



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,  
SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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## Liturgy Times this Week

**Sat 5.30pm St Anne's**  
 Sun 8.30am St Anne's  
 10.30am St Anne's  
**5.30pm St Anne's**  
 Mon 9.15am St Anne's—Liturgy of Word  
 Tues: 6.30pm OLMC  
 Wed: 9.15am St Anne's  
 Thurs 9.15am St Anne's  
 Fri: 9.15am St Anne's

**Parish Priest: Rev Kevin McIntosh**  
**Assisting Priest: Rev Bert Fulbrook SDB**  
**Pastoral Assoc.: Sr Jose Noy RSJ**  
**Pastoral Co-ord: Lyn Plummer**  
**St Anne's Primary School: 9744 3055**  
**Principal: Noelene Hussey**  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel School:**  
**9740 7344**

**Acting Principal: Mark Gleeson**  
 Baptisms celebrated on Sundays. Please contact the Parish Office for details of the next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

**Reconciliation OLMC Church**  
**10.00am-10.30am Saturday**

**22 January 2017**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Psalm Response

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

## LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Emmanuel AGIUS Ernesto CARASIG  
 Lionel MCGUIRE Fr Joe MCMAHON Violeta  
 MARIANO Josephine MEHAS Bernadette  
 NOONAN Kevin PHELAN Kevin SMITH  
 Eufrocina VERGARA Frank WALKER Beth  
 WARBURTON Thelma WHITLEY.

**Recently Deceased:** Jim HOWARD  
 Pamela KRAFT Michael MAMZANO  
 George GAVIENAS

**Anniversaries:** Ellen BUTLER Shane CAS-  
 TLES Joe CAUCHI Rose CHETCUTI Nico-  
 laas de RIDDER Carmel EDMONDS Jo-  
 seph & Elizabeth GATT Nora MILLETT  
 Rose MIZZI Doris O'BRIEN Gerard QUIN  
 Joan RODRIGUES Joe SPITERI  
 Frank TWYCROSS



## CHRIST—THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

There was once a gathering of priests representing several religious Orders. In the middle of their conference the lights suddenly went out leaving them all in darkness. The Benedictine simply went on saying his Office which he knew by heart, anyway. The Franciscan knelt down and began to pray for light. The Dominican suggested to the others that they should inquire into the nature of light and consider the causes that might have led to its failure. But the Jesuit had left the room. He had gone to fix the fuse. (I wonder who was the author of this story? I guess it was a Jesuit.)

Today in the first reading and in the Gospel we hear that people in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who are caught up in the region and shadow of death light has dawned. Matthew introduces Jesus as the Light of the World and as the light to the nations. God chose the Hebrew nation not with the idea that they were to have God all to themselves but that they would become a shining light to all the nations around them, to draw them to God and into the Circle of light.

Jesus operated mostly in Galilee, doing most of his preaching and working of miracles in that region. Matthew refers to that region as *'the Galilee of the nations or Galilee of the gentiles.'* The Galileans were considered by Judeans as the *'lost sheep of the House of Israel.'* In Galilee Jesus was able to minister to these *'lost sheep.'* The gentiles feature prominently in Matthew's Gospel. Matthew's is the only Gospel that carries the story of the three Wise Men, the non-Jewish kings. It refers to Galilee as the melting pot of the nations. Matthew's Gospel ends with Jesus sending his apostles from Galilee out into the whole world to make disciples and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In John's Gospel Jesus says of himself: *'I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will not be walking in darkness but will have the light of life.'* The theme of light is very strong in John's Gospel. We will celebrate Christ the light in a very special way at the Easter vigil. We will light the Paschal Candle, the symbol of Christ *'the Light of the World'*. From the Paschal Candle the light is passed on to all in the church. The same Paschal Candle is used at all baptisms for the following year as each new Christian is given the light of faith to be kept burning brightly. Christians must be a light to a dark world.

John Ruskin in the 19th century once sat with a friend in the twilight half an hour after sunset, and together they watched a lamplighter, torch in hand, lighting the street lights on a distant hill. Very soon the man's shape was no longer clear, but they could follow his progress as he lit another street light. *'There,'* said Ruskin, *that's what I mean by a real Christian. You can trace his course by the light that he leaves burning wherever he goes.'*

.....Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

**CONGRATULATIONS SR JOSE` ON GOLDEN JUBILEE:** on 6 January 2017, Sr Jose` celebrated her 50th anniversary. She celebrated in Sydney with the Sisters of St Joseph and we will celebrate as a parish on Sunday 26 February at 10.30am Mass with a luncheon afterwards.



The following children from our parish will be baptized this Sunday:

Hunter HOLLANDS  
Tyler VITALJIC  
Cooper WEBSTER

We joyfully welcome them to our parish community of the Church.



**VALENTINES DAY DANCE:** is being organized by the Youth Group for **Saturday February 18** from 6.30pm-11pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets can be purchased via Garnet on 0411 286 428 or the Parish Office. Tickets are Adults \$20, Pensioners \$15, Family of 4 with 2 children under 12 \$50, children under 12 \$12. Food and music included in price of ticket. Proceeds from the dance will be given to Goonawarra House to their program supporting young girls who are bullied and to our Parish Youth Group for a bus trip this year.

**YOUTH GROUP: Saturday January 28** 2017 from 4 to 5PM Praise & Worship, Listen to the word of God, Reflect & Share! followed by Mass at 5:30PM followed by supper of sausage rolls & fellowship!

#### THANK YOU

Thank you to the lady who has transformed the garden around the rock and plaque which acknowledges that the land of our parish did belong to the Wurundjeri People, that we are sorry for the injustices they have suffered and that we will work for the equality of all people living in Australia. The plaque was laid on 28 July 2002.

**OUR AUSTRALIAN FLAGS:** On behalf of the Federal Government, our local member of parliament gave our parish the three Australian Flags some years ago and they were received by some members of our Parish Social Justice group. The flags have been re-hung in the Gathering Space in time for Australia Day.

**PARISH BINGO:** At Sunbury Football Club at Clarke Oval, Riddell Road will not operate this Thursday, Australia Day being a public holiday. Bingo resumes on 2 February with eyes down at 8.00pm. Come and enjoy a happy night out.

**THANKS FROM MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION (MOM):** MOM was set up by our archdiocese in 1969. Catholics in all Melbourne parishes contribute to the annual collection. Our parishioners are being thanked for their contribution of \$1,142 .00 given at Mass last Sunday.

**LITURGY PLANNING TEAM:** will meet on Wednesday 1st February at 7.30pm to evaluate the liturgy celebrated in the Advent—Christmas Season and to prepare for the Lent-Easter Season.

**OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY:** We offer as Pamela Kraft aged 72 years entered eternal life suddenly last Monday in hospital. Pam and her husband Colin came to our parish in 1978. Their daughters Lorelle and Rachel were early students at St. Anne's School. Pamela suffered muscular dystrophy for half her life. Colin retired from work twelve years ago to be her full-time carer. Her funeral on Friday concluded with the committal at Sunbury Cemetery.

**OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT:** As part of the Parish's ongoing commitment to support the LAP Team caring for children living with HIV AIDS in Jakarta, a fundraising appeal will be held at all Masses on the weekend of the 18/19 February. We thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause. Mick Hetherington, Frank O'Connor, Julie Reddan and Tony Kiley.

**ST ANNE'S SCHOOL:** with increasing enrolment, there are two extra classrooms this year. Some renovations have been carried out during the school holidays in the Years 1 and 2 classrooms.

**SALESIAN COLLEGE SUNBURY:** As previously announced, throughout the Melbourne Archdiocese there is an earlier enrolment process for Catholic Secondary Colleges. The new closing date for applications for Year 7 (2018) is **7 February 2017**. In recent years, there have been too many applications for the 232 available positions for Year 7, hence some applications have been unsuccessful. Applications endorsed by the parish need to be at the College before 7 February.

**SAINT MOTHER TERESA INSPIRES QUEEN ELIZABETH:** In her Christmas message telecast around the world, Queen Elizabeth said she was inspired by St Mother Teresa's motto: "Do small things with great love." Mother Teresa of Calcutta probably was inspired by another saint, Theresa of Linieux whose spiritual life was built on living the little way—doing small things with great love.

**PRINCE CHARLES PRAISED:** The charity, Aid to the Church in Need has praised the Prince of Wales' Christmas message in which he drew attention to the suffering of Christians in the Middle East. Speaking on the BBC, Prince Charles said that the suffering of those fleeing violent religious persecution in the Middle East and elsewhere echoed the suffering of the Holy Family.

**MORE PRIESTS NEEDED:** Last Wednesday, when new appointments of Melbourne priests took effect, three parishes in our northern region of the archdiocese lost their resident parish priest owing to retirement due to age or serious illness: Bacchus Marsh, Greensborough and Lancefield. These parishioners will now be served by the parish priest of a neighbouring parish. Let us pray for the nine students beginning their formation in the seminary in Carlton and pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

#### ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

**ALTAR CARE:** Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Peter Readman St Anne's Church – Skeeter Jacob Cedric D'Souza Jo Spiteri **COUNTERS** Gerard Duggan Julie Reddan Anne McCormick **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer Frances Arians **LECTORS:** Monisha D'Lima Lyn Mandouit Teresa Quin Jo Spiteri **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharma Angelo Snell Jim O'Brien **8.30am** Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa **10.30am** Sean Quigley Tony Hendy Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Jose Noy Grace Tucker Mark Perry Mimi Quattrone **5.30pm** Alan Slociombe Mary Thomas Christine Wallace