



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 - Baptism
Tuesday	9.30am - Parish Feast Day Mass St Anne's Church
Wednesday	9.30am - Mass
Thursday	9.30am - Mass
	2.30pm - Riddell Gardens Mass
Friday	9.30am - Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am - 10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Denis Stanley
Assistant Priest: Rev Jossy
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Deacon: Rev Stephen Fernandes
Pastoral Assoc: Sr Jose Noy RSJ
Safeguarding Officer: Elena Rodrigues
St Anne's School: 8746 6800
Principal:
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

14 JULY 2024

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15
Psalms Response: Ps: 84:9-14
Second Reading: Eph 1:3-14
Gospel Acclamation: Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Agatha CHAVES, Tony CREED,
John DELLAMARTA, Paul FANNING,
Cesar GABALES, Diana MASTRAMICO,
Matthew PALSER, Karen RANKIN,
Dawn WESTWOOD, Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Stefan HODOR,
Dennis REDDAN

Anniversaries: Evelyn DUGGAN
Brian & Betty HETHERINGTON, Ethel PHILLIPS,
Lina POLIDORO, Carmelo ZARAFA

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

OUR PARISH FEAST - WHAT DOES IT MEAN? WHY DOES IT MATTER?

From its earliest days the Church has developed a calendar of feast days – days of memory and celebration. It began with Easter then gradually around that unfolded Lent to prepare for Easter, then Holy Week. Soon followed the festivals of martyrs who made such a deep impression on the early Christian community. After Easter came the Easter Season and fifty days later to crown that Season came Pentecost. Christmas was a bit of a late comer, when it did come to be celebrated a time of preparation called Advent developed to balance with Lent. Slowly the calendar filled with festivals of the Lord, like the Ascension and then of Mary and Saints. So we have the Liturgical Calendar today that we all know or indeed just take for granted.

And so the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel falls on July 16th each year. Because it is a cherished day for us it is transferred to the nearest Sunday so that **everyone** can celebrate.

Some people grumble about Mother's or Father's Day. They say, "*Why should we have one day for Mum or Dad, we should honour them every day?*" Well, yes there is a grain of truth in that, even though I wonder about who those celebrations really serve, our Mum or Dad or the shops!

Fortunately there is no chance that the shops will be taking over the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We have got that to ourselves. So what do we make of it?

I think our Parish Feast Day does two things and joins them together. First it allows us to focus on the identity, the story, the past, present and future of our parish. There may be other parishes called "*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*" but we are unique. Once we forget something or someone they disappear. On our Feast Day we remember our identity, we count it as something important, not to be forgotten. Feast days are a protest against the forgetfulness we can so easily fall into.

Our identity is important because its about people who shared our faith and our concern for this place and this generation of parishioners. It is a day to remember with thanksgiving those from the past on whose shoulders we stand, the people we sit next to in Mass today and to ponder with trust or worry about the generation that follows us. Our Feast Day is a day to ask, "*How do we care about this place and people?*"

Secondly our Feast Day links our particular identity with Mary, the Mother of God, under the title, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We are not Sunbury Catholic Parish or the Macedon Street or Riddell Road Catholic Church. We are permanently linked to a name, our Mother and Sister, Mary, the first disciple of the Lord. "*Be it done unto me according to your word*". The first to say "Yes" to Christ. She is our model and our intercessor. She helps us understand what it means to be a disciple of her Son and she prays for us in the communion of saints. So today is a day to ask our patron to pray for us.

As the Liturgy says, "*with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God...and all the saints on whose constant intercession we rely for help*".

Look around at the people at Mass – those we know and those we don't know – and simply say, "*Our Lady of Mount Carmel, our patron, pray for them, pray for us.*" Hopefully someone will be praying for you too.

Fr Denis Stanley PP

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Sunbury – the one and only.

Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Next Tuesday 16th July is the Feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel, our Parish Patron.

Mass will be offered in St Anne's Church for the Feast Day at 9.30am.

Fr Denis

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL 16TH JULY – OUR PATRONAL DAY – WHAT IS HAPPENING

This year the Festival Day of our Parish, falls on Tuesday 16th July. Keep that day as a day of prayer for our parish. A prayer card will be available to remember and inspire you to pray on the Feast Day. The piety stall always has available images of Our Lady of Carmel.

However, in order that the whole parish can publicly celebrate our Feast Day together, we will keep that celebration on **Sunday 14th July**. The Readings and prayers of the Liturgy will be taken from the Mass for Our Lady of Mt Carmel. It will be kept as a day of prayer for our Parish asking the Mother of God to pray with us and for us. *Think of one thing to give thanks to God for and one thing that our Parish may need or continue to need.*

Beneath your compassion,

We take refuge, O Theotokos [God-bearer]:

do not despise our petitions in time of trouble:

but rescue us from dangers,

only pure one, only blessed one.

Being a day of prayer for our Parish, the Parish Historical Group will open the History Room in the Church. Do you know where it is? I can confidently say that it is the best kept and organised historical collection of any parish in Melbourne. Recently the Group have done much work to make it attractive and even better organised.

You are warmly invited to visit the History Room next to the Sacristy. It will be open before and after all the Masses on Sunday 14th July. Get to know something of our history and the thanks we owe to those on whose faith we now stand.

Fr Denis Stanley PP

Overseas Humanitarian Project

THANK YOU FOR SUCH A FANTASTIC RESULT!

Due to the wonderful generosity of our parishioners, a total of \$2,574 was raised at last weekend's collection at our Masses for LAP. These funds (plus those accrued from the regular pledge-givers and \$250 raised by the St Anne's school community) will be sent up to the LAP team in Jakarta to assist them in their ongoing care for the HIV AIDS children.

A special note of thanks to those who prepared the morning tea - it was delicious and not a crumb was left!

Thank you again for your support – it is making a real difference to the children's wellbeing.

Parish LAP Fundraising Team.

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Convocation (12–14

September 2024) Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation. We will gather online during Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together. Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available.

For more information and to register, visit: www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation (Registrations close Monday 12 August 2024)

See flyers on Welcome Desk.

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptised in our parish this weekend:

Tom & Josh JACKSON, Kai KAYTAR,

Luca KLOPPERS, Eleanor PLIEGER



Parish Bingo

Our weekly Parish bingo session "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday at Sunbury Bowling Club eyes down 7.30pm. Enquiries to Gary 0419 301760 or Graeme 0417 503 527.

Evergreens

Evergreens are going to the Cinema on **Tuesday 16th July** to watch, "Fly me to the moon". Followed by lunch at Itahlia. Starting time to be confirmed next week. Inquiries and booking Joe on 0477 677 248

Evergreens are going to Morning Melodies and Buffet Lunch at Watergardens Hotel on **Thursday 18th July**, for \$32. Car pooling meeting at St Anne's 9.00am. Call Joe to book as soon as possible 0477 677 248. Books out early.

Vocations | Seminary Enquiry

The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on **Saturday 10 August**. It is an opportunity for men to visit the seminary, hear from the Archbishop, students, and staff. If interested, take a copy of the Seminary Enquiry Day page from the Welcome Desk.

Religious Shop. St Patrick Rosary beads, Gifts for Baby, First Communion cards & gifts, Enameled Crucifixes, medals, children books, Rosary beads as gifts, St Benedict key rings, Statues. KJV. Bible, Catechism, Preloved items cheap.

Is anybody else interested in, "**After Suicide there is hope for them and you.** By **Fr. Chris Alar**". Or "**30 Day Eucharistic revival,**" books. **Thanks** to all who donated the preloved items to be enjoyed again. Inquiries Joe on 0477 677 248.

Changing of the Guard

Karen Morris, our Parish Secretary has worked faithfully and generously for our parish for many years. She has played a key role in the daily life and building up of our Parish. The time has come for her to retire and take up other tasks especially within her family. We thank her profoundly. Let her know your thanks. Therefore we are seeking a new Secretary for working 18 hours per week, on Monday, Tuesday and Fridays. They will be sharing the position with Chris Chidlow, Bookkeeper and Secretary. The full job description and details about an application can be found at this link:

[Parish Secretary, Our Lady of Mt Carmel | Melbourne Catholic](#)

Please consider or pass this on to someone you think may be suitable for this key position in our parish.

From the Parish Coordinating Team (PCT)

1. Sunbury Winter Shelter Outreach

Would you like to help out with the Wednesday Winter Warmer lunch at St Andrew's Uniting Church that runs weekly June 1 – August 31st from 11.30am-2.00pm? Please leave your contact details at the Parish Office 9744 1060.

2. LAP The parish LAP Team welcomes all who are interested in the work of assisting young people living with HIV in Indonesia. Please leave your contact details with the Parish Office, 9744 1060

3. Youth Group The PCT is calling for **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** in assisting Liam Daniels as **volunteer helpers**. The ages of this group of young people would range from 12 to 18. If this opportunity to volunteer sounds like you, please leave your expression of interest and contact details with Karen or Chris in the Parish Office, 9744 1060.