



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

	5.30pm - Sunday Mass
Sunday	8.30am
Sunday	10.30am
	11.45am - Baptisms
Wednesday	All Souls Day
	11am - Funeral Joseph Vella
	5.00pm - All Soul's Day Mass
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: Noelene Hussey
 Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
 Principal: Julie Freeman
 Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
 Principal: Krystine Hocking

30 October 2022

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22 -12:2
 Psalm Response: Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
 Gospel Acclamation: John 3:16

Alleluia! Alleluia!

God loved the world so much he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently deceased:

Brigid TAGGART
 Joseph VELLA

Anniversaries:

John ARTHURSON
 Douglas DUGGAN
 Linda WARREN
 Helen WILLIAMS

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

"HURRY, I MUST STAY AT YOUR HOUSE TODAY"

These are the words of the welcoming Jesus to Zacchaeus who has climbed a tree to see Jesus pass into on his way to Jerusalem. This event is in Jericho which was a very wealthy and important town near Jerusalem. Jericho was a commercial and agricultural town, one of the greatest taxation centres in Palestine. Zacchaeus is at the top of this taxation centre and was the most hated man in the district as he was collecting taxes for the Romans, the enemy occupying Palestine. Hence, the crowd would not make room for Zacchaeus to see Jesus, so Zacchaeus ran ahead and humbly climbed a tree to get a view of Jesus.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

Jesus looked up and saw Zacchaeus and spoke to him: "Zacchaeus, come down, hurry because I must stay at your house today." Jesus is plucking Zacchaeus from the tree like good fruit ripe for discipleship. It was an urgent call, even with the crowd following Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. Jesus stops for one person, as everyone is valued in God's sight and calls him by name, as Jesus knows everybody. No wonder the crowd is angry. They are 'righteous' condemning the sinful performance of the chief tax collector and have no place for forgiveness.

Jesus discerns that Zacchaeus is already converting—the Greek original text states Zacchaeus is already giving half his money to the poor and restoring four-fold those he defrauded in their tax payments.

Once inside the house, Jesus acts as the host, rather than a guest and offers salvation calling Zacchaeus a 'Son of Abraham' inheriting Abraham promises. Prior to meeting Jesus, Zacchaeus has not been happy and was lonely as an outcast. Jesus longs to be welcomed into our homes and parishes with joy. Do we reject others due to prejudice and cynical superiority?

THE MERCY OF GOD

Pope Francis wrote on this aspect of God a few years ago. This is my summary of his text: In the sacred Scriptures, mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us—his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible for us. He cares for our well-being and wants us to be happy, full of joy and peaceful.

Christians are to travel the path of merciful love. As God is merciful, we are to be merciful to each other.

Mercy is the foundation of the Church's life being tender to believers. Preaching and witnessing are not to lack mercy. The Church's credibility is shown by her merciful compassionate love.

We are to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life, and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.

THE NEW ST MARY'S CHURCH

In O'Shanassy Street Sunbury was dedicated last Sunday by Archbishop Philip Freier in the presence of 350 people who filled the new Church. Attached to the Church are meeting rooms, a children's playground with toys and offices. Their former Church built in 1867 is now named St Mary's Chapel. The new facility costs \$4.6 million. Archbishop Freier is the international co-chairperson of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission. A Catholic Bishop is the other co-chairperson.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT RUPERTSWOOD

Will be held on Saturday 10 December at 7pm. As the Village Green is no longer

large enough due to the planting of more flower beds. Rupertswood is the new venue for Sunbury Community Carols being organised by the Combined Churches of Sunbury. Being a new venue, much planning has been required—eg. Placing of food vans, provision of toilets, the placing of screens and car parking. Volunteers are urgently needed. Please contact Juan Carlos on 0490 698 174 if you are able to help in any way.

The Month of November

Is the annual time we pray specifically for our deceased friends and parishioners. Our program is:

All Souls Day, Wednesday 2 November, 5.00pm Mass.
Blessing and prayers at graves at Sunbury Cemetery on Sunday 20 November at 2.30pm.
Blessing and prayers at Bulla Cemetery on Sunday 20 November at 3.15pm.
Memorial Mass for deceased parishioners on Wednesday 23 November at 7.00pm.

First Reconciliation

During the past two weeks, there have been six celebrations where our children began to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We congratulate the children, their parents, and teachers. We thank Fathers Brian, Frank and Peter from the Salesian Community and Father Kevin for celebrating the Sacrament of God's mercy.

Our Prayerful Sympathy

We offer to the family of Joseph Vella who entered eternal life on 17 October aged 79 years. Born in Malta, he became a carpenter, coming to Australia in 1963. Joe and his late wife were blessed with 8 children. They came to Sunbury in 1994. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday at 11am concluding at Altona Cemetery.

Offer Masses for the Holy Souls, supporting priests in need.

For 50 years Aid to the Church in Need an international charity founded by the Pope in 1947, has passed on the Mass offerings of Catholics to poor priests who have no other material support. In return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year 50,000 priests are supported by 2 million Mass offerings. Pamphlets are in the foyer.

...Kevin McIntosh

Upcoming World Youth Day 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

Volunteers are needed for help in the Piety Stall. Could you please contact Joe on 0477 677 248 if you wish to join our team. Thank you.

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

Parish Assembly

Sunday February 5 2023. Keep the date! 11.30am - 3.00pm
A unique opportunity to listen to the journeys and dreams, the pains and the joys of fellow parishioners.
From the PPCT Team

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

Minka SURYADI

We joyfully welcome her to our parish.



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

Flood Appeal – Society of St Vincent de Paul

The Archbishop has asked parishioners to support the Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.

Contributions can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.
3. making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Your thoughts and prayers are requested for all who are impacted by the floods as well as the volunteers and emergency workers assisting them in their needs at this challenging time.

Overseas Humanitarian Project – THANK YOU!

Such a wonderful parish community!

Due to your generosity, a total of \$9,961 was raised at last weekend's collection at our Masses for LAP.!

The funds came not only from donations made at Masses but also hugely generous contributions from several families via cheques and direct debits.

These funds (plus those accrued from the regular pledge-givers) will be urgently sent up to the LAP team in Jakarta to assist them in their ongoing care for the HIV AIDS children.

Thank you again for your fantastic support in these difficult times – it is making a real difference to the children's wellbeing.

Parish LAP Fundraising Team.

Liturgy Team

Will meet on Wednesday at 7pm to plan Advent and Christmas.

Meetings This Week

Wed 2 Nov	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation Meeting
	7.30pm	Knights of the Southern Cross
Thu 3 Nov	7.00pm	Child Safeguarding Meeting

Parish Bingo: Our parish Bingo session is on every Thursday, eyes down at 7.30pm at the Sunbury Bowling Club.