



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
Tuesday	2pm - School Age Baptisms
	4pm - Parish Schools Staff Thanksgiving Mass
Wednesday	9.30am
Friday	9.30am
	11am - Funeral Mass - Mattie McGuire
Saturday	7pm - Christmas Carols at Rupertswood

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

4 December 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm Response: 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently deceased: Neil DOWLING
Mattie MCGUIRE Sera PISANI

Anniversaries: Brian CROCKETT,
Claire DILLON Billy LAIRD Oscar MORRIS
Kevin & Mary TAYLOR Mercy & Leslie TAYLOR
Fr Frank YOUNG

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

PREPARE A WAY FOR THE LORD—HAVE A CHANGE OF HEART

This Sunday we are introduced to John the Baptist whose appearance and preaching state the theme of the entire season of Advent.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

The word baptise is from the Greek meaning to plunge into the water. The Jews had the ritual of plunging into pools of water before entering the Temple. The ritual of outer cleansing symbolised an inner cleansing of one's heart in preparation for encountering God.

The word 'repent' means 'change your way of being, change your heart.' Hence, John was critical of Jewish leaders who were merely just going through the motions of repenting. He called for relationships to be rooted in honesty and respect. He condemned arrogant reliance on one's religious origin, complacency and the shirking of responsibility and disinterest in the welfare of others.

JESUS' BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

John the Baptist says in today's gospel: "I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11) That is, he will seek to catch up human lives into the fire that is God's love, communicated through the Spirit. St Paul wrote: "the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)

Only hearts truly repentant and converted will be able to be grasped within Christ's baptism. Christ's baptism brings us into the Body of Christ, the Christian community. Our mission as the baptised is to live in the Spirit of Jesus and let the gifts of the Holy Spirit be seen and shared.

As we come to the final month of 2022, we give thanks for the people of the Spirit who have made a difference in our lives and in the world.

VOICE TO PARLIAMENT REFERENDUM

Senator Patrick Dodson, a Yawuru elder, who is known as the Father of Reconciliation says that if the referendum fails, it will send a message across the world that Australia is stuck in its colonial past. (Cathnews 1 December 2022) The Catholic Bishops advocate an affirmative on the referendum.

.... Kevin McIntosh

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

Our parishioners shall gather to celebrate the birth of our Saviour on five occasions:
Saturday 24 December at 6.00pm, 8.00pm and 10.00pm.

Sunday 25 December at 8.30am and 10.30am.

Children are invited to come in their Christmas costumes at the 6.00pm Mass.

We will need volunteers to have these Masses run smoothly. If you are available to help in any way please register your name on the volunteer sheet on the table in the foyer. Thank you.

Our Prayerful Sympathy

We offer to the family of Mattie McGuire who entered eternal life last Monday aged 88 years. She and her late husband Hugh had three daughters, nine grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. They came to our parish in 1991. Mattie was active in our Parish. She was in Calvary Aged Care for ten years. Her Funeral Mass is on Friday at 11am concluding at Sunbury Cemetery.

Sunday Mass Obligation—Welcome Return to Worship

Archbishop Peter Comensoli has lifted the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation beginning from 27 November, like many other activities it is safe to return to church. Everyone is now welcome to join us around the Table of the Lord. His letter "Welcome Home" is in the foyer.

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.

Religious Items Shop—News

I am sorry to all those that missed out on "Heart of the Disciples" book. An online version is a downloadable PDF that can be purchased directly from website for \$2.

<https://evangelisation-brisbane.myshopify.com/collections/adult-faith/products/heart-of-the-disciple-online-version>.

'More with Jesus' is a 30-day faith exploration resource intended to help Catholics reflect on the significance of their baptism. Purchasing the resource also provides access to the audio recording of the daily reflections, for those who prefer to think about these things while driving to work or while on public transport. **Still only \$6.00** Please order your copy Now and Don't be disappointed. Order at Religious items shop by leaving your name and mobile number. These are Not yet printed so they are for next year. Come and visit the store if we don't have it we can order it in. Inquires call Joseph Spiteri on 0477 677 248.

Religious Christmas Cards are now available - Pack of 8 cards for \$3.00.

2023 Columban Calendars are now available for \$10 each.

Parish Assembly

What was your best "parish" memory from 2022? What burning question do you have? Why not jot them down today so they're ready for sharing. Small group discussions will be big in our next Parish Assembly on February 5th, 2023.



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

Audrey BERRY

Patrick BERRY

Penelope NADJIDAI

Plus 4 School Age Baptisms

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



Christmas Carols at Rupertswood

Is organised by the Combined Churches of Sunbury on **Saturday 10 December 2022**.

Carols at Rupertswood next Saturday, continues the tradition of 25 years gathering together as we prepare as Christians for the birth of our Saviour. The organising committee has been working hard, especially as we have a new venue this year.

The event begins at 5.00pm and finishes at 8.30pm. Please bring your rug or chair. No glassware is to be taken on to the site, as it is a school area. No alcohol is permitted. From 5.00pm, there will be activities for children and a nativity scene with live animals. Food vans will provide food, including food for special needs. There will be show bags for children. The program will not be broadcast this year on the local Sunbury radio. OLMC school choir will sing. St John's Ambulance will attend.

There is a special need for volunteers after 8.30pm to pack up after the event. We require the following assistance:

2-5pm setting up marquees, tables and chairs

5-7pm handing out programs, taking of collection assisting with the children's activities

5-9.30pm keeping grounds tidy, emptying rubbish bins, supervision of toilets.

7-9pm assisting the performers on and off stage

9pm on dismantling marquees and clearing the site

All volunteers must be registered and have a current WWC card. To register, go to www.sunburychurches.com.au/volunteers.html and fill in the form, or print and fill in. Either way, please print and sign.

Palms Australia

In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad.

Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961. Now four days of that training will be available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger.

At Home - Palms' Neighbours Without Borders program

(January 7 – 11) will "focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church" as urged by the recent Plenary Council.

Overseas - Completing a further four days (January 12 – 15) will prepare you to meet one of the many requests Palms has from communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training. Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

Rosa Mystica

"The Parish in Sunbury" is celebrating Rosa Mystica with prayers, devotions and rosary on **Thursday 8 December** from 12-1pm at St. Anne's Church. All welcome.