



## 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	Mass
Sunday	8.30am	Mass
	10.30am	Mass
	12noon	Baptisms
	7.00pm	Lessons & Carols—St Anne's
Wed	11.30am	Funeral—John Cassar
	7.30pm	Blue Christmas—St Andrew's
Thur	9.15am	Mass
Fri	6.00pm	Christmas Mass
	8.00pm	Christmas Mass
	10.00pm	Christmas Mass
Sat	8.30am	Christmas Mass
	10.30am	Christmas Mass
Sun	8.30am	Mass
	10.30am	Mass

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh  
Priest Assisting: Fr Brian Ahern SDB  
Fr Frank Moloney SDB  
Pastoral Assoc.: Sr Jose Noy RSJ  
Pastoral Co-ord: Lyn Plummer  
St Anne's School: 8746 6800  
Principal: Noelene Hussey  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344  
Principal: Julie Freeman  
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464  
Principal: Krystine Hocking

### 19 December 2021

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4  
Psalm Response: Psalm 79:2-3,15-16,18-19  
**Lord,, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**  
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10  
Gospel Acclamation: Luke 1:38  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.**  
**Alleluia!**  
Gospel: Luke 1:39-44

#### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Sinead BOYLE Val CARR Miguelito ELMA  
Rose HABER Chris HULL Margaret MCMAHON  
Albert POTENZIANI Chris REILLY Clive  
SUMNERS Anthony VAN DER WEERDEN

**Recently Deceased:** Martin CROWLEY Michael  
SHANAHAN Myrene TALBOT

**Anniversaries:** Irene BUTLER Derek DELOS  
SANTOS Kit DILLON Marie MAGRIN Tony MA-  
GRIN Joseph MUSCAT Louise MUSCAT Mar-  
yann MUSCAT Sam MUSCAT Patrick REDDAN  
David RISING Joe SPITERI Betty WARREN

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND  
VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

**Parish Vision:** Christlike relationships of friendship and faith, valuing one another and sharing our gifts for the good of all

### THE FAITH OF MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

In our Gospel today (Luke 1:39-45), Mary having consented to being the mother of the Messiah visits her aged cousin Elizabeth who is also miraculously pregnant. Elizabeth proclaims the faith of the Mother of Jesus: "Of all women you are the most blessed. Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled".

#### **MARY'S FAITH**

When Mary went to visit Elizabeth she was not looking for a sign that she had made the right decision of accepting to be the mother of our Saviour. She had already accepted God's will. The pregnancy of Elizabeth came later to confirm her faith that with God's Spirit replacing the role of a male parent she is to become the mother of her people's Messiah. We too are asked to act in trust and confidence in God, and not wait for a green light from the Lord.

#### **TWO WOMEN OF FAITH**

Luke's gospel presents Mary and Elizabeth the mother of John the Baptist as cousins both with extraordinary faith believing in the messages of the angel Gabriel. The two women needed each other, as generations still do. Mary, the younger could help Elizabeth during her pregnancy, while Elizabeth could offer mature companionship to Mary.

Elizabeth's proclamation of the faith of Mary has been immortalised in our prayer the "Hail Mary" since the eleventh century.

#### **THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT**

At this time, we have presents under our Christmas trees. We are preparing to celebrate God giving us the most wonderful of Christmas gifts—his own Son, wrapped in human flesh. The Body of Christ—the Head and members of the Church—is not yet fully formed. Christ continues to wrap himself in the love and fidelity of his disciples. He continues to come to us in the present time in his grace and will come until the final advent.

When we celebrate birthdays and wedding anniversaries, we celebrate a present, living relationships. Once a person has died or a marriage finishes, we no longer celebrate the occasion. At Christmas, we are not celebrating 'baby Jesus'. We are celebrating our living relationship now with the Risen One.

#### **THE 2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

Finished last week. Our three schools held their Graduation ceremonies for Year 6 students and on Wednesday, all 1,150 students at the three schools had a Prayer Service in thanksgiving for the year, with Father Kevin giving a blessing.

We offer the Year 12 students of our parish best wishes for their future as they received their ATAR results last week.

Three weeks ago, our Principals, Religious Education Leaders and Parish Staff met for nearly four hours to plan the school year of 2022, making dates until December 2022.

## JESUS IS CHRISTMAS

Carols service is on Channel 31 (44 on digital TV) on **20 December** from **7.30pm to 8.30pm** organised by Catholic Homes and Mercy health.

## CALVARY GOONAWARRA

Last month, Goonawarra Aged Care Facility in Sunbury became part of Calvary Health Care which was founded by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary in 1885. Now, Calvary Catholic Health is one of Australia's leading health home and aged care providers with 18,000 staff and volunteers across 14 public and private hospitals, 12 aged communities and a national network of 19 community care service centres.

...Kevin McIntosh

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

Our parish will celebrate 7 Masses over the Christmas weekend. We will need a number of volunteers to have them run smoothly. If you are available to help in any way please register your name on the table in the foyer. Thank you.

## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

There are cards available in the foyer to record the names of those who are unable to join us at the Christmas celebrations. The cards are placed in the crib and we will remember them.

## VINNIES APPEAL

During December the Christmas Vinnies Appeal allows us to share our generosity with those who are less fortunate. A cash donation will assist Vinnies in supporting families with vouchers to purchase food and gifts suitable for their needs. The appeal will be conducted over the weekends of **December 18/19 and December 24/25/26**. Thank you for your support.

## PRESBYTERY COLLECTION – DIFFERENT WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

With the introduction of the collection bags as a Covid-safe way of contributing to collections at Mass, we thought it appropriate to reinforce the four different ways that parishioners can contribute to the First (Presbytery) Collection.

Briefly they are:

- Using the existing envelope method.
- Depositing cash in the collection bag at Mass.
- Using your credit or debit card at the "Tap and Give" terminal in the foyer of the church.
- Direct debiting your bank account with a specific amount by nominating the following specific parish presbytery account:

BSB 083 347

Account No. 67446 6042

Account Name: OLMC Parish Presbytery Account

Contributions you make using any of the above methods will help in financially supporting Fr. Kevin as well as the poorer parishes and 101 retired priests from Melbourne parishes.

Thank you for your support,

Parish Finance and Development Committee.

The following children from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:

Kayden TREMBATH

We Joyfully welcome him to our parish.



## VISION THROUGH THE SPIRIT

The three reflection sessions, held over 6 weeks, have been completed. Thanks to the leaders, those who participated enjoyed the time together in scripture and prayer.

**\*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.

**ACN AUSTRALIA:** That Catholic Shop *Bringing Christ into Homes and Hearts*. Copies of the Christmas Catalogue of That Catholic Shop are available on the Welcome Desk. All proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need. You can also visit [www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com) to see the range and order online.

## OUR THREE CAROLS SERVICES

The first is online—"Carols on Your Screen" which the Churches of Sunbury have organised. School choirs from Sunbury Schools and the Sunbury Chorale will present the Carols and the Church Ministers will give brief reflections. The service will be available from **7pm on 10 December to Boxing Day** on Facebook-Sunbury Churches. Salesian students will sing part of "Silent Night" in the original German language from 1818.

The second is entitled Lessons and Carols, is an English traditional service of readings from the Bible and Carols. The Sunbury Chorale will lead the singing. The service this year will be in St Anne's Church on **Sunday 19 December at 7.00pm**.

The third is entitled "Blue Christmas" for those finding the celebrations of Christmas a sad occasion due to a death or serious suffering. The service will be held in St Andrew's Church on the Village Green, Barkly Street on **Wednesday 22 December at 7.30pm**. Ministers from the Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Church will be present.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed from **Monday 27 December until Tuesday 4 January 2022**. Please note the new office hours ongoing are 9am - 1pm Monday - Thursday and 9am - 5pm Friday.

**Our Parish is committed to the Safety, Wellbeing and Dignity of all, including children and vulnerable adults.**

## Sunbury Parish Christmas Family Masses

Friday 24 December	6.00pm	St Anne's Church
	8.00pm	St Anne's Church
	10.00pm	St Anne's Church
Saturday 25 December	8.30am	St Anne's Church
	10.30am	St Anne's Church
Sunday 26 December	8.30am	St Anne's Church
	10.30am	St Anne's Church

**Please note:** Bookings are not required this year.

On entry to the Church, all are required to **QR** register.  
The Church will be sanitised after every service.

