



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
Tuesday	10.30am - Funeral Mary Wicks
Wednesday	9.30am
	11am - Funeral Kerryann Hill
	5pm - First Reconciliation
	7pm - First Reconciliation
Thursday	1pm - Cathedral 175 Anniversary
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: Noeline Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

23 October 2022

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

Psalm Response: Psalm 33:2-3, 17-19, 23

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

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 18:9-14

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Nancy ALLEN Kathleen JOHNSON Aileen JOHNSTON Moira KELLY Claire KENNY Aredna MCGOVERN-TAYLOR Frank MCINTOSH Cindy MORRISSEY John O'MEARA Bob POWLES Yvonne ROSARIO Edna SAID Sr Anne TUCK Doris WILLIAMSON

Recently deceased: Raymond ARMSTRONG Kerryann HILL, Clive SUMNER

Anniversaries: Henrika JANSEN Leticia MENDES Ronald WOLFE

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

GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME

Today's gospel is about the way in which we come before God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner' who goes home at rights with God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector recognises he is not in a right relationship with God and asks for mercy. Luke's gospel depicts the model of faith in which one recognises their need for God's loving mercy and asks for it. By contrast, the Pharisee represents those who are assured of their own rightness by comparing themselves with others to make themselves righteous and justified. The contrast is more acute when we look at the situation of Palestine in Jesus' time. Tax collectors were despised as they extorted ferocious taxes from the local community. Tax collectors were used by the Roman occupying army. No wonder the tax collector stayed close to the back door for a hasty retreat.

WAS THE TAX COLLECTOR A SINNER?

The parable gives no answer to this question. Maybe he was trapped in an occupation making him a sinner in his own eyes and those of his neighbours—with a family to support and no other job possibilities. In the end, he went home with God's favour. In our complex world, the application of general moral rules and norms to individual lives requires sympathy and pastoral understanding of the pressures and burdens most people have to bear. The divine impulse is always towards acceptance, mercy and liberation.

TRUE HUMILITY

For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility. Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, humus, meaning 'close to the earth'. The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to conversion. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground. Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes.

OUR SALVATION IS A GIFT

In the early Church, a heretic called Pelagius placed a great importance on doing good deeds and thereby being right-before God like the Pharisee. This false practice was condemned by the Church as false as we don't save ourselves, no matter how many prayers we pray. We pray and act generously as a 'Thank you' to God who has given us the gift of Jesus for our salvation.

ST MARY'S SUNBURY

Today, St Mary's Anglican Church will open its new facility in O'Shanassy Street after Archbishop Philip Freier has blessed the facility. Members of the Sunbury Churches have been invited to the celebration. We congratulate our fellow Christians on their achievement of building such a facility.

INVERTING CHURCH PYRAMID

Is the title of a free lecture at Thomas Carr Centre, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne by Bishop Vincent Long of Parramatta. He came to Australia as a refugee and was a Melbourne priest. The lecture is inverting the ecclesial pyramid after 60 years after Vatican II, under Pope Francis. The talk is in person and on zoom: Meeting ID: 833 5062 8349. Password 879518.

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Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

On Sunday 9 October, 125 children of our Parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Terry Curtin and Father Kevin at two Masses. Congratulations to the candidates and to their parents and teachers. The organisation for such an event when we filled the Cathedral requires a lot of work from our Parish workers, our altar servers, the Salesian Cantor Choir and Cathedral staff. We thank Bishop Terry for visiting the students at school and for his time on 9 October.

...Kevin McIntosh

Overseas Humanitarian Project

Thank you for your generous support last weekend. If you would like to assist LAP with their work you can also make a donation directly to the following parish account established specifically for contributions to LAP

BSB 083347, ACCOUNT NO. 546358602, ACCOUNT NAME:
OLMC CHURCH ACCOUNT – LAP DONATION.

Special Collection Today - World Mission Sunday

Your support of this Catholic Mission Church Appeal will help continue vital Church-run mission programs around the world especially the church in Ethiopia. Thank you for your generous contributions today.

Congratulations and Welcome to Denith the newest member of our Altar Server team. New members always welcome just call Michael 0417 332 186.

125th Anniversary of Consecration - St Patrick's Cathedral

As we celebrate our 175th Anniversary year as a diocese—we also mark a significant milestone for our Cathedral. Archbishop Comensoli warmly invites you to join him for Mass to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's - **Thursday 27 October 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, commencing at 1pm.** This is a beautiful opportunity to come together in the house of the Lord—built by the faithful and generous people from every part of our Archdiocese and home for all. Mass will be followed by the Launch of the **Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App.** An initiative of the Mary Glowrey Museum. Invitation is on the Noticeboard in the foyer.

Upcoming World Youth Day Information Sessions in October. A life-changing trip to Lisbon, Portugal: Join 500 other young Catholics from around Melbourne on an epic journey to World Youth Day in 2023. Find out more at <https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>. See flyer on noticeboard in foyer.

Piety Stall – News

We would like to thank all who volunteers in the Piety stall and we are asking for your help again for next year. Could you please contact Joe on 0477 677 248 if you wish to come on our team. Thanks.

2023 Columban Calendars are now available for sale in the Piety Stall for \$10 each.

Keep the date! The Parish Pastoral Coordinating Team (PPCT) has begun planning our Parish Assembly for Sunday 5 February, 2023. Keep the date!

The following children from our parish will be Baptised this Sunday:

Jack CURRAN

Caitlin VELLA

Rio WALSH

Senna WALSH

Christian ZAMMIT

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



Our Prayerful Sympathy

We offer to the three children of Mary Wicks who entered eternal life on 14 October aged 87 years. Mary was baptised in our Parish and lived all her life in Sunbury. She became a mothercraft nurse and later worked in administration in the Shire of Bulla Office. Mary was very involved in our parish as a lector, church cleaner, education board member and was very active in community groups. Her funeral will be on Tuesday at 10.30am concluding at Sunbury Cemetery.

We offer to Thomas Hill and his four children as Kerryann his wife of 44 years entered eternal life on 16 October aged 66 years. After studying at Santa Maria College, Northcote and Mercy Teachers College, Kerryann became a well respected primary teacher in our two parish schools for 12 years. Living in Sunbury she met her past students, whom she knew by name, at the shops. Her funeral will be on Wednesday at 11am.

Evergreens Social afternoons

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: Now Wednesday 2 November 12-30pm. Please bring a friend and a plate to share. If you are 60+ you are an Evergreen Senior. Join us for a nice cup of tea and a chat.

Christmas Lunch will be on **5th December** at Bowling Club and it starts at 10-00am with Morning Melodies and a 2 course meal. Roast turkey – plum pudding for **\$20 a head. Pre paid event. Booking before end of October.**

Buffet lunch at Watergardens hotel on **8th November.** Leaving St Anne parking at 11.am. **Car pooling to help those who cannot drive. \$22-40 a head must book for table numbers.** For more information regarding the above events, please call Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248 now

Your financial support through your Thanksgiving Offering on the second collection enables to maintain the buildings, pay for the normal expenses so that we can worship together and provide pastoral care for those unable to be with us due to age and infirmity.

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.

Meetings This Week

Tues 25 Oct	12pm	Sunbury Church Ministers
	6.30pm	Lecture - Zoom Bishop Vincent Long
	7.30pm	Combined Churches of Sunbury