



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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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
Thursday	11.00am - Funeral Henryk Nowak

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

11 September 2022

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Psalm Response: Psalm 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Nancy ALLEN Val CARR Wasana FERNANDO Anna FINDEIS Nikki GEORGI-ADIS Chris HALL Kathleen JOHNSON Aileen JOHNSTON Moira KELLY Patrick KELLY Snr Jo KLOSS John LUSTISTICA Jocelyn RAMOS Brian RIPPE Clive SUMNERS Sr Anne TUCK Barbara WALTERS Doris WILLIAMSON

Recently Deceased: Henryk NOWAK

Anniversaries: Pat READMAN
Elvira SAN PEDRO
Fedeline TANWANGCO

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

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

The Israelites are guilty of having violated the first two commandments. They have made themselves a molten calf. God seems to disown them. Moses will not allow this to take place. He pleads for the preservation of the people of whom he is a member. His appeal is twofold. He first insists that the Israelites are God's very own special people. It would be a shame to destroy them after freeing them from Egypt. Moses then appeals to the promises that God made to the ancestors of the Israelites. How could God possibly renege on those promises? Moses is successful in his defence of the sinful people. God relents of the severe punishment intended.

This is one of the best known penitential psalms. In its initial plea the psalmist appeals to God's covenant dispositions of goodness and compassion. A thorough transformation is next required. The passage ends with a prayer that the psalmist might be empowered or permitted by God to sing a song of praise. Once reconciled with God, the psalmist does not presume intimacy with God, but asks permission to be counted again among those who do praise God. Having reconciled with God, the psalmist knows that all these things – the covenant relationship itself, forgiveness of sin, transformation of heart and the ability to praise God – are gifts of grace from God.

Paul expresses gratitude for God's goodness toward him. He then moves to a personal testimony that demonstrates the extent of God's goodness. He is grateful that Christ both strengthened him and found him worthy to proclaim the gospel. Paul is a perfect example of one who deserves punishment at the hands of God. However, the opposite occurred. He was treated mercifully. He further claims that just as his offence was great and his need for mercy was great, so the effects of God's grace in his life have been abundant. Paul ends his instruction with prayer of praise made up of themes that originated in his own Jewish tradition.

The opening verses of the gospel reading set the stage for Jesus' parables. The righteous religious leaders are contrasted with tax-collectors and sinners, who were social outcasts. Jesus depicts the extravagant solicitude of the shepherd and the woman in order to demonstrate the extent to which God will go to rescue even one lost individual. The third parable has a double focus. It points out the mercy that God shows repentant sinners. It also contrasts God's openness with the closed-mindedness of those who consider themselves faithful. There is no question about the depraved behaviour of the younger son or the resentment of the elder son when he sees his father's unrestrained joyous treatment of the errant one. But it is the picture of the father that is startling. His compassion becomes the metaphor for understanding God's compassion toward repent sinners.

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Evergreens Events

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

Parish Co-ordinating Team News

Evergreens have been enjoying each other's company on excursions to the Elvis Exhibition in Bendigo, and to Westgarthtown. They've listened to Lord Mayor Carly Moore explain the Big Build, and to Charles Bezzina, a retired detective, recounting his exploits. Every month an average of 22 Evergreens have had lunch out and taken in four movies as well. Joseph Spiteri is a great organiser.

Cleaning Almost unseen but indispensable in keeping us safe as they implement the Finance and Development Team's risk management plan to keep Covid at bay.

Protecting People at Risk Group Their new noticeboard in St Anne's foyer will keep us abreast of our responsibilities to ourselves but especially to vulnerable children, the aged and First Nations people.

Mass Setup We see the fruit of their work but have to look hard to actually see them!

Media Again behind the scenes, Tom communicates the news by updating the parish website on a weekly basis.

Music and Welcoming ministries. Well, we all know and love these most visible, hard-working groups.

Parish Co-ordinating Team has set up an online calendar.

Thanks, Liam. All of us can view what's coming up. Only Parish Priest, Parish Co-ordinator and PPCT Chair can edit the calendar.

Children's Choir. Encourage the children in your family to join this Sunday 11th at 10.30am. Maree and her team have put in lots of prep work.

St Anne's Team began Sunbury Winter Shelter Monday night shifts 5-9 pm on June 1st, providing friendship, hot food, warmth around the firepit or in the hall, phone recharging and breakfast packs at the one venue, St Andrew's Uniting Church. Several St Anne's parishioners worked other nights as well. Overnight accommodation was offered one night a week. About 20 homeless people came into the shelter at various times over winter.

Give Until it Hurts Charity members including several OLMC parishioners, patrol the streets of the CBD over winter checking in on the homeless and distributing donations collected from all over the west including Sunbury.

Sunbury Winter Shelter (SWS) Gratitude Service

2pm Sunday 18th September

St Andrew's Uniting Church

Followed by afternoon tea..

All volunteers, both community and church, as well as friends of SWS, are warmly invited to attend our Gratitude Service on 18th September. Refreshments will be served following a very short service of thanks with many opportunities to personally thank team members for their awesome contributions to SWS. Certificates of appreciation will be given out to each volunteer. Please join us on Sunday the 18th!

Parish Centre - Carpet Repairs

Thank you to Matt Payne from **Choices Flooring** who repaired the stretched and split carpet in the Parish Centre at no cost to the Parish. Matt's generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

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"

Asylum Seekers

St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action shared online Forum, 7.30pm-8.30pm, Thursday 29 September 2022.

In our war torn and further troubled world complicated by Climate Change and Pandemics the issue of Asylum Seekers and Refugees is of growing significance. It touches at the very heart of Social Justice. In this online Forum from 7.30pm-8.30pm on Thursday 29 September Brigidine Asylum Seeker's Project (BASP) Co-Founder, Sr Brigid Arthur AO csb will provide a timely update on the growing significance of Asylum Seekers.

A Statement from Archbishop Timothy Costello SDB, President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community.

As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth.

Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith. Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. It was a model she strived to emulate throughout her long life. May she rest in peace.

Safeguarding Sunday

Today is Safeguarding Sunday, the final day of National Child Protection week.

We mark this day every year as it is part of a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people in our parish community. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

This year the theme has been 'Safe and Supported'.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is committed to making sure that all people in our community feel safe and supported in everything they do within our parish. We have a Child Safeguarding committee, who work hard to make sure that all of the programs and practices in our parish meet the standards set by the Archdiocese, as recommended through the Royal Commission, and to make sure that all of our parishioners are aware of their rights and responsibilities in keeping our children and all members of our parish safe.