



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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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
Tuesday 11.00am - Funeral - Pam Bell
Wednesday 9.30am
Friday 9.30am

11.30am- Funeral - Maree Putt

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am-10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
Pastoral Assoc: Sr Jose Noy RSJ
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Principal: Julie Freeman
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17 July 2022

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

First Reading: Zechariah 2: 14-17
Psalm Response: Psalm 126:3
The Lord has done great things for me; holy is his name.

Second Reading: Galatians

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed is Mary, Virgin and Mother, who bore the Word of God and pondered it in her heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Nancy ALLEN Val CARR Wasana FERNANDO Anna FINDEIS Frank HEENAN Kathleen JOHNSON Aileen JOHNSTON Jo KLOSS Madeline McClymont Lucy PERKOVIC Bob POWLES Brian RIPPE Marie SULLIVAN Clive SUMNERS Doris WILLIAMSON

Recently Deceased: Pam BELL Ferenc MOLNAR Maree PUTT Noel STONE

Anniversaries: Marisa CARLETTI Margaret FANNING Marita GONZALEZ Nell TYQUIN

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

23/24 JULY

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

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

OUR PARISH FEAST DAY

This Sunday as we gather to celebrate our Feast Day we are continuing a long tradition of Eucharistic celebration. The first Masses in our parish were celebrated in homes - from 1852 in the Mary Daniel home at Oaklands Junction; from 1854 in the Fanning home in Powlett Street, from 1860 in the classrooms of the new OLMC school, and in 1874 in the new OLMC Church.

OUR PATRON SAINT

Mt Carmel is situated in northern Israel. In the First Book of Kings, the Prophet Elijah called the people of Israel to Mt Carmel to renew their faith in God - Yahweh (1 Kings 18:19). From 1208 hermits lived on Mt Carmel and built a Chapel dedicated to Our Lady where they celebrated a special Mass in honour of Mary. The hermits were called "Brothers of Our Lady of Mt Carmel".

There is a theory that Father James Moore living at Keilor who served Sunbury from 1862 was taught by a Carmelite priest in his Dublin seminary and so introduced the title here. Our school and church were the first in Australia with this patron. The Carmelite Friars came to Australia in Adelaide in 1881.

OUR 2022 CELEBRATION OF MARY OUR MOTHER

Our gospel today (Luke 1:39-44) recalls the affectionate meeting when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth soon after Mary had consented to be the mother of Jesus. The two women are unexpectedly pregnant—one young and the other elderly. The whole scene is permeated by the Holy Spirit.

Mary's child who is the Lord stirs the unborn John the Baptist leading his mother to the prophetic outburst: "of all women you are the most blessed and blessed is the fruit of your womb". These words are embedded in our treasured prayers, the Hail Mary.

Mary responds by her canticle of praise, the Magnificat, which we pray today after the first reading.

As Mary and Elizabeth celebrated within their family, in our second reading St Paul teaches us that we are daughters and sons in the family of God, able to call "Abba Father" - Abba meaning 'daddy'

THE OUTSIDER POPE

This is the title of a book by Christopher Lamb, a British journalist living in Rome, for the weekly magazine "The Tablet" established in 1840. The book highlights the opposition Pope Francis has met since his surprise election as Pope in 2013. There has been internal opposition in the Vatican. He is seen as an outsider as he is the first pope in a hundred years never to have worked or studied in Rome. Pope Francis has great faith in the Holy Spirit. He comes from South America where the Church has embraced the teaching of Vatican II.

After his unexpected election, Francis decided to live in a hostel not in a palace. He wants the Church to be of the poor for the poor. Some of the locals were shocked. There has been public resistance to Pope Francis, especially by wealthy Catholics in USA who tried to stop the distribution of "Laudato Si" - the Pope's encyclical of caring for our common home and to be alert to climate change.

Despite the opposition, Pope Francis has made reforms. He has promoted synodality with the vision of Vatican II - A synodal Church is walking and listening together in a collaborative way. Francis has appointed women to high positions in Vatican offices. The Australian Plenary Council earlier this month supported women deacons.

Christopher Lamb was at our Plenary Council in Sydney. He says the Australian Plenary was the best example of synodal exercise in the English speaking world - an example for other countries to follow.

Pope Francis believes the Church should have a living vision, and not be a museum. He speaks frankly, with no fear of speaking out to create change. He wants the Church to be outward looking - the outsider has become the insider. He has chosen 63% of the present cardinals. He bases his choice on whether the person is a servant or not.

Pope Francis has renewed the Vatican Curia. He has made mistakes which he admits. His papacy will shape the future Church.

... Kevin McIntosh

Our Prayerful Sympathy

We offer to Graeme Bell and his three daughters as his wife Pam aged 71 years entered eternal life on 6 July after suffering Parkinson's Disease for 19 years. In 1975, Fr Jim Feehan offered Pam a teaching position at OLMC School. Since then, Pam taught for 22 years at our School until 2004. Her teaching colleagues praise Pam's teaching. Pam also taught her daughters, each of whom has graduated from university. Pam took part always in Saturday evening Mass. Her Funeral Mass is on Tuesday at 11am concluding at Gisborne Cemetery.

We offer to the family of Maree Putt who entered eternal life on 9 July aged 64 years. Maree was born with a mental disability. She attended Broadmeadows Special School. She celebrated her First Eucharist at Corpus Christi Church, Glenroy. Maree lived with her parents until she went into a care home for the last 21 years, including a home in Sunbury. She went to see the Saints in the AFL. Her Funeral Mass will be on Friday at 11.30am concluding at Gisborne Cemetery.

We offer to the family of Noel Stone aged 91 years who entered eternal life last week. Born in Newport where he attended Sacred Heart School. Noel became a technician with the Gas and Fuel. He came to our parish in 2000. His Funeral Mass will be at MacKillop Convent Chapel Hawthorn East on Wednesday at 11am concluding at Sunbury Cemetery at 2.30pm.

Confirmation Candidates

This weekend at all Masses we will celebrate with our young members of the parish who are preparing for their Sacrament of Confirmation in October. With their families, they will celebrate a Rite of Election, asking that we, as a community support and pray for them.

First Eucharist Celebrations

Will take place during July and early August. We pray for these children as they come to the Table of the Lord for the first time. May they always be nourished and know they are supported by Jesus throughout their lives. Eucharist Masses are: **July 23 & 24/August 6 & 7/14** at the 5.30pm and 10.30am Masses

Evergreens Social afternoon **Tuesday 26 July** at 12.30 pm.

Come along and bring a friend and a plate to share.

If you are over 60 you are an Evergreen Senior. A big thanks to the 20 who enjoyed the Elvis movie or shared a delicious lunch last Tuesday. More info or needing transport call Joe 0477 677 248.

#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.

In line with the Victorian Government guidelines, we recommend the wearing of face masks in Church.

Thank you from St Vinnies

A big thank you to all the parishioners for their most generous response to the Society's Winter Appeal when \$1,600- was donated on the W/E 2 & 3 July to help assist all those in need, during these trying times.

As I come to the end of my four year term as President I would like to publicly thank all of the volunteers who work tirelessly at our Vinnies Store, making it one of the most successful in our region, and also thank all of you who have donated your goods, enabling the Conference to offer assistance to those in need in our community.

To Father Kevin and Sister Josie and the Parish team thank you, for all your support.

Below is a snap shot of the assistance given to our companions during the month of June 2022.

Homes visited 40 previous callers 30 and 10 new, consisting of 51 adults and 44 children.

Monetary assistance given, Food Vouchers \$2,820 for transport \$356 Whitegoods \$285 Utilities \$400 Medicine \$63 Furniture \$595 Vinnies gift cards \$1,875 Total \$6,394.

To all the conference members visiting homes over the last 4 years, giving endless hours of listening to the concerns of our companions, offering knowledgeable advice and support, you all have done it in a caring and compassionate way, it has been a pleasure volunteering with you. Thank you. As a family of St. Vincent de Paul, together we try to nourish a genuine community of friendship, faith and love.

John Stafford Conference President, St, Vincent de Paul.

Our Parish Feast Day

Will be celebrated this 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.

"Your Financial Support enables us to maintain our 2 churches, administration building, presbytery, convent and parish centre **Thank you"**

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