



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
Wednesday 9.30am
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

13 November 2022

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm Response: Psalm 97:5-9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 21:38

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Karina BURNS Max CORKER Kathleen JOHNSON Aileen JOHNSTON Moira KELLY Claire KENNY Andrena MCGOVERN-TAYLOR Cindy MORRISSEY John O'MEARA Bob POWLES Thomas SILVEIRA Elaine VAN DER WEERDEN Lauro VISEAN Doris WILLIAMSON

Recently deceased: Clement FRANCIS Karen KAISER Fr Leo LONG P.E. Nula WOODS

Anniversaries: Mary FAHEY, Fr Bert FULBROOK Joe & Elizabeth GATT Fred MENZIES Josephine MERCEICA Jadwiga PAPRYAS Joe & Nina ZAHRA

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
CATHOLIC DEAF

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

WE DEEPLY NEED ENCOURAGEMENT AND HOPE

The daily news presents our world as chaotic and disordered. There are cyber attacks at Medibank, war in Ukraine, floods and high financial costs—all bad news. So it is providential that in our gospel today, Luke teaches hope for those who profess the gospel. Christ promises spiritual resources to help us remain faithful to Him. Our Christian faith leads to hope.

WHEN WILL THE WORLD END?

The early Christians expected Christ's second coming would be soon. 2000 years later we are still waiting. Christ warned against the opportunists who exploited people when they were frightened and vulnerable. The end time is still in the indeterminate future.

Christ warned there would be persecutions, suffering and betrayals by people even in the family. He taught there are opportunities to bear witness to our faith with the wise help of the Holy Spirit. We are not to worry about what to say.

LIVING IN THE MOMENT

No matter our difficulties in life, Christ knows us so intimately that even the hairs on our head are counted. No matter the disaster, if we die into Christ's love, we will also rise with him.

At the Vatican II Council, 60 years ago, the Council fathers taught we are not to worry about when the Second coming of Christ occurs, our mission is to nurture now human dignity, to develop community and freedom.

As we look back over the past 2000 years, Christians have suffered and being persecuted, but the loving and guiding presence of a faithful God has guided the Church. Now 1 in 5 persons in the world are Catholics.

LITERARY STYLE

Luke's gospel this Sunday uses the style of apocalyptic literature expressing the hope for salvation in highly symbolic form, with vivid imagery depicting upheavals on a cosmic scale (wars, earthquakes, stars falling from heaven, etc). The purpose is to allow the faithful to be caught up imaginatively in the ultimate victory of God and to be encouraged in their present trials.

The text is not to be taken literally, tough as the present times may be, all has been foreseen by God and is being drawn towards a final vindication—the essential message is: 'hang in there'.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Will gather at the 5.30pm Mass this week to pray for their departed members and families.

PARISH PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING TEAM

Their monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

... Kevin McIntosh

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBERS

PLEASE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU HAVE DISCONNECTED YOUR LANDLINE AND ARE NOW USING A MOBILE NUMBER AS YOUR CONTACT. Thank you—Parish Office.

Remembering our departed Loved Ones

This month our parish community remembers our loved ones at each of our Masses by presenting a memorial book of the deceased at the Procession of Gifts so all are remembered in prayer. You are warmly invited to add your loved ones names to the book which will be in the foyer of the church.

Blessing and prayers at graves will be at Sunbury Cemetery on **Sunday 20 November at 2.30pm.**

Blessing and prayers will be at Bulla Cemetery on **Sunday 20 November at 3.15pm.**

Memorial Mass for deceased parishioners on **Wednesday 23 November at 7.00pm.**

Parish Bingo

Have you tried your Parish Bingo session yet? We are on every Thursday evening, eyes down 7.30 pm. at Sunbury Bowling Club. A few weeks ago, at our Big Bucks special night, one lucky player walked away with an incredible \$10,000 prize. You never know – you could be the next big winner! Get a few friends together or simply come along by yourself – you will be made most welcome. Enquiries to Gary 0419 301 760 or Graeme 0417 503 527.

8.30am Sunday Mass setup

We are looking for a volunteer to set up for 8.30am Mass on the following two Sundays in December, 11 and 18. If you can help either day, please contact the Parish Office 9744 1060. Soon we will be asking for volunteers to help with the various Masses over the Christmas weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

Evergreens Social Afternoon

Tuesday 22 November 12.30 pm. 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. FREE.

Piety Stall—News

Religious Christmas Cards are now available at the Piety Stall. Pack of 8 cards for \$3.00.

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

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. Donations can be made online.

Parish Assembly

Moving forward together, what's one thing to improve our faith and community that you'd love to take to your Parish Assembly. Send your suggestions to the Parish Pastoral Coordinating Team (PPCT) 0400 826 508

5th February 2023. Save the assembly date!

Ordination to Priesthood

Will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Saturday 19 November at 10.00am.** Deacon Huy Nguyen and Deacon Vinh Do who had a pastoral placement in our parish, will be ordained.

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

Elijah MAYOL

Grayson STIKOVIC

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



Special Event

Hume Libraries—Christmas Songs.

Thursday 24 November 4pm-6pm

The choir from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School will be participating at the Hume Global Learning Centre—Sunbury Library. Bookings are required on 9356 6970. See flyer on noticeboard in the foyer.

Red Wednesday

Is an initiative of the papal charity, *Aid to the Church in Need* dedicated to providing material and spiritual support to the persecuted Church. Two-thirds of the world's population live in countries where there are serious violations of religious freedom. We hear more stories of people bearing witness to their faith in horrific circumstances. Many of those families have found refuge and a new home in our city and surrounds. For further information:

www.aidtochurch.org/RedWednesday

In joining this international campaign, we can express something of being one Body of Christ, committing ourselves to being God's hope bearers and peacemakers into our world.

All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral for a Prayer Vigil with Exposition:

RED WEDNESDAY PRAYER VIGIL

7.30pm, Wednesday 23 November 2022 St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Joining many other cathedrals and churches around the world, St Patrick's Cathedral will be floodlit in red on this night.

Feast of Christ the King 2022

The combined Societies of Mary are having a Mass on **Sunday 20 November** at 2.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral followed by a Eucharistic Street Procession. Enquiries 9509 2207 or visit www.combinedsocietiesofmary.com. See flyer on noticeboard.

Christmas Carols at Rupertswood

Is organised by the Combined Churches of Sunbury on **Saturday 10 December 2022.** To register as a volunteer go to the Sunbury Churches website link.

Family Mass

A warm welcome is extended to all families to attend our parish's next Family Mass, being held at **10:30am Mass on Sunday 27 November.**

This is an opportunity for children and families to become an active participant of the Mass, and volunteer to sing, read, altar serve or bring up the offertory.

Please scan the QR code to register your interest in volunteering. Flyers are in the foyer.

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.