



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

12 February 2017
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Teresa DILLON Violeta MARIANO
 Bernadette NOONAN Jim O'BRIEN Sean MCINTYRE Kevin PHELAN Jinky RITCHIE
 Frank WALKER Beth WARBURTON

Recently Deceased: Aldo DE MATTIA
 Muriel POUNDER-PAICE Fr David PRICE

Anniversaries: Babette ARANDEZ
 Georgina CHETCUTI Richard D'SOUZA

Special Collection

This weekend

Sr Jose` Noy Golden Jubilee

Special Collection

Next Weekend Overseas

Humanitarian Project

RELATING TO OTHERS

Today we are at the third of four Sundays where we hear the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-48). We began by hearing the Beatitudes and last Sunday we learnt we are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Today, the gospel presents Jesus reinterpreting the Instructions (The Law) of Moses. Jesus is not abolishing the earlier teaching from Moses but deepening it. Jesus is radicalizing earlier teachings. He wants to plant a value in the human heart, not a mere prohibition.

I shall look at two commandments "You shall not kill..." and "You must not break your oath".

Contrasting the prohibition "You shall not kill", Jesus addresses the anger in the human heart that can lead to an insult and injury of others of which murder would be simply an extreme outcome. Reconciliation with an aggrieved brother or sister is so supremely important as to take priority over the duty of worship.

Particularly noteworthy is Jesus' delicate advice: Not "if **you** have something against your sister or brother" but "if you remember (suspect) that your brother or sister has something against you".... go and be reconciled first" then worship.

The second area "You must not break your oath" is about fidelity in relationships. Jesus says not to take oaths. In the kingdom there should be trust and faithfulness so that the word of members is taken seriously. We know how important in our relationships is telling the truth. Lies and spin cause untold grief.

These areas of Jesus' teaching unite to show that human life is essentially relational and flourishes where respect, faithfulness and consideration of the other person prevail.

COMMISSIONING OUR SERVANT-LEADERS IN EDUCATION: Today at 10.30am Mass, we are praying for these student- leaders, teachers, support staff, pastoral associates, RCIA team and catechist who have willingly taken on the service of leadership in our parish for 2017. They are being sent out by our parishioners today.

CHRISTIANITY IN ACTION: The think tank Theos released a report in December 2016 that Christians across Britain are making an unprecedented contribution to society through their social action including work with the homeless, with the elderly, in food banks and in counselling.

The numbers of Christians has dropped from 72% of the population in 2001 to 59% in the 2011 census. "There may be fewer Christians but they are doing more." the report stated.

SISTERS OF MERCY HELPING HOMELESS WOMEN: Recently the Australian Institute of Mercy Sisters opened a new 25 bed facility in Melbourne to care for homeless women. The Institute invested \$7million and the Victorian Government invested \$4 million to set up the facility.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING: Pope Francis has declared this day as it is near the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita patron saint of Sudan and of victims of slavery. Born in 1869, Josephine was kidnapped as a child from Africa in 1876 and sold into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister in Italy. She died in 1947 and was canonized in 2000. The UN estimates today one in every three victims of trafficking is a child. More details at <http://acrath.org.au> (ACRATH= Australian Catholic Religious against trafficking of humans)

POPE BAPTISES: On Sunday January 8 Pope Francis baptized 28 infants in the Sistine Chapel. In his short homily he said he liked to think of our Lord's first sermon as his crying in the stable in Bethlehem. And if your children are crying because they are hungry, the Pope told the mothers present, then go ahead and feed them, just as Mary breastfed Jesus.

POPE CONDEMNS EASE OF ACCESS TO WEAPONS: On January 9 Pope Francis gave his annual "state of the world" address to the ambassadors of the 182 states with diplomatic relations with the Vatican. He said the easy access to the sale of weapons, small and large is sparking conflicts around the world and creating a climate of fear.

He also said "I appeal to all religious authorities to join in reaffirming unequivocally that one can never kill in God's name."

.....Kevin McIntosh

The following child from our parish will be baptized this Sunday:
Blake KEILY
We joyfully welcome her to our parish community.



SACRAMENT PROGRAM DATES FOR NON CATHOLIC

SCHOOL CHILDREN: our parish offers Sacrament preparation and celebration to children who do not attend Catholic Schools. It is important that parents attend the Registration and information sessions for the relevant sacrament so their child can receive the full benefits of the program.

The registration and information dates are as follows:

- **Reconciliation on Tuesday 28 February 2pm or 7.30pm Parish Centre**
- **First Eucharist on Tuesday 21 February at 7.30pm or Wednesday 22 February at 2pm in Parish Centre**
- **Confirmation on Tuesday 13 June at 7.30pm or Wednesday 14 June at 2pm in Parish Centre**

All relevant dates and forms will be given out at the meetings. Sunbury state schools have all been notified.

CONGRATULATIONS SR JOSE' ON GOLDEN JUBILEE:

*It was a great privilege for me to celebrate my Religious Profession with others -23 Josephites who came from all over Australia, New Zealand, Peru and Ireland. We gathered at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney recalling the marvels God has done in and through us these past 50 years. On **Sunday 26 Feb at 10.30am Mass** I have the joy to celebrate with you and to thank God for the gift of Religious Life here in OLMC Parish, Sunbury. Please come and join each other in the Parish Centre immediately after Mass.... Sr Jose'*

Please RSVP to the Parish Office **asap** on 9744 1060 for catering purposes. Please bring a plate to share.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY: to all the couples of our parish on 14 February. Remember to remind your loved one how much they mean to you, today and always. And thank God for the gift of love in your life.



In an article from CatholicCare dated 2 February, "little things often" is what is necessary for a satisfying relationship. There are little, day to day opportunities to say 'you are important to me' that will make all the difference: a smile, a touch, a thoughtful gesture, a positive interpretation- they all help build a strong, rewarding and vibrant relationship." Did you know a six second kiss and hug is long enough to produce the oxytocin hormone which bonds people together?

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. Tickets need to be purchased by Friday 10 Feb. No tickets at the door.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 14 Feb	10.30am	Evergreens Committee	St Anne's
	2.00pm	Steering Committee for New school	
	7.30pm	Inter Church Council	St Mary's
Wed 15 Feb	1.30pm	Parish/Schools Co-Ordination	
	7.30pm	Liturgy Planning	

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: In a report on the ABC last year it was estimated that 20,000 children in Indonesia are living with HIV and face a dire future. In response to this crisis, LAP team, attached to the Catholic University in Jakarta has been caring for around 100 children living with HIV in that city's slums. As part of the Parish's ongoing commitment, we will be holding a fundraising appeal for the LAP team at all Masses next week end and hope that you will continue to support this worthy cause. Thank you. Mick Hetherington, Frank O'Connor, Julie Reddan and Tony Kiley

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.

EVERGREENS COMMITTEE MEETING: will be held on Tuesday 14 February at 10.30am in St Anne's Chapel.

The Evergreens activities have been arranged for the coming months. All activities are held in the Parish Centre- commencing at 1pm and concluding by 2.45pm. Dates are March 21, May 23, July 18, September 19.

Additional activities may be organized this year. All retired parishioners are invited to attend these activities- no retired parishioner is "too young or too old". It is an opportunity to get together and meet your fellow parishioners.

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: For the next two weeks, there will be the final hearing in Sydney involving the Catholic Church. Archbishop Denis Hart has written a letter for all Catholics which is on our website and on the noticeboard.

"For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic community and for many in the wider Australian community, this hearing may be a difficult and even distressing time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how this evil occurred.

"Over the next three weeks, evidence presented during the Royal Commission hearings will be analysed, statistics about the extent of abuse will be made public, and the way forward will be explored. Many of our Bishops and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Royal Commission. They will explain what the Church has been doing to change the old culture that allowed abuse to continue, to put in place new policies, structures and protections to safeguard children and vulnerable persons and to respond effectively when allegations of abuse are made."

Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to, "find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated."

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: *Invest in your most precious asset..... Your Marriage!* Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. 2017 Melbourne weekend dates : 24-26 March, 28-30 July, 17-19 November, 2017 Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website:www.wwme.org.au*

HELP PLEASE: a parishioner needs assistance from anyone who can translate and write in Croatian. Please call Anton on 9740 7252.

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

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Narelle Anderson **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Michelle Fettes St Anne's Church – Nil **COUNTERS** Kaye Roche Tony Tanti Ian Burnside **GIFT SHOP:** Pat & Peter Readman John Porta **LECTORS:** Felicity Wicks Della Oswald Elaine Van der Weerden Kevin Crowley **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharma Angelo Snell Jim O'Brien Dawn Westwood Sue Wight **8.30am** Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen Carmel Wiegerink Tom Allen **10.30am** Johanna Fahey Julie Reddan Tony Hendy Mick Hetherington Teresa Kiploks Sr Jose' Noy Mimi Quattrone Mark Perry **5.30pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco