



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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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

Parish Priest:	Rev Kevin McIntosh
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Principal:	Julie Freeman
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Principal:	Krystine Hocking

**25 September 2022**

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7

Psalm Response: Psalm 145:6-10

**Praise the Lord my soul!**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

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 16:19-31

## 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:** Manuel SILVEIRA

**Anniversaries:** Michael DARMANIN Joseph NOY

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

## **They won't listen!**

### **1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31**

Parents will certainly understand the point of the parable in today's Gospel. You can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus' voice, 'You've been told over and over again...' But still people refuse to listen. In the parable, the rich man insists that if only the message was dramatic enough, if only Lazarus could return then surely his brothers would listen. 'No,' says Jesus, 'they won't listen, even if someone were to rise from the dead.'

And someone has risen from the dead, and has the listening improved? Is kindness a value for us? Generosity? Are we willing to share with others? Or like the rich man, do we block our ears and close our eyes to the needy at our gates, to the refugees on our doorsteps. As I write this reflection, men, women and children are locked up in 'Detention' centres, their crime being a desire to live, and see their families live, with some hope. They want a chance for their children to be educated, a chance to live without fear of arrest and torture, a chance to live alongside us and be given a fair go. Apart from these asylum seekers, there are other examples you can think of where Lazarus lies starving on our doorsteps. What more will it take for us to listen, really listen to the words of Jesus?

If you look carefully at the parable and the description of the rich man, it does not describe him as a thief, or a swindler; it is not as if he is the one who caused Lazarus to become poor; in this sense he has done nothing wrong. But this is the point. He has done nothing! Lazarus has been at his gate and he has not reached out to him; he has not seen that he has any responsibility for him – it's not his fault – it's just the way it is. But Jesus holds him accountable for doing nothing.

The letter to Timothy speaks of the person dedicated to God, calling this person to be holy and religious. My question is, how can anyone know she/he is holy or religious? What are the signs to look for? Within Christianity, holiness is not measured in the number of prayers, or our life-choices, but is measured in how we act. Remember when the young man came to Jesus asking about the greatest commandment? Jesus' response was to tell a story about a Priest, a Levite and a Samaritan, with the last one being upheld as the one who truly kept the commandment because he acted to care for the stranger. It was not his fault that the Jewish man was battered and robbed and lying by the side of the road. No one would have been surprised if he, like the Priest and Levite, had just walked past. But the Samaritan saw a fellow human in need; not one of his own race, but one with him in his neediness. So he acted. Perhaps he thought that it could have been himself by the side of the road – we don't really know his motives, but he did act. Which is what the rich man in the parable did not do.

May our ears and hearts be opened to feel the discomfort of the Gospel; may the Risen One in our midst goad us to act in his name for those like Lazarus in our midst.

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## **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)

## **The Gift of the Spirit**

This six week course will explore the Gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It will be held on Thursday evenings at 7.30 pm and Friday mornings after the morning Mass, commencing on October 27 & 28. It is an inspiring and practical series to help participants encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith.

The topics covered in the six sessions are:- 1. The Father's Loving Plan, 2. The Joy Of The Gospel, 3. The Gift Of The Spirit, 4. Unwrapping God's Gift, 5. Encountering God's Spirit, 6. Living In The Spirit.

It will be presented on DVD by well-known international speakers; David Payne, Michelle Moran, Charles Whitehead and Jenny Baker.

## **Knox Public Lecture 2022**

*50 Years of Theological Education in Context: Then, Now, What Next?*

As Catholic Theological College marks its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a College and a member of the ecumenical University of Divinity, we have invited a panel of speakers to reflect on CTC's achievements and challenges, and to consider future directions in theological education and ministry formation. You are warmly invited to join us for the conversation.

**Facilitator:** Dr Frances Baker RSM

**Panel:**

Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM

Rev. Prof. Frank Moloney SDB AM FAHA

Most Rev. Dr Terence Curtin DD

Dr Rosemary Canavan

Dr Michelle Goh RSM

**Date:**

Wednesday 12 October

**Time:**

7.30pm

**Venue:**

**Catholic Leadership Centre**

Corner Victoria Parade and Hoddle Street

East Melbourne

Enter via Victoria Parade

Street Parking is available on Victoria Parade

**Booking:**

Visit our website: [ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture](http://ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture)

Enq: [sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au](mailto:sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au) or Ph 9412 3333

**Light refreshments**

Will be provided after the lecture.

## **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

## **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.

## **Piety Stall – Confirmation**

Some new items have been purchased for the Piety Stall. These include items as gifts for the children celebrating their Sacrament of Confirmation in October. Please support the Piety Stall.

**"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."**