



## 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  
2.35pm - Calvary Aged Care  
**Thursday** 3.00pm - Funeral - Rona Gray  
**Friday** 9.30am  
2.30pm - Riddell Gardens  
Aged Care

### 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

### 12 February 2023

#### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Sirach 15:15-20  
**Psalm Response:** Psalm 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
**Gospel Acclamation:** John 8:12

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 5:17-37

### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Zita ARULIAH, Kerry BAILEY, Moira KELLY, Claire KENNY, Joe & Mary KLOSS, Jema MIRANDA, Cindy MORRISSEY, John O'MEARA, Bob POWLES, Maurie SAUNDERS, Ron SCHNELLBECK, Thomas SILVEIRA, Jenny SIMPSON, Elaine VAN DER WERDEN, Lauro VISTAN, Doris WILLIAMSON, Carolyn WOCKNER

**Recently deceased:** Annie GAUCI (Malta)  
Rona GRAY, Leida JANSEN,  
Carlos 'Popo' TANWANGCO

**Anniversaries:** Hector AYALA, Aaron D'SOUZA,  
Aileen MCGOVERN, Patrick MCVEIGH  
Fr Rod PITTS

**Special Collection - This Weekend**  
**Pastoral Care Appeal**  
**(formerly Chaplaincy Appeal)**

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

### **RADICAL DEMANDS OF GOSPEL LIVING**

Jesus' words today are based on the law and the prophets (the two major sections of the Bible). His teachings were so unprecedented that some accused him of rejecting his religious tradition. The contrast he sets up is not between himself and the law, but between his interpretation and that of the scribes and Pharisees, the interpreters of the law for the people of that day. The formula he uses ('You have heard it said ... But I say to you ...') shows that he demands much more than mere external conformity. The four teachings (killing, adultery, divorce and oath-taking) he contrasts demonstrate how radical is his reinterpretation of the law. © Dianne Bergant CSA

### **LOOKING FOR LOOPHOLES**

Jesus today fulfils the teaching of the Law of the Old Testament which was later in Jesus' time observed in a very literal way resulting in a tendency to look for loopholes wherever possible.

Jesus' reinterpretations were designed to take the law into their heart rather than looking for ways to get around it.

### **TRUTH TELLING**

The fourth teaching today is Jesus teaching not to swear on oath. Jesus was trying to establish a new sort of society where truth-telling was very important.

We know the truthful person truths. We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. Such relationships are easily fractured or soured by lying. At the community level a society will soon break down if the words of its members cannot be relied on.

### **TREATING ALL WITH RESPECT**

Nelson Mandela wrote in his book "Long Walk to Freedom", that hostility towards his prison wardens would be self-defeating and that everyone, even our enemies, can change. On 11 February 1990 at his release from prison after 27 years the crowd outside and millions around the world watching on TV became anxious as the time of his release was well past. Would he not walk free? Why the delay? The reason for the long delay was because he was saying an emotional good-bye and thank you to his guards.

In his freedom speech that night, Mandela reminded the world that we can all imprison ourselves behind bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness.

### **SALESIAN COLLEGE SUNBURY**

Last Friday, 750 gathered at a reception centre at Essendon Fields to celebrate the Graduation of Year 12 of 2022. This year, there are 313 students in Year 7 making a total college enrolment of 1560 students and a staff of 250. Planning for a second campus on the property is beginning to cater for the growth of Sunbury.

### World-Wide Persecution of Christians

Last month, Pope Francis said one in every seven Christians in the world experiences persecution. Addressing the Vatican diplomatic Corps, he, now aged 86 years also voiced concern about the 'weakening of democracy' in many parts of the world, including Brazil and across the Americas, where he said political polarization was fueling social conflicts.

### Cardinal Pell Remembered with Gratitude

On 14 January, at his Funeral Mass in Rome, "Pope Francis remembered with heartfelt gratitude his consistent and committed witness, his dedication to the Gospel and to the Church, and especially his diligent collaboration with the Holy See in its recent economic reform, for which he laid the foundations with determination and wisdom."

### Ecumenical Visit Brings Peace

From 3rd to 5th February, Pope Francis, Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury and Dr Ian Greenshields, Moderator of the Church of Scotland visited together South Sudan, the youngest nation of the world. A local priest said the Pope ignited a sense of peace, allowing people to walk even at night relaxed and in security.

... Kevin McIntosh

### Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

This weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing, illness, pain, loneliness, grief and death.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.

### SmartLoving

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Marriage Week Sale - Ends 15 February.

For 50% off use coupon code: MarriageWeek2023

### Mission: Change their lives ... and yours.



Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

RING: 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

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

Mackenzie COLDWELL

Grace PRIEMS

Violet SOARES

We joyfully welcome them to our Parish.



### Evergreens

Evergreens are going to watch A man called Otto on **15 February 9.45am**. All welcome to come and bring a friend, book with Joe 0477 677 248. By Monday thankyou.

### Religious Items Shop

*From Ashes to Hope* is based on the readings for each day of Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Octave. Available only \$6. Enamelled Crucifixes, Baby booties on card and Rosary beads for gifts. Only a few calendars left. ALL at cost.

### Meetings this week:

Tue 14 Feb 11am Priests of Northern Region

Wed 15 Feb 7pm Parish Pastoral Co-ordinating Team

Thu 16 Feb 12.30pm School Principals

### So what happened at the Parish Assembly?

Guest speaker, Fr Professor Frank Moloney, held the 60 participants spellbound with his insights into the Australian Plenary Council decrees and into the significance of Pope Francis who has given Catholic Christians the motivation to pay as much attention to the Word of God as we do to our traditional liturgies; to become a more joyful and merciful people, more Christ-like in our relationships; to dream of a better future for our community and our planet, walking together listening to and sharing each another's joys and sorrows.

Any nervousness about voicing our thoughts on the eight identified themes and writing them on tens of Post-It notes, evaporated as the table facilitators quickly established a respectful atmosphere for each break-out group. Michael McConville and his youthful apprentice, Natasha John, did an amazing job facilitating the day overall. Michael's great skills and good humour were much appreciated. The small-group discussion approach was hugely successful in allowing parishioners to drill down into what the themes and decrees will actually mean for our parish in 2023.

For three hours there was such a joyful buzz in the hall which can be attributed not only to the wonderful finger food lunch (Thank you Mary, Nilda, Sr Jose and Juan Carlos) but also to the display of so many parish group reports as well as to the time and energy put into planning by the Parish Pastoral Coordinating Team (PPCT). Thanks also to the many parishioners who while not present prayed for the success of the assembly. All these efforts paid off. By 3 o'clock on the day we were revitalised. We felt proud to be Catholic.

### Our Prayerful Sympathy

We offer to John Gray and his family as his wife Rona entered eternal life on 8 February aged 95 years. John and Rona were blessed with three sons. They came to our Parish 27 years ago. Rona's funeral will be celebrated on Thursday at 3pm.