



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST, SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

ON WURUNDJERI COUNTRY



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LITURGY TIMES: ALL AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday 5.30pm - Sunday Mass
Sunday 8.30am
Sunday 10.30am
11.45am - Baptisms
Tuesday 11.00am - Funeral - Margaret Calleja
Wednesday 9.30am
Friday 9.00am - Feast Day Mass at OLMC Church

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am-10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
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

10 July 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Psalm Response: Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20
Gospel Acclamation: John 6:63, 68

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your words, Lord are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Nancy ALLEN Pam BELL Val CARR
Wasana FERNANDO Anna FINDEIS Frank HEENAN Agnes HOGAN Aileen JOHNSTON Jo KLOSS Madeline McCLYMONT Lucy PERKOVIC Bob POWLES
Brian RIPPE Noel STONE Marie SULLIVAN Clive SUMNERS Craig WESTWOOD Doris WILLIAMSON

Recently Deceased: Margaret CALLEJA
Kevin CARTON Robert GUY Steve O'NEILL

Anniversaries: Brendan BRODERICK Jessie & Brian HETHERINGTON Ken DRISCOLL Evelyn DUGGAN Adrian PHUNG

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND—
PROPOGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL**

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

A NEW TEACHING ON "WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR"

Today's gospel, the parable of the Good Samaritan gives us a very distinctive teaching of Jesus—without this parable, Christianity would be something else. The parable is so familiar to us that it has lost its punch, unless we stand in the shoes of the audience who heard Jesus speak the parable for the first time.

THE CONTEXT OF THE STORY

Jesus situates the story on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho—a two day journey on foot, on a narrow, dangerous road. The traveller had been robbed, beaten and left to die.

We remember the bitter, even murderous animosity between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland. In Jesus' day, there was hatred based on religious allegiance between the Jews and the Samaritans. They despised each other because they regarded each other as heretics who had betrayed the religious tradition of Moses.

THREE CHARACTERS IN THE STORY

The first two men to come across the injured man were a Priest and a Levite. Both had sacred duties to perform within the Temple. To touch a dead person or a bleeding person would make them ritually unclean to perform their duties. One's ritual obligations to God must surely be put first they thought.

The behaviour of the Samaritan is the greatest shock of all. Jesus' listeners would have been repelled by the very idea of a Samaritan taking hold of a Jew, handling him, bathing him, lifting him onto his horse and finally paying for his care.

THE LESSON FOR US

We must not be constrained by the cultural and religious expectations of one's peer group; rather we must be open to the ways of God. God's goodness to us and our goodness to one another can only have one measure: God's love for us. This is the new commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us.

HEALING OTHERS

For Jesus, everyone needed to be treated in a neighbourly fashion because everyone bears wounds to some degree or another.

Pope Francis took up this theme when preaching on St Thomas the Apostle. Jesus invited Thomas to touch his wounds. Pope Francis said that Our Lord is constantly inviting us to touch the wounds in the body of humanity. Often this can involve a challenge to overcome every prejudice, every bigotry, every labelling which places someone outside our concern.

We presently have the unparalleled crisis of millions of refugees seeking refuge from war, poverty or famine.

Closer to home, Catholic Social Services Australia are working overtime in this freezing winter. "As the temperature plummets people sleeping rough need a safe place to sleep, a warm meal and a hot shower more than ever". The fastest group of homeless are women over 55.

Our Prayerful Sympathy

We offer to Vincent Calleja and his children Sarah and Anthony as his wife of 43 years, Margaret entered eternal life aged 73 years after a very short illness on 3 July. Born in Malta Margaret worked in Kodak, Coburg. Margaret and Vincent came to our Parish thirty years ago. Her funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11am concluding at Sunbury Cemetery.

St Anne's Church

Was dedicated by Archbishop Frank Little on 15 July 1990, 32 years ago next Friday.

Our Parish Feast Day

Will be celebrated next weekend on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with special liturgy. On Saturday evening, there will be a social event "Christmas in July" in our Parish Centre at 7pm. Proceeds will go to the Sunbury Winter Shelter. On the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in 2003 our plaque respecting the First Nation People, the Wurundjeri People was blessed.

Plenary Council

The second assembly of 277 participants concluded on Friday in Sydney. Motions and voting can be observed on the website—Plenary Council 2022

2022 NAIDOC Mass at St Francis' Church

Sunday 10 July 2022, 11.30am—12.30pm.

Join the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) and Aboriginal Catholic Ministry for Victoria (ACMV) in a Mass to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. After Mass, there will be time for a light snack, tea and coffee in the pastoral rooms.

Anniversary Mass for Couples at St Patrick's Cathedral Sunday 17 July 2022, 11.00am—12.00pm

Are you celebrating 25, 40, 50, or 60-70 years of marriage this year? Or did you celebrate one of those milestones in the last two years of lockdown? You and your family are invited to join us for the Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. For more info please email proclaim@cam.org.au or call (03) 9926 5761. Registrations close Friday 8 July.

Update for Sunbury Winter Shelter

Thank you for your donations to the Winter Night Shelter. We have been able to issue the items donated to the homeless who have attended the Night Shelter in the last few weeks. The people who received the items have been very grateful and thankful. Now we are in need of donations for the 16 July - Christmas in July Dinner Dance raffle. If you wish to donate any items like wine, coffee, chocolates, cosmetics, creams, perfumes, deodorant's or any items that you have purchased and not using, it will help us to raise some money using those items for the raffle. Thank you for your generosity. All items can be donated in the box in the foyer. Any questions please contact Dwain on 0417 406 996.

Thank You

A very big thank you to Stephen, a young parishioner who has vacuumed and cleaned our church on several occasions. He, assisted by his family have done a spectacular job. Many thanks Stephen.

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

Archie CASCIO
Isaac SCOWN
Finley SMITH
Olivia VASILIADES
Archie VIRGONA

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



Meetings this week

Tue 7pm Child Safeguarding - Parish Centre

School Age Baptisms

In August we will celebrate the baptism of older primary school children. Any enquiries are welcome at the parish office.

Parish Dinner Dance

As part of our Parish Feast Day celebration a dinner dance is being organised for **Saturday 16 July at 7pm in the Parish Centre**. \$20 per person. Book via www.trybooking.com/bzueo. For all enquiries contact: Denise - 0400 826 508 / Dwain - 0417 406 996.

Evergreens

We will be going to a private screening of **Elvis Presley's** movie at Readings Cinema on **12 July 10.00am**. Cost **\$13**

Followed by **lunch at Itahlia**.

More info or transport call Joe 0477 677 248

Heart of Life

Enliven your spirit through these potentially life-changing seminars starting 18/7/22 - available in-person or via Zoom. Deepen your spirituality and increase your understanding by participating in one of Heart of Life's seminars occurring approx 2 hours per week for 14 weeks. Each explores in some depth the topics covered in the following: 'Discernment', 'Spirituality of Human Life Stages', 'Grace & Conversion', 'Ecological Spirituality', 'The Human Experience of God' and 'Professional Standards in Ministry'. Presented by qualified and experienced lecturers, the teaching approach incorporates the mind, the heart and the spirit. To read more and book, go to our webpage: <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/seminars-courses/seminars-and-courses-2022/> Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, 9890 1101.

#59 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

"All Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop."

All guidelines are clearly explained on the website:

melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines

"*Holy Communion may be distributed to the faithful under both species (i.e., the Sacred Host and Precious Blood).*" Is listed under the Liturgical Considerations.

In response to this directive our Liturgy Team in consultation with our parish Risk Management have decided that Eucharist will continue to be distributed under the one form of the Sacred Host. This guideline will be reviewed after the winter season.

The parish continues to update the COVID Safe Plan regularly.

Second Collection: "Your Financial Support enables us to Baptise around 120, provide First Eucharist for around 128 and Confirmation for 110 people each year. Thank you"

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