



## 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  
Wednesday 9.30am - Mass  
Friday 9.30am - Mass

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am - 10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Denis Stanley  
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

**28 May 2023**

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9  
Psalm Response: Psalm 103:1-2, 24, 27-30,35  
Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27  
Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 7:37-39

### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Tom ALLEN, Kerry BAILEY, Margo CREED, Roland D'CRUZE, Claire KENNY, Tessie MICALLEF, Jema MIRANDA, Karen RODRIGUEZ-DELLER, Thomas SILVEIRA, Jenny SIMPSON, Nelly Valencia, Lauro VISTAN, Doris WILLIAMSON Carolyn WOCKNER

### **Anniversaries:**

Robert & Lillian ANDERSON,  
Margaret DOWLING, Dominic FOSCHIA,  
Val LITTLER, Jackie PAY,  
Fr John READMAN, Shaun TAYLOR,  
Val WHELAN, Len WHELAN Jnr & Snr

**Special Collection—This Weekend**  
**Sunbury Winter Shelter**

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

### *The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Not strangers but pilgrims*

Every year in the Southern Hemisphere (that's us) between Ascension Sunday and Pentecost we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year the local Week of Prayer will be celebrated at St Anne's on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – a little out of sync but that's OK. Since my arrival here I have been involved in preparing the service with the members of the other Christian communities in Sunbury. It has been a baptism of fire, perhaps not inappropriate for Pentecost. It has helped introduce me very quickly to some of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are neighbours.

Here in Sunbury there is a good working relationship with other Christian communities built up over many years. It is not so in most other parishes where Christian unity is more observed in the breach rather than the observance. Yes we are no longer burning each other at the stake (this really happened) or calling each other names, discriminating against each other for jobs (this also really happened in Australia) or treating each other suspiciously.

The teaching of the Second Vatican Council helped put an end to that. The Council's Decree on Ecumenism (1965) – the Church's official teaching on its relationship to other Christian communities was ground breaking, even revolutionary. So revolutionary that I think we have still not really grasped its meaning or its consequences. The Decree boldly says, the division of Christians, "*openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature*". However the scandal passes us by as we have got used to the division of Christians, we do not feel the pain of it. We are polite to each other. That is all.

This is not to ignore the real differences that have grown up that do divide Christians from each other, they cannot be ignored or simply pretend that they do not matter. "Get over it" as they say. But if we felt the pain of our separation, despite our unity forged by faith in Christ and our baptism into him, this would make us want to search for remedies for healing those divisions. Pain looks for healing.

Much in fact has been done over the last sixty years by men and women of courageous faith, steadfast prayer and deep and careful thinking to heal some of those divisions. Their hard, spirit filled work has yet to be fully welcomed by the churches and in the meantime at the local level we still keep our distance from each other so that we do not encounter the other as a brother or sister in Christ. They remain "the other." Their joys and sorrows, the depth of their faith and prayer remain unknown to us and we to them. As we celebrate Pentecost, we acknowledge that the work of Christian unity is the work of the Holy Spirit.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – there is a lot to pray for. This week in particular, we invoke the life creating Holy Spirit, "*Heal our wounds, our strength renew... bend the stubborn heart and will, melt the frozen, warm the chill.*" Of course that's a prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ to make their own, but it's also a prayer for us, to feel the pain of the division of those Christ by his blood has made one in him and beg that the movement for Christian unity might indeed keep moving and we play our part to bring to fulfilment to awesome prayer of Christ, "Father, may they one as you and I are one, so that the world might believe that it was you who sent me."

... Fr Denis Stanley

## PARISH INCOME

Beginning next weekend, a brief summary of the income received from both the Presbytery (1<sup>st</sup> Collection) and Thanksgiving (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection) will be published in the parish bulletin.

The information will be updated every three months to keep everyone informed of the latest position with finances.

To help explain the numbers in the summary, a short talk will also be given at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your continued support for our parish.

Parish Finance and Development Committee

## OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT

We have some wonderful news to share!

The recent collection at Masses raised the incredible total of \$2,568 for the LAP Team in Jakarta.

In addition, a further \$2,625 has been donated on-line thanks to the wonderful generosity of a number of parishioners.

When this total of \$5,193 is added to the accumulated contributions from regular pledge-givers over the past six months, it will allow the parish to remit \$11,700 to the LAP Team in Jakarta. This will help them continue their crucial work caring for the 100-plus children living with HIV-AIDS in Jakarta's slums.

It is truly humbling to see the continuing generosity of our parish family. Thank you again.

Marilou Elderfield, Victoria Fitzpatrick, Mick Hetherington, Helen Lee, Frank O'Connor, Teresa Quin, Jill, and Tony Kiley

On behalf of the Parish LAP Fundraising Team

**EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meets at St. Anne's Church at 10.00am on Thursdays. All welcome, including children. For further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 0418 322 596.

**EVERGREENS SOCIAL** afternoon on **Tuesday 30th May at 12.30 pm** all welcome. Come have a cuppa, a chat and share a smile in the parish hall. Call Joe on 0477 677 248 for info or transport.

## RELIGIOUS ITEMS

FREE Rosary and Divine Mercy CD's also Bible for children with child actors on DVD. Gifts for first communion and cards, Enameled Crucifixes, Guardian angel statues, other Scapulars available. Pictures in SHOP/ Deposit required. We can order items we do not have.

## SOMETHING NEW (FROM THE PCT)

### 1. Outreach to, and inclusion of, marginalised people

is the first of eight themes identified by our parishioners at parish assemblies as important. Listen to Fr Frank Brennan answering questions on 2023 Voice to Parliament Referendum. Thanks to parishioner, Joan Koren, for sending in the link below from Catholic Aboriginal Ministry.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqvYHUpq96>

### 2. Serve and protect the gift of God's creation

Dr Pauline Sharma is driving this identified theme that was supported in suggestions from the last parish assembly. Some interest in being part of a **sustainability** group has been expressed and we'd welcome anyone else who would like to be part of the group in its **spiritual** or **liturgical** or **social justice** or **practical** aspects. Please contact the parish office, 9744 1060, with your name and contact if you'd like to speak to somebody about this.

We joyfully welcome the following child to our parish who will be baptised this weekend:

Jeremy MULCAHY



## MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

Thank you for your assistance in this ministry. May we remind all ministers to bless children with a hand over the child's head and a blessing prayer. COVID restrictions continue to be adhered with **no contact** as per directive from the Melbourne Archdiocese.

## COMBINED CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

**Wednesday 31st May at 7.30pm** in St Anne's Church.

Put this date in your diary. All welcome.

**OLMC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE** are meeting on **Tuesday 6 June** at 1pm in St Anne's Church Meeting Room.

New members most welcome. Contact Joan 0418302676.

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank all those parishioners who have shared with me their condolences on the death of my mother and the pledge of their prayers for her and our family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Fr Denis Stanley

## HOLY TRINITY FEAST DAY MASS

Friday 2 June at 9.30am. Children from Holy Trinity School will be present to celebrate this special feast day.

**CONGRATULATIONS** and blessings to Celine & Lloyd D'Crus on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on **17 October**, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. See flyer on Noticeboard.

## MISSION: TRANSFORM LIVES - THEIRS...AND YOURS

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development. Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. 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 5333 or 0422 472 567  
web: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

## FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN READING

There are a variety of books in the Meeting Room of St Anne's Church. They are FREE or a small donation would be appreciated by the Sunbury Vinnies.