



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: 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
Deacon: Rev Stephen Fernandes
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

16 July 2023

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm Response: Psalm 144:1-2,8-11,13-14
Second Reading: Romans 8-9, 11-13
Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is Mary, Virgin and Mother, who bore the Word of God and pondered it in her heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Kerry BAILEY, Catherine JARECKI, Jessie MICALLEF, Thomas SILVEIRA, Larry VISTAN

Recently Deceased:

Jaime BUENCONSEJO
Bart De PASQUALE

Anniversaries: Evelyn DUGGAN
Charlie ZERAFA

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

***When you hear "The body of Christ", you reply "Amen."
Be a member of Christ's body, then, so that your "Amen" may ring true!***

This week has been a week to focus on the Eucharist. Although of course, every Sunday we gather for no other reason than to offer the Eucharist.

We have had two formation meetings for the parish's servants, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who are called each Sunday to share with us the Body of the Lord. We explored what in fact is the mystery they are serving – it is in no way simply a practical ministry – they serve the Body of Christ, the Eucharist but also serve the Body of Christ, the Church. We also worked through some practical issues that will help to serve the liturgy better. To be an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist is a very noble ministry both for the people they serve and for themselves.

This Sunday we also begin the round of celebrations for our young people who will receive the Blessed Eucharist for the first time. This has always been for the Catholic community a significant celebration for the parish and for the young people's families. All of us can remember the stories of the arrangements that surrounded our First Communion day and the experience of that day. What do you remember?

During the week our young people preparing for their First Eucharist and their parents attended a Family and Faith night with Fr Frank Moloney, a Salesian priest who lives at Rupertswood our local Catholic Secondary school. Fr Frank has for many years been a teacher of the Scriptures and led the parents and children in a reflection on three important parts of the New Testament – St Paul's account of the Last Supper, Mark's account of the Last Supper and the road to Emmaus. His reflections were interesting, nourishing and challenging all wrapped up into one. A good way to prepare for receiving the Eucharist for the first time.

In the formation evening for the Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion I began with a reflection on a well know section of one of the homilies of St Augustine, the Bishop of Hippo, in North Africa. He lived from 354 - 430. He lived a long time ago but his words are still fresh and speak to us today. In this part of his homily he plays with the words, "The Body of Christ".

My friends, these realities are called sacraments because in them one thing is seen, while another is grasped. What is seen is a mere physical likeness; what is grasped bears spiritual fruit. So now, if you want to understand the body of Christ, listen to the Apostle Paul speaking to the faithful: "You are the body of Christ, member for member." [1 Cor. 12.27] If you, therefore, are Christ's body and members, it is your own mystery that is placed on the Lord's table! It is your own mystery that you are receiving! You are saying "Amen" to what you are: your response is a personal signature, affirming your faith. When you hear "The body of Christ", you reply "Amen." Be a member of Christ's body, then, so that your "Amen" may ring true! St Augustine, Sermon 272

What do you make of this?

This is the sacred drama we enter when we join the Communion procession and we hear the words, "The Body of Christ" and we dare to say "Amen". A drama that our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion serve and a drama that our young people will enter into for the first time over the coming Sunday's.

Fr Denis Stanley

First Eucharist

With great joy we announce that our children from the three primary schools and OSPREY will receive their First Eucharist between 15 July and 6 August at the 5.30pm and 10.30am Masses. Please continue to remember them in your prayers. You may like to remember the first time you received the Holy Eucharist.....

"ALTAR SERVERS don't just come to Mass, they help Father and the Community celebrate. If you are 10 years and over and have received first Eucharist ... join the team. Enquiries Michael 0417332186"

Evergreens Social afternoon on **Tuesday 25th July** at 12.30 pm all welcome in the Parish Centre. Come have a cuppa and a chat and share a smile, call Joe on 0477 677 248 for bookings or transport.

Connected with them in prayer: parishes and schools bless WYD pilgrims

This coming Sunday is the Commissioning Mass for Melbourne's World Youth Day pilgrims at St Patrick's Cathedral. Gathering in full force, our young people will be blessed and sent forth by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, ready to begin their pilgrimage to Portugal. Special Masses and gatherings have been held in a number of schools and parishes across the Archdiocese in recent weeks to bless pilgrims who are preparing to head to World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon, Portugal. Sixty-one parishes, 57 schools and 16 communities and movements will be represented in the Melbourne pilgrimage group of close to 600 people, one of the largest groups to ever attend a World Youth Day outside Australia.

Bazinga Defibrillator Fundraiser Saturday 22 July @ 7pm. **Last Chance** to buy tickets this weekend! From Welcome Desk in the foyer of St Anne's Church after Masses. Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 children 5-12 yrs. Donations for raffles and to cover overhead costs gratefully received at these times.

Religious Items Shop

We are praying to get some more helpers to serve in the shop for about 10 minutes after mass. Please call Joe 0477 677 248 or Office 9744 1060.

FREE Rosary and Divine Mercy CD's and Bible for children with child actors on DVD. Gifts for first communion and cards, Enameled Crucifixes, Children books, Guardian angel statues. New items arrive regularly. ALL at cost price.

Reminder!

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - 9am - 5pm
Tuesday - 9am - 1pm
Wednesday - 9am - 1pm
Thursday - 9am - 1pm
Friday - 9am - 5pm

Outside of these hours messages can be left on our answering machine and will be attended to the following day.

We joyfully welcome the following children to our Parish who will be baptised this weekend:

Darcie ALLENDER

Jamie SALT



Something New from PCT

The PCT offers a second statement, this time from CARITAS AUSTRALIA to help parishioners make an informed decision about **The Voice** later this year.

"The Uluru Statement from the Heart invited all Australians to walk together towards justice. CARITAS AUSTRALIA wholeheartedly accepted this invitation and walks in union and solidarity with our First Australian partners across our land. We fully support the call for Voice, Treaty and Truth."

[www.http://indigenousvoice.church/catholic-organisation-statements/](http://indigenousvoice.church/catholic-organisation-statements/)

What the Australian Catholic bishops say:

In their May 2023 Media Release, the Australian Catholic Bishops encouraged "everyone to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which we endorsed in 2021 and the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia endorsed in 2022" to help shape a respectful and productive debate on the referendum."

Australian tour of the relic statue of St John Bosco, July–September 2023

3–8 August: Sunbury College and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish, Sunbury, Victoria

The relic statue of St John Bosco, better known as Don Bosco, will be touring Australia as part of the celebrations of the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians on Australian soil. The Salesians first set foot in Australia at Fremantle, Western Australia, on 30 March 1923.

The wax replica of the saint is contained in a glass casket and comes from the Salesian Province of Hong Kong, where it was made by Gianpiero Zoncu at the time of Don Bosco's beatification in 1929.

John Bosco was born on 16 August 1815 in a farmhouse near a small village east of Turin in northern Italy. From the time of his childhood, he felt a strong desire to help young people in need. Pursuing this mission from God, he was ordained as a priest in Turin in 1841, at the age of 26, and dedicated his entire life to helping young people to become 'good Christians and upright citizens'. Having worked untiringly with the young for more than 40 years, Don Bosco died on 31 January 1888 in Turin.

He was declared a saint by Pope Pius XI on Easter Sunday, 1 April 1934, and is the patron saint of young people.

The relic statue of St John Bosco will be farewelled from Australia during the concluding Mass of the centenary celebrations, to be led by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli on Saturday 30 September at St Margaret Mary's parish in North Brunswick at 11am.

Are you new to the Parish?

If so we warmly welcome you and invite you to take a Welcome Pack from the desk in the foyer of St Anne's Church. If you would like to join any of our parish groups or ministries please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060.