to Holy Trinity.

CATHOLICS URGED TO PRAY FOR MYANMAR: Our Catholic Bishops are encouraging us to join our other Christians to pray this Sunday for peace in Myanmar where unrest and violence have been prominent since February where there was a military coup. This day of prayer has been supported and guided by members of the Burmese community in Australia. Pope Francis prayed publicly for peace in Myanmar in October. A prayer service led by the National Council of Churches Australia is from 7.30pm tonight.
<https://bit.ly/OJEPMyanmar>

CAROLS ON YOUR SCREEN: This year Sunbury Churches are presenting Christmas Carols online where children from Sunbury Schools will sing and the Church ministers will speak briefly. The presentation will be available from Saturday 11 December from 7pm until Boxing Day, on Facebook.

Last Saturday, volunteers met at 7am at the Baptist Church in Gap Road to set up the recording machinery and later school children came in their uniforms and sang their carols. At 6pm, the volunteers concluded pulling down the equipment—such generosity.

...Kevin McIntosh

THE SUNBURY EVERGREENS: Are having a **Christmas Lunch** at the Bowling Club on Tuesday 7 December at 12.00pm. Roast turkey and dessert for \$25a head. Other **Dietary requirements** please call Joe on 0477 677 248 before Tuesday 30 for booking. **MUST be double vaccinated for Covid 19.**

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT:

The special collection this weekend 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.

VISION THROUGH THE SPIRIT: A session of scripture, reflection, group discussion and prayer was held last Wednesday and repeated Thursday evening. Those who attended enjoyed sharing the Word and how it reflected in our lives in the context of the first part of our Parish Vision statement *“through Christlike relationships of friendship and faith ...”*

You are very welcome to join either group, **Wednesday December 1 & 15 at 11am** or **Thursday December 2 & 16 at 7.30pm**. 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.

PPCT: Parish Pastoral Coordinating Team met last Wednesday night. Policies and structures were discussed at length, information shared. Each parish group is asked that they nominate a representative as a contact with a PPCT member. We hope to encourage communication and build relationships with our groups, providing support to each parish group.

The following children from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:
 Gus DEAMER Jack DICKSON Liam FARRUGIA
 Shiyen & Shayan JAYATHILAKA August MIDGLEY
 We Joyfully welcome them to our parish.



VOLUNTEERS WEEKEND: Next weekend, December 4 & 5 the parish will celebrate the give thanks for the amazing support of our community volunteers. Each Mass will have a very short presentation of some photos and the opportunity to gather for a cuppa and chat after 8.30 and 10.30am Masses. Directly after the Saturday evening Mass we will enjoy “Sizzle and Mingle” outside the parish centre. In the event of inclement weather we will adjourn to the hall. See you then!

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS Are available to purchase for \$2.25 for a pack of 8 cards, from the Piety Stall at the weekend Masses.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tue 30 Nov	9.30am	2022 Sacrament Program
	7.30pm	Homelessness in Sunbury - Parish Centre
Wed 1 Dec	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting
Thur 2 Dec	7.30pm	Liturgy Planning

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED


At last Sunday Masses, \$738.70 was donated to the Melbourne Retired Priests Foundation which is now supporting 97 priests who have retired from active ministry. Thank you.



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