



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: 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
Assistant Priest: Rev Jossy Kuriakose
Deacon: Rev Stephen Fernandes
Pastoral Assoc: Sr Jose Noy RSJ
Pastoral Co-ord: Lyn Plummer
St Anne's School: 8746 6800
Principal: Noeline Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

27 August 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm Response: Psalm 137:1-3, 6, 8
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church; the gates of hell will not
hold out against it.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 4:23

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Kerry BAILEY, Jalila DAWOOD
Catherine JARECKI, Anya LEWIS,
Jessie MICALLEF, Thomas SILVEIRA, Da-
vid SIMPSON, Larry VISTAN

Recently Deceased: Ian BRANDT

Anniversaries: Vincenza CALLEJA,
Glenise GEYER, Cassandra O'KEEFE
Manuel SILVEIRA

Special collection Next Weekend
Priests Retirement Foundation -
Father's Day Appeal

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

Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

This Sunday is marked in the calendar of the Catholic Church in Australia as Social Justice Sunday. Every year, for many years now, the Australian Catholic Bishops have published a Statement on an issue that touches on the social life of our nation. Because of the forthcoming Referendum on the Voice to parliament, this year the Bishops have prepared a Statement on our nation's relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. You can find it on the Bishop's Website www.catholic.au

As all will be asked to vote in the referendum the issue of the Voice to parliament becomes a decision for everyone to ponder and cast a responsible vote. The whole Statement of the Bishops is useful reading for Catholics. I would like to share the concluding paragraphs of the Statement.

The Voice referendum in late 2023 will be a significant moment in the struggle for justice by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Voice is one of three recommendations of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. The Statement was issued at the end of a National Constitutional Convention with the endorsement of an overwhelming majority of more than 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders.

The Convention was the high point of extensive dialogue with a large number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in 13 regional dialogues across the country. This process was designed and led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

No one should dismiss the recommendations of the Uluru Statement from the Heart lightly. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who designed and led the process, who participated in the dialogues and the Convention and the many who support its recommendations, especially the Voice, deserve great respect and a serious consideration of their proposals and their reasons for it.

Some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples oppose the Voice and the referendum. They propose a different way forward. They and their position deserve respect, too.

Many well-known Australians, including prominent Catholics, have voiced their support for the referendum. Some have also opposed it publicly. Many Catholic organisations support the referendum. NATSICC has expressed its support and has developed a website to provide Catholics with a source of information on the referendum. A wide range of business, sporting, faith and community organisations have added their voices to those supporting the referendum.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will not tell Catholics or their fellow Australians how to vote in the referendum. Instead, we ask all Australians to seek out information on the referendum proposal, especially from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We encourage you to participate in opportunities for dialogue about the referendum with respect for different views. Those who propose the referendum do not seek to divide our country, and none of us should accept divisive behaviour during the referendum campaign. Weigh up all the arguments and information carefully and make a choice which you think respects the hopes and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Choose the option which you believe offers the best chance of healing and justice for the First Peoples of our land.

Whatever the outcome of the referendum, we are committed to offering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples every support in their endeavours to develop these initiatives which give them hope that they will finally have the dignity which comes from determining their own future.

Fr Denis Stanley PP

Even small things honour God....

Many thanks to Michael McConville who lead the effort to repaint the stand on which the Tabernacle rests. You may not notice that it is cleaner and brighter with a new coat of paint, but indeed it is. Thanks to all who love the beauty of our house of prayer and care for it even in what might seem the simplest and unseen ways. Another good example of which is the church cleaning roster now up and running. Fr Denis

Father's Day Appeal

It has been a wonderful custom in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to allow the faithful of the Archdiocese to show something of their own appreciation through an annual Father's Day Appeal. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them.

In a time like no other we have experienced, I am especially mindful of the great love that God's People have for the spiritual and pastoral care offered to them from the heart of the priestly ministry. I am deeply thankful for the ways in which you are the face of Christ for our priests, and the support that you give to them. May I commend the appeal to you.

Please pray for your priests, as they pray for you.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli

The Word of God is something alive and active. Lectors formation sessions.

After a recent fruitful formation session for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, the Parish leadership team would like to alert all Lectors to a formation meeting for them on **Sunday 10 September at 9.30am**. We will briefly share some input into the importance of the Lector in the Liturgy, hints for public speaking, some practical issues and a Q&A session.

There will be a further session **Wednesday 13 September at 7.00pm** in St Anne's Church especially for new Lectors but also for any of those currently serving as Lectors, for a more in depth introduction and renewal on the art of proclaiming the Word of God because as St Paul wrote, How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone proclaiming the Word to them? Romans 10:14

Lectors who proclaim the Word faithfully and well, have an honoured and crucial role in the Liturgy and so in the lives of all those who assemble each Sunday.

Please note that it is essential for Lectors to have a current Working with Children Check. If you have this – good. If you don't the parish Office can assist in obtaining one for you. Fr Denis Stanley

Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8th September 2023 Mass will be offered by The Members of the Legion of Mary Mount Carmel Presidium, Sunbury Branch.

9.00am - Legion of Mary Tesserat Prayers, followed by Rosary, The Catenas and concluding prayers.

9.30am Holy Mass

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Piety Shop

We currently have **"How to Pray the Rosary"** on laminated card with Rosary beads for \$1.

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

Malik GORA

Jolie NGUYEN

Aurora YANKOS



Vale, Thanks, Rest In Peace

It is with sadness that I would like to share with our parish the news that Monica Allen, who served in the parish office as one of the team of secretaries, has died suddenly. Monica served in the parish office for one and a half years. She was also well known at the 8.30am Sunday Mass. We extend to her family, especially her brothers Tom and Vince, and her sister Ellen Mary, our prayerful support on the loss of their sister. **A Memorial Mass** for Monica will be held at St Anne's Church on **Friday 8 September** at 11.00am followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Thursday Mass

From **Thursday 31 August** at 9.30am we will schedule an additional weekday Mass. This means that Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**. Please share this news with others. Fr Denis Stanley

Evergreens

Social afternoon on **Tuesday 29 August at 12.00 pm** all welcome in the Parish Hall. Bring a plate or lunch, a cuppa provided, Call Joe on 0477 677 248 for info or transport. All welcome.

13 September at 10am. Having a private viewing of **The Miracle Club** at Sunbury cinema. Come along and bring a friend we need 40 to receive a discount, call Joe on 0477 677 248 for booking, info or transport. All welcome. Followed by lunch at Itahlia.

Historical Committee Meeting

Monday 28 August at 10.30am in Meeting Room at St Anne's Church. Interested Parishioners most welcome.

Knights of the Southern Cross Meeting

Friday 1 September at 10.15am in the Parish Centre.

Mary MacKillop Australian Pilgrimage 17/10 - 28/10/2023

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on **17 October** For an itinerary and application form, contact - national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or on 89124818

Sunday Morning Cuppa - Next month between 8.30 and 10.30

Masses, the PCT will start the ball rolling again by providing a monthly Sunday morning cuppa, This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends or meet parishioners we don't yet know well. We warmly invite 10.30 Mass goers to arrive a little earlier to join the gathering. **Keep the date! Sunday September 3.**

Practical ways of Caring for God's Creation: St Anne's school was successful in the Bank First Teaching Initiatives programme. They will use the funds to encourage students and teachers to divert waste from landfill and into compost. Middle and Senior classes will be able to compost food waste and there will be opportunities to raise plants and observe their growth. They will also take what they've learnt at school, home - passing the knowledge upwards to their parents and families.