



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST, SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

ON WURUNDJERI COUNTRY



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

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

Saturday	5.30pm - Sunday Mass
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	10.30am
	11.45am - Baptisms
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

**28 August 2022**

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-20,28-29  
 Psalm Response: Psalm 67:4-7, 10-11  
**God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24  
 Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:29  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.**  
**Alleluia!**  
 Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

## LET US PRAY FOR

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

**Recently Deceased:** Basilio RAMOS  
Blanche ROBSON

**Anniversaries:** Joan BAXTER Glenise GEYER Aurora MACARIO Patrick MANARI TI Cassandra O'KEEFE Margaret O'NEILL Ethel PHILLIPS

**Special Collection Next Weekend—  
Priests' Retirement Foundation**

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

## **ALL PEOPLE ARE EQUAL IN GOD'S SIGHT**

Anyone who has even had to juggle seating arrangements—from a family wedding to a political conference dinner—knows the hazards! Where, with whom do we seat people to avoid arguments or frosty silences. In Palestine of the first century, honour and shame were very powerful social influences.

A guest was expected to show appreciation for the hospitality received, no matter how meagre the hospitality might be.

## **JESUS THE STORYTELLER OF PARABLES**

Our gospel today has two parables spoken by Jesus. The first parable rebukes the social competitiveness of those who jockey for the best seats at table. Jesus describes how a guest at a wedding feast loses face when asked by the host to move to a lower place because someone more important has arrived. It is foolish to presume one's self-importance.

Those who are most distinguished in God's eyes are those who love humbly. We can be tempted to elbow others out as we try to climb the ladder of self-importance and success.

Yet we should not confuse attitudes of false humility and passive resignation with taking the lower place. Those at the top and bottom of the social ladder will only meet when the poor are empowered by advocacy, education, and just health and economic policies to climb up to a more equitable future, and the rich relinquish some of their privileges in order to go down and share with those in need.

In his second parable, Jesus is critical of those with social status who invite to a dinner those who might be useful to them in the future, by inviting to a dinner in return. The gospels show, it is usually the poor, the crippled, the blind who answer Jesus' invitation more readily than the rich and powerful.

Jesus ends the second parable by pronouncing a blessing on those who offer hospitality to the unwanted with no hope of repayment. These hosts of the poor will be welcomed into the lavish and eternal hospitality of God in the kingdom.

Today we prayed in the Psalm that God is the father of the poor, the defender of the widows, the shelter of the homeless and the liberator of prisoners.

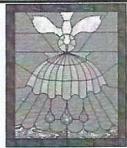
## **TODAY'S CHALLENGE ABOUT SOCIAL JUSTICE**

National boundaries mean nothing to God. All people are equal in God's sight, so the banquet Jesus refers to has implications for how we share the riches with which we have been blessed with others in the world. The poor, crippled, lame and blind of our world are the majority of God's children who mainly live in the Third World. They are our brothers and sisters.

At the banquet of life Christians are called to give priority to the needs of these people, not only because they have a just claim on our resources, but also because they can't do anything for us in return. They purify our motives. When we link our concern, time, talent, career, and money with these children of God, we tame that nagging question, 'What's in it for me?' with a firm reply, 'Very little—except God's justice.'

## **SKILLED MIGRANTS OR REFUGEES TO BE WELCOMED**

The current proposal for an immigration policy favouring skilled and entrepreneurial



people will bring business, professional and trade skills—good for us. Today's gospel demands that we go beyond that by having a generous refugee and humanitarian settlement program in Australia to help those who are suffering some humanitarian catastrophe and without the necessities of life. May our Eucharist today give us renewed courage to think beyond ourself and national interests and show to others the hospitality of God that has been lavished on us.

To the question "What's in it for me?" let our faith answer: "More than we can ever hope or imagine."

...Kevin McIntosh

### Family Faith Formation Evenings

For the families preparing their children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in October. The presenter is Sister Rita Malavisi R.S.J. The sessions will be on this **Tuesday 30 August** and **Wednesday 31 August** at 6.30pm in St Anne's Church.

### Piety Stall Coordinator

Once again we thank Dolly Causier for her services as coordinator of the Piety Stall for 24 years. We are now looking for someone who would be willing to take on the role as Coordinator, with the help of the parish office staff, organising rosters and ordering stock for the Piety Stall. You would certainly not be expected to volunteer for 24 years, as did Dolly! Please call the office with any enquiries or suggestions. Thank you.

### Children's Mass

A small team, with the support of the Parish Pastoral Coordinating Team, are planning to celebrate a Children's Mass on **Sunday September 11 at 10.30am**. The children will be invited to take part in the singing and liturgy of the Mass. Children wishing to take part and any adult help can register on [olmcsunbury.com](http://olmcsunbury.com)

### Evergreens Events

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). Posters in Foyer. For more info call Joseph Spiteri 0477 677 248 ASA Possible.

Evergreens are going to watch "Where the crows sing" movie at Reading Sunbury on **Wednesday 14 September**. Please arrive in time to be seated by 10-15am. Lunch at Italhia follows.

Come along and bring a friend.

### YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT

#### First Aid and Defibrillator

For quicker and easier access, the Defibrillator and the First Aid box have both been moved into the Church foyer. Thank you to Joe Spiteri for managing the relocation work.

#### Air Purifiers

Air purifiers are now installed in St Anne's Church. These appliances are designed to remove pollutants, allergens, and toxins from the air resulting in a safer environment.

### Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, we can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need!

### 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"

The following children from our parish will be

Baptised this Sunday:

Olivia de SIMONE

Bruno PRIMIANO

Chloe TALBOT-NOTARO

Felicity YOUNG

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

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Is recommencing at 5.30pm Saturday Mass and 10.30am Sunday 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.

### Legion of Mary

Promotes the sanctification of its members and others. Duties include: assisting parishioners to attend Mass by driving them to and from the church, assisting Holy Rosary after Mass on weekdays, joining the choir, attending funerals, visiting nursing homes and home visits all with the permission of the parish. Please contact James 0450 270 959, Cath 0428 842 521, Katherine 0406 251 685 for more information if you are interested. (More members are needed)

### Salesian College

Applications for enrolments in **2024** from students currently in Year 5 close this month.

### Report from—Parish Pastoral Co-ordinating Team

#### What have some of our Parish Groups been up to lately?

**Evergreens** have been enjoying each other's company at Club Sunbury, the movies, and on interesting excursions.

**History Group** is applying for a council grant to improve displays in the history room.

**Parish Team** remain busy visiting the sick, comforting the bereaved and generally being the first contact with the parish.

**Piety Stall** Congratulations and thanks to Dolly Causier for 24 years of dedicated service as co-ordinator.

**Sacramental Group, Liturgy Group and school staff** 120 children have received Our Lord in the Eucharist for the first time.

**Vinnies (SVDP)** Along with generous parishioners and local Catholic schools, Vinnies co-ordinated the Winter Appeal raising \$1,600 for marginalised folk. President John Stafford has completed his four year-term in the role. He and Sheila have given wonderful service, sharing their many gifts for the common good. Anne Smith and her team have taken over running the Sunbury Conference of the Society.

### Parish Child Safeguarding

Our Parish will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on **September 7 at 6pm in the Parish Centre** and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend. ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence based education program delivered nationally to prevent online child sexual exploitation. ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member and an industry volunteer. The presentation is pro-technology and addresses topics including self-generated child abuse material, online grooming, image-based abuse, sexual extortion, and importantly encourages help seeking behaviour. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology. For more information—[www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)

### Parish Finance & Development Committee

Will meet on Friday 2 September, 2.30pm In the Parish Centre.