



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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MASS TIMES: ALL AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	10.30am
Wednesday	9.15am
Friday	9.15am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am-10.30am St Anne's Church
No Bookings Required

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
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

13 February 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Psalm Response: Psalm 1:1-4
Happy are they who hope in the Lord.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Gospel Acclamation: Luke 6:23
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Val CARR Terry FORAN Frank HEENAN
Fr Eric HODGENS Chris HULL Albert POTENZIANI Peter READMAN Clive REES Chris REILLY
Marie SULLIVAN Clive SUMNERS

Recently Deceased: Michael O'CONNOR Rita RODRIGUES

Anniversaries: Austin D'MONTE Leonie D'MONTE Jimmy DIMOPOULOS Fr Peter FULTON Peter MCELENEY Martin PATRYAS Edwin SMITH Olive SMITH

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2022

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

A NEW ORDER - GOD'S LOVE FOR THE POOR

As we journey along with St Luke in his gospel outlining Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, our gospel today is at the beginning of that journey where Jesus comes down from a mountain where he has been in prayer with his heavenly Father. He has called his twelve disciples to accompany him as he wishes to contact many people who are yearning to listen to his word and be cured of their diseases.

Luke records Jesus saying it is the poor, the hungry and those who weep will find the kingdom of God with its satisfaction and laughter. Jesus is concerned about the lived experiences of the poor, the hungry and those who suffer. Genuine people are very dissatisfied with the present order of suffering and are open to the new order Jesus brings.

Jesus warns his disciples that the rich and powerful will not accept his new order and will persecute the disciples for promoting a new just world order as the prophets in the past who promoted God's plans. Jesus condemns strongly the rich and those who fill their lives in pursuit of wealth and human success. Jesus' words are direct and challenging.

GOD'S PREFERENTIAL LOVE FOR THE POOR

For St Luke, the poor were not just the poor in spirit (as in St Matthew's gospel 5:3); they were economically impoverished, the people on the margins, pushed there by a society that did not take seriously the teaching of Moses and the prophets.

The poor are specially loved by God, not so much because of what they are, but because of what God is—the compassionate defender of the weak and powerless (Deut 10:18, Amos 2:6-7). As the liberation theologian Gustavo Gutierrez wrote in 1991: God has a preferential love for the poor not because they are necessarily better than others, morally or religiously, but simply because they are living in an inhuman situation that is contrary to God's will. The ultimate basis for the privileged position of the poor is not in the poor themselves but in God, in the graciousness and universality of God's love.

The Bishops of USA published a pastoral letter "Economic Justice for all" - Decisions (for the poor) must be judged in the light of what they do for the poor, what they do to the poor, and what they enable the poor to do for themselves (Par.24). Our option for the poor is to be preferential not exclusive, respectful not denigrating, enabling not patronizing.

THANKS AND WELCOME

We thank Fr Frank Moloney SDB for his service to us in recent years in leading us at our Sunday Masses. Now he has been appointed to serve in the Clifton Hill / Collingwood Parish.

We welcome Fr Peter Hoang SDB as the new Rector and Community Leader at Sunbury. He began his teaching ministry 30 years ago in Sunbury and has since served as a teacher and priest in Victoria and Tasmania mostly. He has also now been appointed Vice Provincial of the Salesians in Australia. Fr Peter will lead us at Sunday Mass sometimes.

LONG LIFE AS A RELIGIOUS

Last Saturday, Br Brendan (earlier Bertinus) Feehan F.M.S entered eternal life in his 100th year on earth. Born in Melbourne, he went to Assumption College, Kilmore and a year later joined the Marist Brothers. At one stage he was the Leader of the southern Australia Province of the Brothers. He worked in Forbes NSW for 34 years. At the age of 97, he still drove a car around Melbourne to obtain the groceries for the ten Brothers living in retirement in North Fitzroy. Br Brendan was very caring and a great host.

SALESIAN GRADUATION DINNER

Was held last Friday to congratulate the Year 12 students who graduated in December. About 600 attended the dinner in Essendon Fields where each student received their Graduation Certificate. This year, 300 students have enrolled in Year 7 resulting in a total enrolment of 1,500 for the first time.

OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Each of our three schools is holding an outdoor Prayer Service at which student leaders and staff are commissioned for 2022, then joining the students in praying for God's blessing for this school year.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tue 15 Feb	7.30pm Parish Child Safety Committee
Wed 16 Feb	7.00pm Parish Pastoral Co-ordinating Team
Sat 19 Feb	10am-3.30pm Parish Missionary Renewal—Sunshine

....Kevin McIntosh

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL

This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death.

Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets at St Anne's Church at 10.00 on Thursdays. All welcome including children. For further info/transport please contact Lambert and Elaine van der Weerden on 0418 322 596.

LEGION OF MARY

Will resume on **Tuesday 15 February** at 9.30am in St Anne's Church and every Tuesday after that.

EVERGREENS

Will be having a social afternoon on **Tuesday 22 February** at 12.30pm. Tea and biscuits will be provided. Come along and bring your friend. For more info or transport call Joe 0477 677 248.

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

PARISH BINGO

Our Parish Bingo "Major Bingo" is conducting a **DAYTIME SESSION on Monday 14 February. Eyes down 11am at the Sunbury Bowling Club** as part of the clubs 60th Birthday celebrations. Guaranteed \$800 major game prize plus plenty of other prizes and giveaways. Get a few friends together and come along and join in the fun.

Our weekly session continues every Thursday at 7.30pm. Enquiries to Gary Plummer 0419 301 760

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Students from 2021 Year 6 at our Sunbury schools, as well as some students from Salesian College are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 4 at [Salesian College](#). The candidates and their families have continued with their preparation last week attending a Family Faith Night. They will gather again on **March 1** in reflection and final preparation for Confirmation. Please pray for these wonderful young people as they receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to guide them throughout their lives and for the families and sponsors who support them.

WELCOME TO OUR MASSES

At each of our weekday and weekend Masses you are welcomed by our team, checking on the QR process and giving assistance if needed. We are to continue to wear masks in the church and consider safe distancing. After every gathering, the church is sanitized, thanks to our volunteers. We warmly welcome you to our liturgies and look forward to seeing you.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE

— Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

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