



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

20 February 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
Psalm Response: Psalm 102:1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Rosalind OOI

Anniversaries: Maria BARRO Tony MAGRIN Marie MAGRIN Louis MUSCAT Maryann MUSCAT Sam MUSCAT Joe MUSCAT

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

THE LOVE OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

In the daily news, we learn of violence towards people, stealing, and a lack of forgiveness. In contrast, our Gospel reading today reveals God's love as so overwhelming. He loves us totally, however hateful, sinful and unworthy we are. There is no way to express this love in our own lives except by modelling ourselves on Christ, the heavenly man, and loving our enemies as he loves them.

It is then "you will have a great reward, and you will be daughters and sons of the Most High". (Luke 6:35)

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

As we continue to read Chapter 6 of Luke, we learn of the new order of loving, Jesus presents to his disciples. He gives some practical details of loving - to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us and pray for those who treat us badly.

As challenging as their teaching is for us, imagine how difficult it was for the early disciples who were living under the occupying army of the Romans who could bully and plunder them at will.

Why is the command to love so important in the Christian tradition? We love because God loved us first. We will become his loved children. We then transcend worldly values - of 'an eye for an eye'.

COMPASSIONATE LOVING

Christian love is not being passive, rather being sensitive to the feelings of others and not exploiting their experience. We must come to understand that those who hate are in great need, often having broken and divided hearts.

Christians are to show compassion to all, never judging nor condemning, but always pardoning. This is the only way to break the spiral of violence.

FORGIVENESS BRINGS US FREEDOM

Viktor Frankl, the Viennese Jewish psychiatrist imprisoned in the Nazi death camps, wrote about "the last of human freedoms" the ability to choose one's attitude to a given set of circumstances." ("Man's Search for Meaning" 1969) This ultimate freedom helped him and others survive the death camps. To love and not hate, to bless and not to curse, to be generous and not demanding, to be compassionate and not self-centered - the choice is always there .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To George Lawson as he celebrates his 90th birthday. George used to care for the garden around St Anne's Church.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We offer to Susan O'Connor whose husband of fifty years Michael aged 71 years entered eternal life suddenly due to a heart failure. Michael volunteered to serve in the Australian Army in Vietnam during the war. Michael and Susan were blessed with three children, Richard, Catherine and Paul. Michael and Susan came to Sunbury in 2003. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, concluding at the Bulla Cemetery.

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MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wed 23 Feb 11.30am	School & Parish Leaders
2.00pm	Religious Education Leaders
Thur 24 Feb 7.00pm	Parish Liturgy Team
Fri 25 Feb 2.00pm	Parish Finance & Development Team

....Kevin McIntosh

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal. If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets at St Anne's Church at **10.00am 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and welcome to Isabel as new member of our Alter Server team. Anyone interested in joining the team please call Michael on 0417 332 186.

ONLINE RETREAT

Jamberoo Abbey Online Retreat and Lenten Odyssey begins the First Sunday of Lent **March 6, 2022**. The cost of the Retreat is \$250. Register online at: jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats. For more info see the flyer on the welcome desk.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The parish needs more volunteers to staff the Piety Stall for about 10 minutes after the three weekend Masses and also to go on the Cleaning Roster at St Anne's Church. If you are available to help us please call the Parish Office on 9744 1060. Thank you.

MT CARMEL TENNIS CLUB

Will be hosting a sausage sizzle at Bunnings next **Saturday 26 February** to raise some funds to update our Club rooms and create a welcoming space especially for our youth members. We'd love to see you down there to either help out or buy a sausage or two! Please email the Committee at mtcarmeltennis@hotmail.com. Kind Regards,
Andrew Peake - President

SUBMISSIONS WELCOME TO SYNOD OF BISHOPS: In Australia, Catholics are invited to make their submissions to the World Synod of Bishops. The closing date is **March 13**. More details at <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodal church>.

PARISH BINGO

Our weekly session continues every Thursday at 7.30pm. Get a few friends together and come along and join in the fun. 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, 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

Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

ASH WEDNESDAY

Is on March 2. There will be two Parish Masses, 9.15am and 7.30pm. Each of our schools will also celebrate a Mass. It is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.