



# 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	OLMC
Mon	9.15am	St Anne's—Liturgy of Word
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**

**5 March 2017**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**

## Psalm Response

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of  
endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every  
word that comes from the mouth of God.

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endless glory!

## LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Joan ATKINS Catherine BRADFORD  
Bruce CROWE Matthew FLANAGAN Peter  
HAYES Rubina LAKEY Violeta MARIANO  
Sean MCINTYRE Kevin PHELAN  
Keith SNOWDEN

**Recently Deceased:** Luke CONVERSANO  
Fr Paul MAHER PE

**Anniversaries:** Emmanuel ATTARD Peter  
CANNON Stella CARUANA Philomena  
FRANCIS Alec MCCOLGEN Rose  
MCVEIGH Francis MILLETT Charlie  
MUSCAT Vincent MUSCAT Maxine  
O'CONNELL Vera OWENS Edgar  
RODRIGUES Pauline SAMMIT Jelka  
ZONNEVELD



## THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent lasts for forty days. We do penance for forty days because Jesus fasted for forty days in the desert. Why did Jesus choose forty not seven, ten or fifty? We look back at the Old Testament and there we find three stories. Noah and companions spent forty days in the ark. Moses spent forty days atop Mt Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments. The people of Israel spent forty years wandering around in the desert.

Why forty? Could it be that a human being normally has to spend forty weeks in the mother's womb before facing the world? Someone long ago decided that new things are well worth the wait. And all the biblical 40's were periods of waiting for something new.

Words like *new, anew, renew, renewal...* suggest that Lent is a preparation time for something new. Each of the biblical forties was a necessary prelude to the birth of something new. In Noah's case it was the birth of a new world following the destruction by flood of a sinful world. In Moses' case it was the birth of the new people of the covenant. For the wandering Israelites, it was the start of a new settled existence in the Promised Land. And what was it in the case of Jesus? It was the start of a new mission. Up to that point Jesus had been a carpenter. From this point forward Jesus was to establish a new Israel, a new people of God, a people liberated from the letter of the law and governed by the Spirit of love.

To achieve his purpose Jesus had to confront the old enemy and fight him for mastery. Referring back to the story of Moses and the Israelites, Pharaoh did not take kindly to the loss of his slaves and cheap labour. Likewise, when Jesus begins his mission of liberation, Satan, that other slave master, did not take kindly to this newcomer trespassing on his territory and threatening to snatch people from his grasp.

The testing of Jesus in the desert was a power struggle between the Lord of Light and the Prince of Darkness. It was a battle between the forces of Good and the forces of Evil. Jesus defeats all the clever tactics of Satan and comes out a winner. An even greater victory was to come later. When the forces of evil put Jesus to death, they thought they had won the day. They thought wrongly, because through his death on the cross and through his resurrection Jesus snatched victory from the jaws of defeat.

As we prepare for Easter what tactics shall we use to defeat the old enemy? Jesus used prayer, fasting and humble giving. It is suggested we use the same tactics. The season of Lent is about newness, but unfortunately we find it too easy to slip back into our old ways. We need help and support from God and from each other because it is so hard to walk alone. Lent is the liturgical season when we put special effort into the ongoing struggle against sin in our lives. We do this through forty days of prayer and self-discipline as we prepare to rise to new life with Christ at Easter. Jesus calls us to repent and believe the Good news. To repent is to turn away from a destructive path and to follow Jesus along a new path. Jesus overcame every temptation that would have diverted him from his mission so that he could lead us on the path to salvation.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

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

Emmy COWLING  
Veni KUDALA  
Hazel D'AGOSTINO  
Thomas DALTON  
Marley WIECKOWSKI  
Rowan GRIFFITHS

We joyfully welcome them to our parish community.



**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.

Evergreens will be hosting Morning tea after 8.30am Mass this weekend.



**THANK YOU:** Dear Parishioners, thank you for celebrating with me, my Golden Jubilee. Your thoughts, prayers and good wishes are much appreciated. Your generous "gift" overwhelms me! My special thanks to Frs Kevin and Bert for leading the "Mass for Religious Profession" where in I renewed my Vows in the presence of my family, friends and the Sisters of St Joseph and the whole assembly. I have received the Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis for the many years of religious life.

You, my parishioners my joy, who share my daily life here in Sunbury, I thank you for your continued welcome and hospitality. Each of you in your own way influences me to keep faithful to serving God and his people. My thanks go to the Office Staff who helped me prepare the luncheon and Parish Centre, their time was much appreciated. May you experience the blessings of good health, hope, contentment and peace. With love and gratitude, Jose`



**INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS OF PREP 2018:** will be held this Wednesday 8 March at 10.30am and 7.30pm in our Parish Centre. Enrolment packs for parents will be available at the meeting which will last less than one hour.

**SALESIAN COLLEGE COUNCIL:** will meet on Tuesday 7 March at 6pm.

**"INNER PEACE DIVINE LOVE":** is the theme of a retreat one night a week for a month beginning this Tuesday 7 March from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at the Corpus Christi Spirituality Centre, 855 Mickleham Rd, Greenvale. The retreat is a guided prayer retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Enquires AnneMaree 0413 853 060.

#### MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:

Tues 14 March	12.30pm	Sunbury Ministers	St Anne's
	6.30pm	Parents & Preps	St Anne's School
Wed 15 March	6.30pm	Parents & Preps	OLMC School
Thur 16 March	7.30pm	Home Group Leaders	Parish Centre

**REMINDER OF SUNDAY EVENING MASS:** resumes at OLMC Church at 5.30pm today.

**LENT 2017:** 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.

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

**FOR OUR LENTEN PROGRAMME** this year we are exploring "The Gift" that we have of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Morning sessions will be held after Mass on Thursdays at 9.45 am. Evening sessions will be at 7.30 pm on Thursdays. All sessions will be at St. Anne's Church. The topic for this week is "The Joy of the Gospel".

**CARELINK:** was established and funded in 1996 by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne to coordinate and manage the ongoing care and support to the survivors of sexual and other forms of abuse and their families, perpetrated by clergy and other individuals appointed or employed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Partners and families are also supported by Carelink.

Carelink's framework represents an important collaborative endeavor intended to support our clients in receiving timely high-quality recovery-oriented care provided by professional external health service providers and support agencies. The aim is to improve experiences in the continued care of survivors.

For any assistance please call 1300 810 957. Brochures are available on the Welcome Desk at St Anne's Church.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:** in 2015, Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral— and not simply an economic— act."

Cocoa is a key ingredient of chocolate.

Much of the chocolate sold in Australia is

made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions.

To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate look for any of the three certifications symbols on the wrappers: FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ.



**OUR LADY OF TA PINU SHRINE:** Monday 13 March from 10am will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. With Procession, Reconciliation, Reflection and prayer, Way of the Cross and Holy Mass. Flyers available on the Welcome Desk at St Anne's Church. All are welcome.

#### ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

**ALTAR CARE:** Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Deborah Hoey Win Birt St Anne's Church – Skeeter Jacob Cedric D'Souza Jo

**COUNTERS** Jack Sullivan Mimi Quattrone Janet Elliott Kerry Sanford **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer John Porta **LECTORS:** Angelo Altair

Joe Kloss Des Dowling Teresa Quin **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Patricia & Angelo Altair Mary Baensch Anne Burnside Vicki Heath Jim O'Brien Garnet Jacob Paul Fanning **8.30am** Tom Allen Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Lili Lupa Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Liz Richards **10.30am** Bernadette Anderson John Bottams Christine Cassar Johanne Dajic Judith Davies Olga Ellul Johanna Fahey Tony Hendy **5.30pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco