



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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

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Liturgy 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- Liturgy of the Word
Wed:	9.15am	St Anne's
Frid:	9.15am	St Anne's

Reconciliation

St Anne's Church Saturday 10am- 10.30am

Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh
 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
 St Anne's Principal : Noelene Hussey
 Our Lady of Mt Carmel School 9740 7344
 Principal : Paul Hogan

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

3 November 2013- Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response:

I will praise your name for ever, my King and my God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Shelley BEECHAM Angelo DAMIANOS
 Apolonio GAMBA Vicki HEATH Alison HILTON
 Anna & Doug HUTCHISON Bill & Dawn JANNER
 Irene LIM Anne LYNCH Flor MADLANGAWA Jim
 O'BRIEN Suzanne RENNISON Irma TAKAKIS
 Mary TAKAKIS Ela TRAFICANTE

Anniversaries: Francisco CARASIG Bill & Nellie
 CLARK Denis CONNELLY Sheila HOCTOR
 Maria & Giovanni IACOBUCCI Ted LAMAIRE
 Ernest MILLETT David O'NEILL Petra ORBILLO
 Roberto ORBILLO Severina ORBILLO Alan
 POUNDER

THANK YOU: for putting faith and action together by responding to the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. Together as a Church we raised \$1573.40.

Your generosity is helping the people of Mongolia build their Church, and the Kingdom of God on earth, so that more people can experience the grace, joy, peace and hope of our loving God.



31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

'In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust, . . . like a drop of morning dew . . . yet . . . you love all that exists.' This short reading today from the Book of Wisdom provides us with a wonderfully poetic image of the relationship between God and all creation, between God and us - concise, penetrating, comprehensive. It would serve well as a daily prayer as we try to maintain a sense of perspective and proportion in the midst of all the activity of daily life.

In St. Teresa of Avila's famous book 'The Way of Perfection' - where the kind of 'perfection' she is talking about is in response to Jesus' words, 'You must be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect' (Mt 6:48) - her focus is on how to live together as a community. Part of the book gives a marvellous commentary on the 'Our Father' but she says that there are three things that are fundamental to living in a community - and this applies to any community - family, church, workplace, club, just as much as to her own communities which she was writing to. These three things are humility, detachment and love for one another.

Humility, as Teresa explains, has nothing to do with subservience or having a low self-image. The word comes from the word for 'earth' or 'ground' - in Australian English, being 'down to earth', having your feet 'on the ground'. It means living 'in the real situation' in which we find ourselves. This is much easier said than done. What is the 'real' situation in which I am living today? What is the full extent of all the influences and aspects which are affecting my? Our biggest problem is that we have a limited view of 'reality'.

Is my 'reality' just the things that I am thinking about or am interested in today? Is my reality defined by what I see and hear on TV? Is my 'reality' bounded by all the busy activity of each day? What part does God play in my 'reality'? Do I have things in the same kind of perspective as the author of the Book of Wisdom?

As Christian people we have a 'world view' which takes careful notice of everything that is going on around us, but which judges everything by the criteria set out in the Gospels. We are a bit sceptical - we don't take things at face value. For us, humility requires that we make a positive decision to regularly 'stand back' from our immediate surroundings, activities, points of view, opinions and consider whether we are really taking the important things into account and giving them the right priority.

This is Teresa's second point: detachment. It's not that we don't care about people, situations or how things should be done, but that we are not blindly stuck in our own view of things and that we are prepared to listen carefully and openly to others, so that we get a 'bigger picture'.

Jesus had a 'bigger picture' of Zacchaeus than his grumbling neighbours. That's why he was able to love him.

....Richard Hallett

PRAYER OF SORROW: IN RESPONSE TO THE ABUSE OF CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONS: On Wednesday 13th November in St Anne's Church at 7pm, a service called "Prayer of Sorrow: in response to the abuse of children in institutions" will be held.

We wish to acknowledge the abuse that has happened in our Church in the past. We wish to welcome everyone to the service. We invite those who were physically affected by abuse, families of those abused and all parishioners who have felt betrayed by the treatment of those abused by the Church. We would wish that all parishioners could come and by their presence say that we are sorry for the hurt done by our Church. Experts tell us that healing only begins when trust is established. Trust is based on truth. Truth comes packaged in honesty and humility. *The Truth Justice and Healing Council is engaging with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse on behalf of the Catholic Church in Australia. CEO, Francis Sullivan, can be contacted on 02 6234 8900 or visit the website: www.tjhcouncil.org.au.*

MEETING: Knights of Southern Cross Wednesday 6 November 8pm Parish House

Please note the parish office will be closed on Monday 4 November 2013. The office will reopen as per normal on Wednesday 6 November.

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES IN NOVEMBER: The month of November is dedicated to the prayerful memory of the Faithful Departed.

Our parish will celebrate the memory of loved ones in a number of ways:

- At each of our two churches there will be blank leaflets to write the names of those who have died, to be placed in a Memorial Book of the Dead. This book will be open for display and be presented at each Mass during the Procession of the Gifts. The leaflets may be taken home and returned completed during October.
- The graves at Bulla and Sunbury cemetery will be blessed on Sunday afternoon, November 10 at 2.30pm and 3.30pm respectively.
- We will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance at OLMC Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday November 19.

BAPTISM OF SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN: A number of school age children will be baptised at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 24 November, the Feast of Christ the King. If you have children who wish to be baptised at that time please contact the Parish Office on 97441060 or Richard Hallett on 0421471073 as soon as possible. Preparation will start at 4pm at St Anne's Church on Wednesday 6 November.

YOUTH DESSERT COOK BOOK ON SALE NOW:

please order your Dessert Cook Book at the Parish Office on 9744 1060. Thank you to all those who contributed recipes. 30 pages of yummy dessert recipes that will make your mouth water. Cost of book is \$5.00.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2013 SUNBURY: Monday 11 November, the Sunbury Sub-branch RSL will be conducting a short service commencing at 10.45am at the Memorial in front of Memorial Hall, Barkley St Sunbury. Part of the ceremony will be dedicated to laying of Wreaths on the memorial.

LOURDES DAY MASS 2013: the Order of Malta invite you to Lourdes Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 7 December at 10.30am. Additional information is on the flyer at the Welcome Desk in St Anne's church.

2013 RERUM NOVARUM ORATION: In July 2013, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference implored us to put the human dignity of asylum seekers ahead of the national interest. Have we instead, replaced love of neighbour with fear of "the other"? Mr Kon Karapanagiotidis OAM, founder and CEO of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre will deliver the 2013 Rerum Novarum Oration on: Thursday 28th November 2013 Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street East Melbourne. Light refreshments from 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. ALL WELCOME. RSVP / Inquires (03) 99265727 or justice @cam.org.au

NSW BUSHFIRES: The Diocese of Parramatta has expressed its sincere thanks to the concern and offers of support from the public. There has been considerable damage to lives and property in the Blue Mountains of NSW, as covered in the Media recently. Please continue to pray for the communities affected by the devastation of these fires. If you are able to support financially, donations can be made via CatholicCare social Services Parramatta via www.ccs.org.au.

HOME TO RENT: 3 bedroom house in Diggers Rest. Phone John on 0411 151 663 for further information.

PARISH SOCIAL CALENDAR

SOCIAL JUSTICE FUNDRAISER: our Parish is supporting St Anne's Grade 6 teacher, Kerry Champness raise funds for "Hands Across the Water Charity 500km Bike Ride". She is attempting to raise \$5000 by December to donate to a new orphanage in Thailand set up for children with HIV. The first event is a live band- "The Projectors" who will play their own original music. A DJ will also be part of the night. BYO drinks and food to the Parish Centre on **Friday 15 November** from 6pm onwards, to support this worthy cause. Tickets are \$15 from the Parish Office.

HIGH TEA: Also, on **Tuesday 26 November** from 11am to 1pm, a High Tea in the Parish Centre will raise funds for "Hands Across the water". Tickets are \$28 from the Parish Office.

EVERGREENS: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Preps have invited us to luncheon in the Multi-Purpose Room on **Thursday 28 November** at 12 noon. Bookings Frances 9744 19999

EVERGREENS: Christmas Lunch & Nativity Play on **Friday 13 December**. More details to follow. At Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School.

PARISH MEETING NIGHT: is a concept where all the parish groups gather on one night a month, beginning with a brief prayer session together in the church, followed by their group meeting for one hour, concluding with supper together. At the parish of Kings Park (formerly St Albans West), they have followed this concept for 16 years with about 230 people involved each month. There, they use classrooms and other spaces for meetings. Each year, parishioners are asked to be in a group whichever they have the energy for in that year. Coming together on one night enthruses people as they are not meeting in isolated venues. Minutes are done at the meeting and emailed to those not present. At our Parish Assembly, this proposal was accepted for us to implement next year. Parishioners can be part of multiple Ministries as they do not need to attend monthly meetings whereas Parishioners are asked to be part of one Group who do attend a monthly meeting. The difference between Ministries and Groups will be outlined in the Parish Expo on 15 & 16 February 2014. Information will also be part of the next Neighbourhood letter to describe the various Ministries and Groups for parishioners to be part of for the next 12 months.

CHRISTMAS SINGERS: The Sunbury Combined Churches Chorale is beginning to prepare for Carols on the Green and St Mary's Lessons and Carols service and invites you to join us. Rehearsals Monday nights 7.30-8.30 in St Mary's Church from October 7. Enquiries to Gwen Hutcheson 9740 5258. Join us as we celebrate our 20th anniversary.

CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN: *The message of Christ brought to the Community by the combined churches of Sunbury. Saturday 14 December 2013. Activities starting 5pm. Nativity Stable with real animals, puppet show, clowns and crafts, food and drink stalls followed by Carols at 7pm. Workers are needed for setting up tents and food stalls and for actors in the stables. Everyone is welcome.*

LAWN MOWER NEEDED: if any parishioners has a lawn mower that still works, that they can donate to a family in need, please contact Levitt on 0405 598 102. Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

WELCOME BACK SALESIAN COLLEGE RUPERTSWOOD PAST PUPILS. You are invited to a Past Pupils' Open Day on Saturday 30th November 2013, 10am - 12noon. Wander the grounds, take a farm tour and enjoy a complimentary morning tea together. Please RVSP to Lisa Cole, Alumni Relations Manager by 15 November 2013 - LCole@scr.vic.edu.au or 9744-0000



MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: on Sunday 1 December 2013 at 11am in St Patrick's Cathedral, all expectant mothers are invited to be part of this special Mass. Please register your details by calling 9287 5587 by Friday 22 November. All women who register will receive a small token of recognition.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: St Anne's Church- Lyn Dillon Julie Wright **CLEANING:** OLMC Church- assistance required St Anne's Church - Joe & Mary Kloss **COUNTERS:** John & Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS:** Felicity Wicks Joe Kloss Beth Warburton Teresa Quin **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 6.00pm Jennifer Poon Mary Baensch Dolores Kruszynski Diana & Albert Mastramico Shashi Nair Barry Roberts 8.30am Glenda Shanahan Colin & Coreen Wilson Lily Lupa Katherine Thompson Jo & Carmel Wiegerink Angelo Snell 10.30am Tony Hendy Michael Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Nesta Pardo Sean Quigley Kathy Porter Sue Wight 5.30pm Alan Slocombe Joanne Spiteri assistance required