



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

**BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,  
SUNBURY, WILDWOOD**

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### Mass times this week

**Sat:** 6.00pm St Anne's  
**Sun:** 8.30am St Anne's  
 10.30am St Anne's  
 5.30pm OLMC  
**Mon:** 9.15am St Anne's  
**Tues:** 7.00pm OLMC  
**Wed:** 9.15am St Anne's  
**Thu:** 9.15am St Anne's  
**Fri:** 9.15am St Anne's  
 11.00am Mass & Anointing  
 Riddell Gardens

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**Saturday 10.00—10.30am OLMC Church**

**Parish Priest:** Rev Kevin McIntosh  
**Assistant Priest:** Rev Dispin John  
**Assisting Priest:** Rev Bert Fulbrook SDB.  
**Pastoral Associate:** Mr Richard Hallett  
**Pastoral Associate:** Sr Jose Noy RSJ  
**Pastoral Coordinator:** Mrs Lyn Plummer

**St Anne's Primary School 9744 3055**  
**Principal : Ms Noelene Hussey**  
**Our Lady of Mt Carmel School 9740 7344**  
**Principal : Mr Paul Hogan**

### Parish Information

**Baptisms: Held on Sundays.**  
**Please contact the Parish Office for details of  
 the next Baptismal Preparation meeting.**

The following children from our parish will be baptised this Sunday:  
 Ella BARRESI  
 Blake CARRELLO  
 Ana NAVE  
 We joyfully welcome them into our parish community.



**LIVING IN THE LIGHT:** This week, be extra conscious of you judgements-both the judgements you make about others and the judgements you make about yourself. Make a real effort to look on yourself and others with kindness- with an attitude of mercy. Instead of being critical, do something loving for the person whom you feel inclined to judge with harshness. Notice how this simple action can change your relationship with that person and unfold you both in the gentle light of God's love.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK SUNBURY CHAPLAINCY



*...the person  
 who lives by  
 the truth  
 comes out in-  
 to the light.....*

### 18 March 2012 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Psalm Response:** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
 God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
 That all who believe in him might have eternal live.  
 Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Doris BORG Silvana BODZAY Emmanuel CAMILLERI Caleb FARIA Margaret FRIEL Glenys GAYFER Karen JURJ Roland ROCHA Lolita SEPE

**Recently Deceased:** Thomas FINNIGAN Mary GALEA Fr Bill GROGAN

**Anniversaries:** James GATT Oscar GRECH Hugh GROGAN Felisa HIPOLITO Roger MUMFORD Leo O'BRIEN Nora SCOLLAY

### Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel John gives us the nocturnal conversation which Jesus had with a leading Jew, a man of wealth and position. This man whose name was Nicodemus had been impressed by the preaching and miracles of Jesus but was afraid of fellow Jews in whose circle he moved. He was a man of good will but as is often the case with the intellectuals he was not able to make up his mind. So he came to Jesus to speak to him at night. Nicodemus was told that to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, a man must believe in Christ and be baptized. He has to be born anew of the spirit of baptism. Jesus also told him that it is God's will that he himself should be lifted up on the cross so that those who believe in him may have eternal life. We do not know how Nicodemus understood Jesus. Certainly he had great respect for him. We see him defending Jesus before the Sanhedrin when the Pharisees were condemning him. He assisted Joseph of Arimathea in the burial of Jesus and supplied expensive aloes and myrrh for the embalming of his body. It is in his conversation with Jesus that we discover the fund of the doctrine of God's love towards humanity. Surprisingly there is no mention of him in the early Christian community. However, with John giving him such importance in the gospel, he must have been a key member of the early group.

He told Nicodemus that for the salvation of the world he himself would be lifted up. He meant this in a twofold sense: lifted up on the cross and lifted up into glory by his resurrection and his ascension. The suffering and joy signified by these two images are essentially connected. If there is no cross then there is no crown of joy and if there is no pain and suffering then no entry into glory. Jesus tells us today as he told his visitor that if we look at Jesus and believe in him then he will give us eternal life. The eternal life that Jesus gives us is not the duration of life but the quality of life. That is the highest life possible which is life with God himself living in us. It surrounds us and infuses every aspect of our life with peace, peace with people because we are God's children, peace with life itself because we live in a friendly universe and peace with ourselves because of a new insight into and humble acceptance of our weaknesses. Jesus sums this up by saying that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son for us human persons. His whole essence is love and he loves the entire world itself.

.....Dispin John

**During Lent there is a choice of 3 Lenten sessions of shared reflection in groups:**

**Sunday 9.30am at Parish Centre**

**Sunday 4.30pm at Convent**

**Tuesday 7.30pm OLMC Church**

**All welcome.**

**LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE:** will be held on Tuesday 27 March at St Anne's Church at 7.30pm. All are welcome for this very moving service.

**Lenten Prayer:** *O God of generous mercy, You lavish your love on our world.*

*You gave your Beloved Son into the darkness of death so that, in his rising to new life, we might also be brought into the light of life.*

*We rejoice in your abundant mercy, the gift of your grace that lights our path.*

*May we always choose to walk in your light and emerge from our shadowy exile into the radiance of true belonging—the delight of your gaze, and so come home to the light of faith.*

*We pray in the name of Jesus, the Light of the World, and in the power of your Enlightening Spirit— One God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

**EVERGREENS:** Our March outing is Tuesday 27 March, Reading Cinema Sunbury to see the film "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" 12pm session. Meet in foyer 11.45am. Enquiries Frances 9744 1999.

**LENTEN MEDITATION OPPORTUNITY:** during the season of Lent, we will be offering Christian Meditation to anyone interested at 8.50am in the RE Office at St Anne's Primary School. You are welcome to join us for this quiet, peaceful time (approx. 20 minutes) where together we can shut out everything but God. Our "Drop off and Drop in" Meditation program began on Tuesday 28 February and will continue the following four Tuesdays (March 13, 20 & 27). All welcome.

**YOUTH GROUP:** every weekend until 23rd March 2012 the 'Youth and Children's Choir' practice is held at St Anne's from 6.30 to 7.30PM on Fridays. Ages 7yrs and above are welcome to join. Training provided by Professional Music Teacher.

Youth Group-Choir Practice on Fridays at 6.30PM @ St Annes Church. Parishioners to please bring a plate of food welcoming Rev. Fr Dispin John on 25/03 after 10.30am Mass followed by a Movie 'Human Experience' screened. All are welcome to join.



**SUNBURY CHAPLAINCY ANNUAL DINNER** (incorporating a brief AGM) will be held at 7pm on Wed 28th March, at Goonawarra Golf Club Restaurant. This is an opportunity for you to meet our Chaplains – Alicia Drowley (Sunbury Downs) and Matt Hornby (Sunbury College). Alicia and Matt will give us a brief summary on how the year is progressing at each College and what being a Chaplain means to them. Join us for a delicious 2 course meal and hear about our vision for Chaplaincy in 2012. Suggested donation \$30 (pensioners \$25, students \$15). Bookings are essential so if you'd like to attend, please contact Zelma (9744 2719) or Helen (9744 3031 or 0407 506 507).

**CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION:** your support for Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia to work through right relationships to bring freedom and lasting positive change for some of our world's most vulnerable communities. In this week's story we meet Bae Lisa from the Philippines, one of over 300 indigenous leaders engaged by Caritas Australia's partner to work together towards peace and authentic human development in Mindanao's fractured communities, where over two million people have been displaced since the 1970's. Bae Lisa works to deepen understanding of the conflict and build a peace process owned by conflict-affected communities.

#### ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

**CLEANING:** OLMC Church—Denise Bray St Anne's Church—Megan Feain Joy O'Connor

**COUNTERS:** Frank Busutil Jenny & Peter Ryan

**GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer John Porta

**LECTORS:** Sharon Lane Monisha D'Lima Dian Mardijono Paul Hogan

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **6.00pm** Mary Baensch Diana & Albert Mastramico Dolores Kruszynski Shashi Nair Eileen Naylor Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario **8.30am** Mark Perry Tom Allen Christine Cassar Elizabeth Falzon Andrew Swan Lloyd D'Crus **10.30am** Paul Fanning Cathy Gay Tony Hendy Michael Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Patricia McCourt Olina Moore Nesta Pardo **5.30pm** Paula Seric Maree O'Brien Luisa Hogan

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." Exodus 20:4

Have you created idols for yourself in different shapes? An idol can be in the shape of money, sport, fashion, travel, or anything else we value more than God and His Word to us.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** *Are you having a clean out?* We are in urgent need of your good donations, such as Furniture, Clothing, Bric-a-Brac & books. If you run a business and have stock or equipment you do not want then please consider donating to us at Vinnies. Donations can be delivered to our Sunbury Centre at 156 O'Shanassy St, during opening hours 9-5 Monday to Friday or 9-1 on Saturday. For a donation pick up, phone 1800 621 329.



*Do you have some spare time?* We are looking for volunteers to assist us in our retail centre. We are very flexible with any hours you can spare. There are lots of different jobs to suit all applicants. If you have a few spare hours then please phone the manager on 9744 1447 or call into our Centre at any time to discuss how you can help us and our community. **Thank you for your support.**

**ANIMAL BLESSING SERVICE:** the Lay Ecumenical Committee is organising an animal blessing service on the Village Green on the 18 March at 10.00am as part of the Sunbury Festival. Fr Bert will be taking part in the blessing service during this "Pets on the Green."

**PREP 2013 ENROLMENTS:** information sessions for parents is on Tuesday 20 March at either 2pm or 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. As our two schools are popular and hence have no vacancies at some levels, late applications may be unsuccessful. Enrolment forms will be distributed at each session. OLMC primary school will have their open day 19 March at 9.30am and 2pm.

Catholics from both our schools have priority for admittance at Salesian College which has already received a higher than usual number of enrolments for Year 7 in 2013.

**GOOD FRIDAY INTER-CHURCH SERVICE:** will take place at 10am in the Memorial Hall and St Mary's Hall. Our parish is one of the financial sponsors donating \$600 towards the costs.

**"This Promise is for You"** : continues on Thursday evening commencing at 7.30pm in St. Anne's Church. All Welcome. For further info please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 9744 4029.

**First Communion Preparation. Can you help?** We need two people to help the children and families preparing for First Communion by leading a small Home Group meeting in the last week of March. Everything needed to lead the meeting will be provided and we will have a training session on Tuesday 20 March at 7.30 in the Parish Centre. **If you can help please contact the Parish Office (9744 1060) as soon as possible.**

**NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:** The proposed Strong Futures Bill/extension of the N T Intervention for a further 10 years has been described by Bishop Christopher Saunders of Broome as a Travesty. The government must consult with Aboriginal Communities before making decisions. In a bid to prevent this Bill, the Aboriginal Catholic Mission has joined the Sisters of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, the Order of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH) and the National Aboriginal Torres Strait Islands Catholic Council (NATSICC) in a submission to the United Nations. To see full details [http://www.sydneycatholic.org/news/latest\\_news/2012/201239\\_1024.shtm!](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/news/latest_news/2012/201239_1024.shtm)