



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 - Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Friday	11.30am - Funeral - Stefan Turula

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

4 September 2022

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18
Psalm Response: Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14, 17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Second Reading: Philimon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 118:135

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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: Stefan TURULA

Anniversaries: Anne & Harry DENNER
Mary DUGGAN Ted FANNING
Adeline WRIGHT

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

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

THE COST OF BEING A COMMITTED FOLLOWER

Our gospel this Sunday continues Jesus' teaching as he moves towards Jerusalem where he expects increasing opposition.

A key detail we may not notice is Luke writing: "Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them" (Luke 14:25). There are seven occasions in Luke's gospel where Jesus turns and praises the believing centurion (7:9), the penitent woman (7:41), the denying Peter (22:61), the woman at the cross (23:28) and others. In short, Jesus turns whenever confronted with weak or failing faith in order to restore and perfect it.

SEMITIC LANGUAGE

Semitic languages used by Jesus lack some of the more subtle expressions of modern idioms. In Hebrew, to hate, is the opposite of 'to prefer'. There is no word for loving someone slightly less, we are not to hate all, rather we must love all things less than we love God. We must love God first. We are also called to love others.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

This is the basis of Jesus' teaching in the gospel passage. As well as turning to the crowds, Jesus is also addressing those who are already accompanying him to an even deeper commitment and intimacy. Three conditions for discipleship are given here: subordination of everything, even family, to commitment to Jesus; acceptance of the cross, in intimation of Jesus; and relinquishment of all possessions in order to possess and be possessed by Christ alone. Jesus is very serious and uncompromising. He has come to bring the kingdom of God. We need God and his reigning presence in our lives which makes sense of life, love and death. To carry one's own cross like Jesus is to respond totally to the call of the Father: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, sister and mother." (Mark 3:35)

TWO PARABLES

The first is about a man who begins to build a tower and did not work out the cost of building and was made fun of by others. He is a symbol of impetuosity and bloated self-regard. The second parable is about a battle-bound king who is prudent and is not rashly judging about attacking another king with a greater army, instead he sues for peace.

160TH ANNIVERSARY

This month it is 160 years since the Shire of Bulla was established in 1852. It is also 160 years since the First Mass was celebrated in our area in the homes at Oaklands Junction led by Fr Patrick Dunne who used to come on horseback from Coburg. Among the houses was the Fanning family home in Powlett Street in Sunbury. From 1860, Mass was moved from homes when OLMC school opened.

FATHER JAMES FEENAN

Was our ninth Parish Priest from 1973 to 1977. Born in Ireland in 1926, he was ordained and came to Melbourne in 1956. He set up a Parish Education Board to investigate the need for another church and school as Sunbury was beginning to grow with the opening of the Tullamarine airport in 1970. He arranged the purchase of land in Stewart's Lane. Fr Jim retired in 1990 and entered eternal life three years ago on 3rd September.

SUPPORTING RETIRED PRIESTS

Our Melbourne Archdiocese has 94 retired priests who have served us generally about 50 years in parishes. Of the number, 49 are aged 80 years and more. Caring for these priests is a large cost. Hence our annual collection in all Melbourne Parishes today.

....Kevin McIntosh

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wed 7 Sept 7.30pm Baptism Preparation	St Anne' Church
7.30pm Knights of the Southern Cross	Parish Centre

Child Protection Week 4-10 September 2022: In 2022, National Child Protection Week will continue to embrace the overarching message that 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'. In particular, this year we will be shining a light on children growing up safe and supported. Children and young people thrive when they grow up safe, connected and supported in their family, community and culture.

They have the right to grow up in environments that support them according to their needs, now and into the future.

This year let's talk about how we create a supportive environment for every child.

National Child Protection Week will be looking at what works to keep children safe and supported.

We know that too many children are not growing up safe and supported and that Child Protection systems are overloaded. There are many opportunities to change the trajectory for these children.

We can stop child abuse and neglect – and reduce its impact – by working together to make sure every child in every community has a fair go.

Safeguarding Sunday: 11 September 2022: The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.

Parish Child Safeguarding

Our Parish will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on **September 7 at 6pm in our 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 program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia. The presentation will be delivered by Graham Higgerson, 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

Evergreens Events

Evergreens, The Westgarth Town Coach Tour on **Wednesday 7 September**. We meet at the back of the Bowling Club Sunbury car park at 9.15am to take a coach which will be leaving by 9.30am sharp, back home about 3-00pm.

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

Come along and bring a friend.

For more info call Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248

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

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.

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

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)

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 Causer 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.

Piety Stall Coordinator

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. Please call the office with any enquiries or suggestions. Thank you.

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"

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next Sunday, children in Year 3 will attend Mass at which they indicate their agreement to learn and to take part in this Sacrament where we experience the merciful forgiveness of God. The children will also ask a parishioner to be their prayer companion during this time of preparation for this sacrament.

