



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

BULLA, CLARKEFIELD, DIGGERS REST,
SUNBURY, WILDWOOD

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Liturgy Times this Week

Mon	9.15am	St Anne's—Liturgy of Word
Tues:	6.30pm	OLMC
Wed:	9.30am	St Anne's— Ash Wednesday
	12.30pm	OLMC
	7.00pm	St Anne's
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
	7.30pm	OLMC— World Day of Prayer
Fri:	9.15am	St Anne's
Sat	5.30pm	St Anne's
Sun	8.30am	St Anne's
	10.30am	St Anne's
	5.30pm	OLMC

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

26 February 2017
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Psalm Response

Rest in God alone, my soul.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Catherine BRADFORD Matthew FLANAGAN Rubina LAKEY Violeta MARIANO Bernadette NOONAN Sean MCINTYRE Kevin PHELAN Jinky RITCHIE Beth WARBURTON

Recently Deceased: Vera BLACKMAN Teresa DILLON George HARBOUR Fr Justin KING SJ Leo MILESI Despina PASHALLIS Frank WALKER

Anniversaries: Vincenzo BRULLO John FERNANDES Joe GRECH Bill HOGBIN David & Val KENNEDY Danny KILGARIFF Irene KINDER Frank MILLETT Gloria MILNE Garry REDDAN Jack REDDAN Esme RODRIGUES Ashby ROMEO Rene TYQUIN

TRUST IN GOD- GOD WILL PROVIDE

It is providential that the readings set down for today as we celebrate Sister Jose` 50 years as a Sister of St Joseph are the readings used on the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, one of the founders of the Sisters of St Joseph.

Our gospel reading is from the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is teaching us not to be distracted (a better translation of the Greek 'to be worried') from focusing on the Kingdom of God which needs to be our first priority. Jesus is using poetic exaggeration-of course, he knows we need food, clothing and shelter. If we trust in the love of God we will not be inordinately attached to material possessions.

Our first reading from the Prophet Isaiah teaches us God has an intimate love for us like a woman for her baby, the fruit of her womb.

In 1874, Mary MacKillop wrote: "When I could not see my way God kept my heart full of trust." Mary grew up in Melbourne in difficult economic circumstances due to her father's poor managing. "My life as a child was one of sorrows, my home, when I had it, a most unhappy one." During these times, Mary often heard her mother, Flora say "God will provide." Mary carried this attitude throughout her life.

JOSE` NOY- A FOLLOWER OF MARY MACKILLOP

102 years after the birth of Mary MacKillop in Fitzroy in 1842, Jose` Noy was born in Arnhem, Holland, the sixth child of Joseph and Mary Noy. She was born into a difficult time. The Nazis had occupied the Noy family home since May 1940. The Noy family were expelled from their home and lived for five years in a coolstore a type of animal barn without heating in the snow on their farm.

In 1951, the Noy family came to Victoria for the benefit of the children and moved around a number of places until they settled in Whittlesea. Jose` attended eight primary schools. Her secondary education was at Santa Maria College, Northcote. Just as Mary MacKillop was a clerical worker in a Melbourne bookstore before teaching, so Jose` was a clerical worker at the Trades Hall for a couple of years before she entered religious life to be a teacher.

Mary MacKillop sent her Sisters in two's to small towns in rural areas in 1869 so Jose` has been sent to small towns- Iona in 1969 and later to Gordon in 1978. Jose` has lived most of her religious life in small groups of one or two sisters.

After being a teacher and a principal, Jose` became a pastoral associate in parishes from 2000. In 2011, she came to our parish.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Today we welcome Jose` s siblings: Wilma, Mary, Christine and Bill. Hank, her brother is not well enough to join us. We welcome Jose` s religious family, Kerry Cusack, Province Leader and other Sisters of St Joseph.

Friendship is a primary gospel value. Jesus said: "You are my friends" (John 15:14) Jose` has maintained friends from many of the places in which she has served. We welcome some fifty of her friends who have travelled here today.

We, Sunbury parishioners, have been blessed by the love, care and friendship of Jose` - as someone aptly said: "She is always smiling."

Congratulations Jose` , May the Lord continue to bless you in the gift of your vocation as a Sister of St Joseph.

.....Kevin McIntosh



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

Jacob & Madeleine HAZELDENE
Sienna STEVENS
Mia AVILA
Eva SCOWN



We joyfully welcome them 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**
- **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.

LENTEN PROGRAMME: this year we will explore "The Gift" that we have of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The following topics will be covered during the six week program:- The Father's Loving Plan, The Joy of the Gospel, The Gift of the Spirit, Unwrapping God's Gift, Encountering God's Spirit and Living in the Spirit.

Morning sessions will be held at 10.00 am on Thursdays commencing on March 2nd. The first evening session will be on Tuesday February 28th at 7.30 pm. The rest of the evening sessions will be on Thursdays at 7.30 pm. All sessions will be at St. Anne's Church.

The topic for the first week is "The Father's Loving Plan".

REMINDER OF SUNDAY EVENING MASS: will resume at OLMC Church at 5.30pm next Sunday, 5 March.

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

EVERGREENS COMMITTEE MEETING: 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.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to the newest member of our Altar Server team - Laura Carville. Please offer her your congratulations.

OUR OVERSEAS AID PROJECT LAP: Last Sunday, our parishioners donated \$3207 to help the orphan children with AIDS in the slums of Jakarta where the Catholic University of Jakarta has a program to give these children milk and vitamins. Since 2013, our parishioners have donated \$43000.

ASH WEDNESDAY- 1 MARCH 2017: will signal the start of the Church season of Lent. Lent is a time to recall our baptism and to seek to make ourselves better people by living true Christian values. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (14 April) are days of Fasting and abstinence from meat. On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- Prayer-personal or communal prayer in any form. Archbishop Hart recommends 15 minutes at night slowly reading, praying and reflecting on the daily gospel. Pope Francis reminds us that "The Word is a gift".
- Self Denial- could include giving to Project Compassion or Fasting. Self Denial frees our mind and our resources. What money or time we do not spend on ourselves, we need to spend on the benefit of others.
- Helping Others- look to our neighbours and family who may need support in any way. Don't forget the aged, the lonely, the sick, the refugees. If you can reach-out during Lent, it is a good time to start.

Lent is an opportunity to improve the way we live out our Christian values and to make our lives and the lives of others better.

Ash Wednesday Masses are as follows:

- 9.30am St Anne's (with St Anne's Primary School)
- 12.30pm OLMC (with OLMC Primary School)
- 7.00pm St Anne's

Archbishops Message for Lent 2017: a message from Archbishop Denis Hart is on the Noticeboard in the foyer of St Anne's Church.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: on Thursday 2 March at 7.30pm at OLMC Church, a special service will be held focusing on World Day of Prayer. This year we focus on the Philippines and the needs of their people. Supper will be served after this service. Prayers composed by the women of the Philippines.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS: many churches in Australia have encouraged their members- and all Australians- to respond to the needs of asylum seekers and refugees. Knowing and understanding the situation stirs us to commit to action. Following is a prayer from the National Council of Churches in Australia for our brothers and sisters around the world (this prayer is for the people of Syria):

Father, countless lives of your precious Children have been taken by this conflict which now spans 5 years. Through one of the worst humanitarian crises of our time, we want to remember that you deeply love all children.

Please carry them safely through this conflict, hold them closely in places of refuge and wrap them in your tender compassion may their fathers, mothers, teachers and community leaders seek to protect them from the severity of pain.

FRANCISCAN SISTERS & BROTHERS: in Damascus, Syria, are caring for the local people, Christians and Muslims. The sisters have set up a home for cancer patients and a crèche for children. Two of the brothers drove to Aleppo on 15 January where they saw whole suburbs wiped out. There are only a few hours of water and electricity each day. The Franciscans are the only foreigners in the town. They

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Lynne Dillon **CLEANING:** OLMC Church- Yvonne Sparks St Anne's Church - Nil **COUNTERS** Frank Busuttill Jenny & Peter Ryan Tony Tanti **GIFT SHOP:** Carmel Wiegerink Pam Fairbairn **LECTORS:** Moira Sullivan Colin & Coreen Wilson Mary Macdermid Alan Slocombe **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:** **5.30pm** Albert & Diana Mastramico Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Carmel Pritchard Barry Roberts **8.30am** Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Monica Allen Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson **10.30am** Grace Tucker Terry & Aileen Sweeney Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davis **5.30pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco