



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST, SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

ON WURUNDJERI COUNTRY



Parish Office: 101 Riddell Road Sunbury 3429 Ph: 9744 1060 Office Hours: Mon - Thur 9am -1pm Fri 9am - 5pm
Email: sunbury@cam.org.au Website: olmcsunbury.com

Newsletters are available on the parish website
olmcsunbury.com

MASS TIMES: ALL AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday	5.30pm
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	10.30am
Wednesday	9.15am
Thursday	7.00pm - World Day of Prayer— Salvation Army
Friday	9.15am 2.00pm - Calvary Aged Care - Sunbury

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

6 March 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm Response: Psalm 90:1-2, 10-15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!**

**No one lives on bread alone, but on every
word that comes from the mouth of God.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of
endless glory!**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Nancy ALLEN Val CARR Marie ELLIOTT Terry FORAN Frank HEENAN Chris HULL Corazorn MALLARI Cathy MORRIS Albert POTENZIANI Peter READMAN Clive REES Chris REILLY Jean SKILLECORN Marie SULLIVAN Clive SUMNERS Matthew WARBURTON

Recently Deceased: Linda CURRY Nicola MIRENDA Fr Kevin MOGG

Anniversaries: Peter CANNON Philomena FRANCIS Bill KAISER Harry KILKENNY Pauline McCALLUM Rose McVEIGH Jelka

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

THE TESTING OF GOD'S SON

In the rhythm of the Church year Lent is the time to stop and look within, the inner truth of our lives. Our parish liturgy team have chosen: "Be still and know I am God... a God who heals" as our theme for Lent 2022.

The ashes of last Wednesday remind us that our life is finite and we are mortal. In our busy lives, we can try to deny this. "I am invincible" - with new medical technologies. We are tempted to deny our morality and forget our utter dependence on the God who holds us in life. Our life is not our own. It is God-given.

THE TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS

Prior to Jesus going out into the wilderness, he was baptised in the Jordan River and a heavenly voice acclaimed: "You are my beloved Son". At the first and third temptation the devil questions Jesus about the central fact of his life - "If you are the Son of God - turn these stones into bread" ... "jump off the pinnacle of the Temple and God will save you".

The devil is questioning: "Do you really believe you are God's son? The devil voices the inner doubt Jesus, and all of us experience, when we consider the overwhelming love of God for us. Could God really love me? Sometimes we think if God really loves me, then bad things will never happen, later the floods in NSW and Queensland - or when bad things do happen, they are signs God does not love us.

Our second reading today from St Paul paraphrases the words of Moses in the first reading that God is very near us, that we are God's beloved and we do not need to go to extraordinary lengths to find God. The word is very near to you; it is in your heart.

DEALING WITH OUR TEMPTATIONS

We often feel alone when faced with difficult choices and temptations. There are four things to remember: Temptation is not sin. Only when we freely and knowingly choose to act on temptation is sin involved.

Secondly, temptations often appear as good things, but often they have a destructive sting in the tail. We need to be very alert to all the consequences of what we say and do and learn from our experiences.

Thirdly, the more we give into temptations, the more immune we become to seeing that there is anything wrong with our actions - deceiving ourselves it's 'not that bad'. St Ignatius of Loyola taught the worst temptations are greed, pride and riches. It is wise to name what's going on, and attend to the pattern of the temptation quickly and consistently. Jesus was tempted and shows us we can choose life ahead of death.

The three temptations of Jesus show a likely pattern in our temptations:-

1. I want the whole world to change to satisfy me.
2. I want to exercise power over others, manipulate others.
3. I want to take stupid risks and come out unharmed.

The devil has been defeated by Christ on the Cross. Secondly, we are beloved children of God through the gift of Baptism and God loves all people.

THREE TEMPTATIONS REVEAL THE NATURE OF JESUS' MINISTRY

The first temptation is to miraculously feed himself- is his ministry to be about himself or about others?

The second is to take power and authority over all the world—or to fulfill God's plan of service—"I came to serve, not to be served", Jesus said.

The third temptation is about grandstanding—by jumping off the Temple—or to minister to lowly and outcasts.

OUR POPULAR PARISH SCHOOLS

This year, there are 164 students in Foundation (previously called Prep) Year at our three schools. Enrolments are now being taken for the next year. **School Open Day Tours** are on **Tuesday 15 March** 9.30am and 12.00pm **Thursday 17 March** 9.30am and 6.30pm and **Monday 21 March** at 9.30am in each school.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tue 8 March 7.30pm Child Safety Committee
Wed 9 March 2.00pm Religious Education Leaders
7.00pm Adult Religious Education (RCIA)

PERMANENT DIACONATE

Is part of the Sacrament of Orders where single and married men are ordained to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. Information session is on Saturday 2 April at 10.00am—11.45 on at Catholic Theological College, East Melbourne - <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent diaconate>. Phone 94123357.

WELCOME

To Rev. Vinh Do, a deacon who is in his final year of formation before being ordained a priest for the Melbourne Church in November. Vinh will be with us every second Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Last Friday, 100 of our students in Year 7 received the Sacrament of Confirmation from our local bishop, Bishop Terry Curtin assisted by Fr Peter Hoang SDB and Fr Kevin McIntosh. We congratulate these young people who have now received all the three Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. We thank their parents and our teachers for their Christian formation over the past seven years.

...Kevin McIntosh

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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.

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

Madeline CHALHOUB

Jacob & Marcus JOAQUIN

Riley SAULT

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



EVERGREENS

Will be having Lunch on the **8 March 12-00** at Itahlia Restaurant, next to the cinema in Sunbury.

Come along and bring your friend. **Bookings are required asap**. For more info or transport call Joe 0477 677 248.

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

WELCOME TO OUR MASSES

At each of our weekday and Sunday Masses you are welcomed by our team. The wearing of masks in the church is no longer compulsory but optional. We will continue to 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.

LENTEN REFLECTION

Our parish has the opportunity to stop and rest for a Lenten Reflection session, presented by Ms Jacinta Bright. The sessions will be held on **Thursday March 17, 2.30pm - 4.30pm or 7pm - 9pm**. The theme of the reflection is "Be Still and know I am your God"- even through cracks the light gets in. All are welcome to rest and reflect. Booking is not required but for planning purposes you are invited to register your name at the table in the church foyer or call the parish office. We look forward to seeing you on March 17.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This Thursday 10 March, the Christians of Sunbury are invited to this prayer service at the Salvation Army Centre, 27 Anderson Road, Sunbury at 7.30pm. This service is celebrated all over the world. This year's service has been composed by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The theme is taken from the book of Jeremiah :For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord (Jer.29:11) - a sign of hope for all people.

ONLINE FORUM - IMPLEMENTING CARE OF THE PLANET

Several years ago, Pope Francis wrote a booklet on the care of our planet "Laudato Si". On Tuesday 8 March, some Melbourne Parishes have set up an online forum with three speakers: Jacqui Remond (Vatican Covid Commission), Kerry Stone (Catholic Earthcare) and Genevieve Mougey (Archdiocese of Washington USA). Entry is free. Register via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BVHTM>.

FATHER KEVIN MOGG AM

Entered eternal life recently aged 89 years. He was ordained in 1956. He served as a chaplain in youth detention centres from 1964. In 1972, he was Rector of the Victorian seminary. In 1979, he returned to parish ministry until 2002 when he retired. His funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Spirit Church, Ringwood North at 12noon this Monday and will be web-cast live on www.tobinbrothers.com.au.

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