



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
Monday	11.45am - Baptisms
	9.30am - Feast of Assumption St Anne's
	12noon - Feast of Assumption OLMC
	12.45 - Feast of Assumption Holy Trinity
Thursday	10.00am - Funeral - Frank Heenan
	2.30pm - Calvary Aged Care
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

14 August July 2022

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Psalm Response: Psalm 39: 2-4, 18

Lord, come to my aid.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew John10:27

Alleluia! Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Nancy ALLEN Val CARR Wasana FERNANDO Nikki GEORGIADIS Chris HALL Kathleen JOHNSON Aileen JOHNSTON Moira KELLY Jo KLOSS Bianca PELLY Bob POWLES Jocelyn RAMOS Brian RIPPE Clive SUMNERS Sr Anne TUCK Barbara WALTERS Doris WILLIAMSON

Recently Deceased: Frank HEENAN Patience RODRIGUES

Anniversaries: Eric D'MONTE Albert JANSEN Terence LAMAIRES Peter RYAN

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
CATHOLIC CARE

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

TRUTH WITHOUT COMPROMISE

Our Sunday gospel has a disturbing message as Jesus uses some harsh words: "I have come to bring fire to the earth... Do you suppose I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, rather division. (Luke 12:49-50)

By fire, Jesus refers to the fire as used by a metal worker to burn away impurities. Fire is seen as the gift of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist while he prophesised baptism with water, said Christ would baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Luke 3:16) At Pentecost, the disciples received the Spirit in the visible form of "tongues as if of fire". (Acts 2:3)

HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF DIVISION

Jesus' words about conflict and division speak of the reality experienced by Luke's community. Some within Judaism did become followers of Jesus; others saw him as a false Messiah. By the late 80's, when Luke was writing, Christianity and Judaism were beginning to separate, so it is likely that households were split as parents and children took different paths. Also, the Christian community was negotiating life within the Roman Empire where persecutions had already begun in Rome.

FAITH AND DIFFICULT CHOICES

Our Christian faith is not always comforting or comfortable particularly if our faith is at odds with the surrounding culture.

Jesus spoke often about the poor and the accumulation of wealth for one's own desires; Jesus spoke about care of the neighbour, the outsider, the stranger; he spoke of generosity and justice, of forgiveness.

Faith calls for real choices about how we live, what we buy, where we shop, whom we vote for, and such choices will cause conflicts with those who think differently. Jesus' peace is not a warm, fuzzy glow, not a comfortable satisfaction with the status quo.

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH - A MARATHON

In the Commonwealth Games, we saw runners continuing to race to the finish line. Our second reading uses that image—"we should keep running steadily in the race we have started". (Hebrews 12:2) We are encouraged in our marathon race of discipleship. Those who already have reached the heavenly finishing line cheer us on and ahead of us is the great Pace Setter, Jesus, who ran through the flames of opposition and death to take the prize of resurrection.

Our second reading today from the letter to the Hebrews begins with "With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us." This refers to those in heaven. The letter is encouraging those struggling in the first century that they be assured that God was with them. Let us recall twenty centuries of witnesses to the Christian faith supporting and encouraging us - those here with us at Mass, and those like Olivia Newton-John who did so much for those suffering cancer.

INFORMATION SESSION - PERMANENT DEACONS

Pope Francis last year prayed for vocations that deacons, faithful in their service to

Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church". Permanent deacons live their vocation in and with their family. An information session will be held on Saturday 3 September at 10am at Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Men, married or single, between the age of 30-60 years are invited. Contact Office of Permanent Diaconate—9412 3357, or watch <https://youtube.be/q2RLNDbtTSO>.

Our Prayerful Sympathy

We offer to the family of Frank Heenan who entered eternal life on 6 August aged 98 years. He and his wife Nancye are parents of ten children. He grew up in Coleraine and became a printer. He came to our Parish in 1990 and he regularly took part in Sunday Mass. His Funeral will be celebrated on Thursday at 10am concluding at Northern Memorial Park, Glenroy.

....Kevin McIntosh

Evergreens

Next Social afternoon 23rd August 12-30 pm.

Please bring a friend and a plate to share. If you are 60+ you are an Evergreen Senior.

Evergreens and U3A are again joining for a Coach Tour to Westgarthtown, 1850 German / Wendish settlement. Followed by **Lunch at Excelsior Hotel.** Wednesday, 7 September 2022 – leaving from: Bowling Club Sunbury Carpark. 9:15 AM – 3:00 PM. Capacity: only 40. Cost: \$30 (includes coach fare and tour). **Money due before 23rd August 2022.** Posters in Foyer. For more info call Joseph Spiteri 0477 677 248 ASA Possible.

Altar Servers

"Development Opportunity – We are recruiting Altar Servers. Girls and Boys who have received their first Eucharist and are at least 10 years of age. We can arrange training to fit in with your availability. Call Michael on 0417332186"

Letter from the Millett Family

Due to Covid restrictions at the time of Dad's passing we were unable to get together and remember Dad's exceptional life. So for his first anniversary we invite you to join us to remember our beloved father, Tom. **10.30am Mass at St Anne's on Sunday 21 August followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.** The Millett Family.

Report finds 'stark gap' between rich and poor

Australia is one of the richest countries in the world but has a significant wealth gap between the rich and the poor, according to a new report. The findings released by the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS) on 22 July found that Australia's richest 10 per cent of households have an average household wealth of \$6.1million - almost half of the entire country's wealth combined. The majority of Australians are on the lower scale of wealth, with 60% of the population only pocketing 17 per cent of the country's wealth. Source: SBS News (25/07/2022)

The following children from our parish will be baptised

This Sunday:

Charlotte BECKER

Willow BORG

Rosie WALSH

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



Parish Bingo

Our Parish bingo session "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday, eyes down at **7.30pm** at the Sunbury Bowling Club. Get a group together and come along and join the fun.

Enquiries: Gary Plummer 0419 301 760

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

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. **Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Meetings this Week

Wed 17 August 7pm Parish Pastoral Co-ordinating Team

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Is recommencing at 5.30pm Saturday Mass where the children of primary school age can hear the Word of God at their level and reflect on what the Holy Spirit is teaching.

First Eucharist Celebrations

Will take place this weekend. We pray for these children as they begin to come to the Table of the Lord. May they always be nourished and know they are supported by Jesus throughout their lives.

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

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be a 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 17 August

Coming in September to OLMC Parish...

Family Mass

An invitation for you to come to celebrate Mass together as a family.

An opportunity for young people to...

- Join the choir
- Read at Mass
- Join Children's Liturgy
- Lead the Our Father
- Bring up the offertory
- Alter Serve



More information to follow. To express your interest in attending or volunteering, please click here:

<https://forms.gle/K2oevTXsfF4EPaNaA>