



# 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
Tuesday	11.00am—Funeral—Anna Findeis
Wednesday	9.30am - Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh  
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Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344  
Principal: Julie Freeman  
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Principal: Krystine Hocking

**18 September 2022**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm Response: Psalm 112:1-2, 4-8

**Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 8:9

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.**

**Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

## LET US PRAY FOR

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

**Recently Deceased:** Anna FINDEIS Patrick KELLY Snr

**Anniversaries:** Michael DILLON Jack DORNEY Vicki HEATH James PELLY Pat TORR

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

## SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

The prophet denounces unscrupulous merchants for their false piety, their avarice, their dishonest business practices, and their exploitation of the poor and defenceless. The poor are the landless, those who do not harvest their own crop but must purchase grain and wheat for their food. The merchants describe their own dishonesty. As a result of this, the judgment of God is passed in the form of an irrevocable oath. Amos prophesied that, because the people of privilege frequently took advantage of the vulnerable poor, God swears an oath that the evil perpetrated will not be forgotten. This is truly an oracle of judgment.

The psalm is a classic example of a hymn of praise. God is depicted as enthroned high above the heavens, the privileged place of honor that by right of conquest belongs to the victorious creator of the world. The psalmist then describes the solicitude of God. The metaphors indicate that the very people society discarded were the ones that the exalted ruler of heaven stooped to lift up. The reversals are obvious. The God who reigned from the highest heaven reached into the reputedly lowest regions of human existence. The lowly and poor are seated with the high and mighty. This condescension on God's part is reason for the praise to which the servants of God are summoned.

The major point of Paul's instruction is the all-inclusive scope of Christian prayer. Twice Paul states that prayers should be offered for all people (vv.1, 4). Special attention is given to civic leaders. Two reasons for such prayer are given: the salvation of others; it is God's will to do so. Most commentators maintain that 'testimony at the proper time' refers to the ransom that Christ paid for all. His death ushered in the time of universal salvation. It was to this universal ministry that Paul himself was called as herald and as apostle to the nations. Therefore, it is only right that the church pray for the conversion of the Gentiles.

The household manager who rewrote the debts of his employer did not fulfil his charge in a responsible manner. He may not have violated any law, but he did go against established custom. Jesus interprets several elements from this story in order to point out how children of light should act. They should possess the same kind of practical wisdom, but should use it in order to insure places in an eternal dwelling. The real point of the story is found in the last verse. Though shrewd in the ways of the world, the steward chose to serve his own financial needs rather than the economic interests of his employer. This made him an unreliable or dishonest servant. One cannot serve both the master of the household (God) and one's own personal interests (mammon). One must choose.

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## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend

"Live Your Best Life in Love"

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 is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

22- 23 October 2022 at St John Bosco, Niddrie

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676

Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

## Social Services Sunday

Sunday 18 September 2022 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. This is an opportunity to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and support those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable in our communities. It is also a moment that we can think about how we might be more involved in work for justice, service and peace in our own community.

## 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

- and a new Australian Government St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action shared online Forum, 7:30pm-8:30pm, Thursday 29 September 2022. In this online Forum from 7:30pm - 8:30pm on Thursday 29th 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. This discussion will be in the context of Catholic Social Justice thinking, and a new Government

## RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process whereby those who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith have the opportunity to explore and grow in this faith. Enquiry meetings are being planned. Anyone who may be interested or you know of someone who is curious about our faith please encourage them to call and leave a message at the Parish Office 9744 1060.

## Evergreens

Social afternoon **Tuesday 27th September** 12-30pm at the Parish Centre.

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

For more info or transport call Joseph Spiteri 0477 677 248.



The Parish Office will be closed **Thursday 22 & Friday 23** (Public Holidays)

Newsletter items need to be at the office by Wednesday 9.00am at the latest.

**"Your financial support enables us to provide Pastoral Support to 2 aged care facilities and, our aged and infirm parishioners in their homes.**

**Thank you."**