



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: 9.30am St Anne's School Mass

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

29 January 2017

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Ernesto CARASIG Lionel MCGUIRE
Violeta MARIANO Josephine MEHAS Bernadette NOONAN Cassandra O'KEEFE
Kevin PHELAN Kevin SMITH Eufrocina VERGARA Frank WALKER Beth WARBURTON

Recently Deceased: Sr Ellen HOLLAND
SJC Fr Joe MCMAHON P.E.
Molly SHEPHERD Thelma WHITLEY

Anniversaries: Jessie DEGORGIO Jimmy DIMOPOULOS Maureen LAWSON Eileen MCGOVERN Patrick MCVEIGH
Allan OSWALD



THE BEAUTITUDES—THE VISION FOR ACTION

Many organisations have a vision statement; a vision underpinning activity of the organization.

Today, we listen to Jesus' first sermon as he begins his public ministry. Matthew (5:1-12) presents Jesus as the new Moses. As Moses received the law from God on Mount Sinai, Jesus is sitting on the top of the hill.

As Jesus looks out over the great crowds from Galilee and Judea, "all the sick those afflicted with various diseases and pains" (4:25) he gives invitations to adopt certain attitudes and lifestyles so that his disciples can be in "a good place".

A better translation of the Hebrew is "blessed, rather than happy".

"Blessed are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven" - to live in a non-competitive, non-grasping way. Not to be self-satisfied. Saint Mother Teresa is an example.

"Blessed the humble; they shall have the earth for their heritage" - to be gentle and unselfish, rather than on the make. Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi are examples of this beatitude.

"Blessed are those who mourn, they shall be comforted". Blessed are those who are prepared to weep alongside the unfortunate rather than avoid them. Mary our Mother grieved for the effects of sin at the cross on Calvary.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied. Blessed Oscar Romero received death threats for speaking out for the poor. He was killed celebrating Mass in 1980.

"Blessed are the pure in heart; they shall see God" - To be pure in heart means no hypocrisy—to seek God alone as St Therese of Lisieux did.

"Blessed are the peace-makers; they shall be called children of God" To make is to restore broken relationships. The two young Brisbane men who began "Orange Sky" to wash the clothes of the homeless show us how to restore people's dignity and build relationships.

To live the beatitudes now makes us vulnerable. The second part of each beatitude is God's action—of comforting, satisfying, mercy, etc. It is our faith and hope that God will bless us.

.....Kevin McIntosh

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.



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.

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.

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.

GREAT PASTOR: Last Friday, Fr Joe McMahon, Pastor Emeritus, entered eternal life aged 80 years after battling cancer for 12 years. Joe grew up in West Preston. He was educated by the Good Samaritan Sisters in his parish and then by the Christian Brothers in Fitzroy and East Melbourne. He was ordained in 1962. From 1968 to 1976 he was chaplain at the Parkville Juvenile Justice Centre. In 1976 to 1989, he was Vice-Rector of Corpus Christi College, Clayton forming our priests. Then he was parish priest of Newport and Spotswood to 2015 when he retired.

His nephew is Fr Joe Caddy, P.P Fitzroy and Director of Catholic Social Services. Both uncle and nephew celebrated the Eucharist together in recent days.

Fr Joe was insightful, humble and a great reader.

MORE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES NEEDED:

Following the Bourke Street tragedy, Australia's most prominent mental health advocate Patrick McGorry said Victoria's mental health system was under siege following a 50 per cent increase in those seeking treatment without any significant funding increase. He said early intervention was crucial in treating young people with psychosis, but many were unable to find a bed in the public mental health system.

BETTER PRISON SERVICES NEEDED: In Victoria, there are a record number of prisoners—6500. Almost 30% are remand prisoners who according to Ombudsman Deborah Glass in a 2015 report, are getting no access to mental health and behavioural programs that might assist them on release.

- Greg Barns of Australian Lawyers Alliance - published 22 January 2017.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS will be meeting on **Wednesday February 1** in the Parish Centre at 8.00pm.

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: Over the past year the LAP team in Jakarta have taken on the care of eighteen additional children living with HIV AIDS. The Team is now caring for a total of ninety four children, with our Parish providing a significant amount of the funds required for the children's nutrition and medication. As part of the Parish's ongoing commitment to support the LAP team, a fundraising appeal will be held at all Masses on the weekend of **February 18/19**. 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 **17 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.

SISTER ELLEN HOLLAND: was in a group of seven Sisters of St Joseph of who came to Werribee from Ireland to care for the seminarians in 1950. These religious women left Ireland never expecting to return. They gave great service at Werribee and later Glen Waverley and Clayton.

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: meets at St Anne's Church at 10.00am on Thursdays. Meetings will resume this **Thursday February 2**. All welcome, including children. For further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 9744 4029.

THEOLOGY AT THE PUB FEBRUARY; MADE FOR GREATNESS—How to achieve great things in a world that is willing to settle. After setting out in 2006, Sam Clear walked from the eastern most point of Brazil, through South America, Central America and North America, across Siberia on the Trans-Siberian Railway and on foot again from Moscow to the western most point of Spain, to encourage people to pray for Christian Unity.

Having to find food and water every day and relying on the hospitality of complete strangers, he as mugged at knife point, threatened at gun point, bashed on the side of the road, came face to face with dangerous animals and experienced temperatures from 33°C to 47°C, yet through it all what stood tall was love in action under the most incredible circumstances.

Sam is an internationally renowned speaker who will be kicking off our new look Theology@thepub in 2017. He will be speaking about the challenges facing young people today as we strive for greatness in a world that is more often than not willing to settle for mediocrity.

Where: European Bier Café, Level 1, 120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne
When: **Monday 6 February 2017**. Dinner & drinks from 6.30pm. Talk Commences at 7.30pm. Audience: 18-35 year olds.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Val McManus **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Lucette Debono St Anne's Church – Nil **COUNTERS** Kelly Stark Vern Walters Maureen Walters **GIFT SHOP:** Carmel Wiegerink Frances Ariens **LECTORS:** Paul Fanning Peter Readman Mimi Quatrone Teresa Quin **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** 5.30pm Dawn Westwood Sue Wight Patricia & Angelo Altair Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Vicki Heath Paul Hogan 8.30am Liz Richards Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen Carmel Wiegerink 10.30am Moira Sullivan Julie Reddan Anne Smith Sylvester D'Souza John & Sheila Stafford Aileen & Terry Sweeney 5.30pm Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco