



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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### LITURGY TIMES: ALL AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday 5.30pm - Sunday Mass  
Sunday 8.30am  
Sunday 10.30am  
Wednesday 9.30am  
Friday 9.30am

### 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: Noelene Hussey  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344  
Principal: Julie Freeman  
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464  
Principal: Krystine Hocking

**24 July 2022**

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32  
Psalm Response: Psalm 137:1-3, 6-8  
Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14  
Gospel Acclamation: Romans 8:15

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**You have received the Spirit which makes us  
God's children, and in that Spirit we call God  
our Father.**

**Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Nancy ALLEN Val CARR Wasana  
FERNANDO Anna FINDEIS Chris HALL,  
Frank HEENAN Kathleen JOHNSON Aileen  
JOHNSTON Jo KLOSS Madeline McCly-  
MONT Nianca Pelly, Lucy PERKOVIC Bob  
POWLES  
Brian RIPPE Marie SULLIVAN Clive  
SUMNERS Doris WILLIAMSON

**Recently Deceased:** June KILLEEN

**Anniversaries:** Charlie ZAFARA

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**  
**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

### **TEACH US TO PRAY**

Why do we pray? It is not to impose our will on God, but to ask God to make us available to the divine will and to share our concerns with God. It is not an effort to change God, but to change ourselves. Luke's Gospel begins (1:10) and ends (24:53) in the context of prayer. At significant moments in his life, Jesus prays, leading his disciples to ask him: "Lord, teach us to pray" (5:33)

Jesus response expresses the deepest reality of Jesus' own relationship with his God, into which he wants his disciples to be drawn. His teaching on prayer is radical. The Lord's Prayer is for a community that is conscious of its intimate relationship with God and also conscious of its presence in and responsibilities for the world.

In the Bible, God is "Father", not as an authoritarian father in a family, God is the "Abba" of Jesus in loving, faithful and intimate relationship with the beloved Son. "Abba" is Dad in Jesus' native language.

The kingdom of which the disciples pray is not a kingdom of political power, but one that belongs to the poor, the liberated, excluded women, forgiven sinners.

"Our daily bread" - is a request for a basic necessity, also to be shared with the poor. We also need to be nourished with one another's forgiveness, because God will never starve us of forgiveness - a norm for God's sons and daughters.

### **TWO PARABLES ON PRAYER**

Jesus tells two parables on the quality of our prayer. The first is about the friend helping his friend knocking on his door at midnight. If we are in an enduring relationship as prayerful "friends" with God we can be assured that God will be hospitable to us in our need.

The second parable is based on a parent caring for their child. How much more generous will God be in providing good things for his children. The greatest of these gifts will be the Holy Spirit.

### **ST AUGUSTINE ON THE LORD'S PRAYER**

"We need words to help us recollect ourselves and see what we are asking for: not to make us suppose that the Lord must be given information or swayed by words".

"When we say, 'Thy kingdom come' which will certainly come whether we wish it or not, we arouse our desire for that kingdom, that it may come for us...".

"When we say, 'Give us this day our daily bread' we mean by 'today' this present time. We are asking either for sufficiency...or for the sacrament of believers".

### **WELCOME TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

This Sunday, we welcome our children who are beginning today to receive the Blessed Eucharist - the Bread of eternal life. May this be the start of a long life receiving the Risen Lord. Eucharist Masses are: August 6 & 7/14 at the 5.30pm and 10.30am Masses

### **A FINAL STATEMENT OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL**

Copies of the two page statement are available in the gathering space today.

...Kevin McIntosh

## 2022 Catholic Mission Church Appeal

Catholic Mission is the Australian agency of the International Pontifical Mission Societies.

Today we invite you to be a witness of Jesus Christ, by accepting the invitation to partner with the Church in Ethiopia as they create hope and provide life-changing support for families in need in rural communities. Your support of this Catholic Mission Church Appeal will help continue vital Church-run mission programs around the world. Thank you for partnering with us today.

### 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.

### Palms Australia

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these **Mission opportunities abroad.**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support.

**Palms Australia**, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. **Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also **Register** for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Please check our website for more details.**

We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: **19 -21 August 2022** in the comfort of your own home or a non-residential parish based weekend: **22- 23 October 2022** in Niddrie. (Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: **vicbookings@wwme.org.au** Website: **wwme.org.au**

### Parish Dinner Dance

Our Parish Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank our parishioners and GUIH.ORG Charity Volunteers for their generous contribution and donations towards the 16th Christmas in July Dinner Dance held at our Parish Centre.

With the help of our generous volunteers, time, talent, sponsorship, sale of tickets and raffle we were able to raise \$1771.35 which will be deposited into the 'Winter Night Shelter' - Sunbury Homelessness Project account. This success story was made possible due to our generous sponsors like Menezes family who sponsored the food for the event, Joan for Sponsoring the Christmas Decorations and donating a Christmas Wreath for the Raffle (costing around \$250), GUIH DJ Volunteers, MC Dwain and the various others who made this evening a memorable event. Without each one of you and your support this could not have been achieved.

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

Lucy & Molly KIMPTON

Annabelle & Lucy WENZEL

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



### #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: [melbourncatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines](http://melbourncatholic.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.

**"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.**