



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
Tue	11am	Chrim Mass- Cathedral
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
	4.00pm	Lions Hostel

Easter Timetable Over the Page

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

9th April 2017

Palm Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm Response: Psalm 21:8-9,17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:8-9

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Joan ATKINS Bruce CROWE
Matthew FLANAGAN Anna GRAVINA
Peter HAYES Violeta MARIANO Louie SPITERI Pasquale VILLELLA

Recently Deceased: Joe EMERY Fr Jim KIERCE Kath KILGARIFF

Anniversaries: Victor FERNANDEZ John WRIGHT Joe MALLIA

Special Collection next week: Good Friday- Holy Places Annual Collection

THE WOUNDED HEALER

Today's reading of the passion from the Gospel of Matthew is the reading of a love story. It is the story of a person who shows his love by laying down his life for his friends. Jesus ignored the taunt of those who mocked him saying: **'If you are the Christ, come down from the cross.'** If Christ came down from the cross that would have been quite a spectacle. But, at the same time, he would have contradicted what he preached. After Peter declared Jesus to be the Christ, Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Christ has to suffer and to die on the cross. As the suffering Messiah Jesus would take his stand by suffering humanity. The Devil had dangled before Jesus this last enticing temptation to come down from the cross, but Jesus was not to be outwitted by Satan, the Master Tempter. It was by the cross and through the cross that Jesus would be the Saviour of the world.

An ancient legend recounts how the Devil tried to get into heaven by pretending to be the risen Christ. The Devil, being a master of disguises, took with him a legion of demons dressed up as angels of light. He stood before the gates of heaven and intoned the words of Psalm 24: **'O gates lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter the king of glory.'** The angels looked down on the one they mistook for their king returning triumphant from the grave. So they joyfully shouted back the next line from the psalm: **'Who is the King of glory?'** It was then that the Devil made a fatal mistake. In every aspect but one he was just like Christ. When the angels in heaven thundered the words: **'Who is the King of glory?'** the Devil opened his arms triumphantly and said, **'I am the King of glory.'** In that very act of arrogance he showed the angels he was an impostor, and they refused to let him enter. The angels knew he was an impostor because they saw no wounds in his hands. (**'Ascending the Mountain'** by Geoffrey Plant, John Garratt Publishing, 2010, pp 48-49.)

In one account of the appearances of the Risen Christ in Luke's Gospel the evangelist recounts that the Risen Jesus bore the marks of the Passion. After the two disciples recounted their experience on the road to Emmaus to the other disciples, Jesus appeared again. The disciples were startled. They supposed they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus said to them, **'Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts?'** He then showed them his hands and his feet. We all remember the words of Doubting Thomas: **'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made; and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'** A week later Jesus made a special appearance for Thomas's sake, showing him the wounds in his hands and side, and inviting him to test the evidence for himself. The Risen Christ is recognized by the marks of the Passion, and Thomas doubts no longer but believes. St Peter reminds us what Christ has done for us. **'He was bearing our sins in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our sins and live for righteousness; through his wounds you have been healed.'** (1 Peter 2:24)

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Bill Dillon whose wife of 53 years Margaret, entered eternal life on 29 March Margaret was an only child living with her mother. In 1963, she married Bill who was one of eleven children living on a farm in Sunbury. They were blessed with four children. In her memoirs she wrote how amazing it was to become part of such a large and happy family. Margaret always joined us at Sunday Mass until she became ill..

We offer to David Kilgariff and the extended Kilgariff and Tyquin families as his mother Kath entered eternal life on 1 April. Kath was one of seven children growing up on a farm in Diggers Rest. Kath and her husband Mike, who proceeded her into eternal life in 2010, had three children who had cystic fibrosis which led to Jeannie and Danny dying as children. Kath joined us at Sunday Mass until her sickness two years ago.

FATHER JIM KIERCE: our oldest Melbourne priest aged 91 years entered eternal life on Thursday. Jim grew up in Garfield, Gippsland. He was one of ten Melbourne priests ordained in the last ordination ceremony by Archbishop Daniel Mannix in July 1952. As an assistant priest, he was at West Preston and East Melbourne. He began the new parish of Altona North in 1965. Then he was appointed to Greensborough where he served for 32 years until 2003. I was one of the nineteen assistant priests (generally two assistants together) lived and worked with Jim at Greensborough. He was very hospitable. He invited my family to barbecues at the presbytery. I was an assistant then in 1977 to 1980 and later in 1986 when there was no accommodation in the new parish of Greensborough North. Jim took me in as a boarder for two years. In his retirement his former assistant, Fr Terry Bergin, took in Fr Jim at Kingsbury Parish where he helped. His funeral Mass in on Wednesday at 11am at St Mary's Greensborough.
.... Kevin Mc Intosh

OUR PARISH DONKEY: we thank the Honner family for looking after our donkey on their farm. The donkey will feature on the "Melbourne Catholic" website this week re-enacting Palm Sunday. The donkey is aged 25 years and in good condition.

PROJECT COMPASSION: is a way our parish supports almsgiving through helping Caritas Australia. Caritas is one of the major international aid agencies and they help build up marginalized areas around the world. We ask for the boxes to be returned by the Easter weekend so that we can send the funds to Caritas.

Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our redeemer, to suffer, to die and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion this entry which began his saving work, and let us follow him with a lively faith. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life. If you would like more information please call 1800 024 413.

COMMUNITY APPROACH NEEDED TO PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE: from 1 January 2017 new laws called Child Safety Standards (CSS) were put in place. **The CSS are in place to change the culture of treatment of children and vulnerable adults.** If anyone is aware of an instance of child abuse we are now legally required to report it. Anyone who does not report a known abuse situation can be legally charged.

PREP 2018 CLOSING DATE: Friday 21 April is the closing date for applications for enrolment in our Prep classes at our parish schools. 225 families have collected an enrolment pack. As there are 146 places, families are advised not to be late. School offices re-open on Tuesday 18 April

REMEMBRANCE CARDS: our parish offers cards of remembrance to parishioners who would like to remember those who cannot be with us throughout the time of Easter. If it due to distance or loss that loved ones are not with us, we can still remember and pray for them at this time. Please take a card from either of our churches and place in the basket.

YOUTH SUNDAY: 9 APRIL 2017. The Catholic Church observes Youth Sunday this weekend. Please remember to pray for the youth as they grow up in this changing world and have pressures that are different to those of other generations. Please pray that they continue to grow in faith and that they carry the Word of God with them as they journey through life.

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

Erica & Harriet BHATTI

Zara MCLAREN

Lily MEAFUA

We joyfully welcome them to our parish community.



KINDER KINDA: our parish has been involved with Kinda Kinder program for a few years now. It is a program where the Victoria University Early Childhood students gain experience in planning and executing an education based play session in our parish with children from toddler to pre-schoolers. Parents stay and watch on (and chat) as their children interact and play during the 1 hour session. Our program will start **Tuesday 2 May at 9am** and continue for 4 weeks in the Parish Centre. All welcome. After the Kinder Kinda program is finished, our parish runs an informal playgroup where parents can access the toys for their children and just interact with each other while the children play. We would encourage participants of Kinder Kinda program to continue to come along to build up social networks.

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sun 14 May at 11.00am. Reg can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au. Please note that reg closes on Fri 5 May.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: supports the church of the Holy Land. It promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres also rely on support from this collection. The collection also is relied upon to maintain the 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please also pray for peace and harmony will become a reality in the land where Jesus lived.

VOCATIONS NEWS: At the current time, the Archdiocese of Melbourne has thirty five students for the priesthood. 32 are studying at Corpus Christi College, our seminary in Carlton and three are studying in Rome. Please pray for these men and for more vocations to the priesthood for our local Church. Each one of us has a role to play in encouraging and praying for vocations from our parishes. When was the last time you prayed for vocations?

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: will not meet on Holy Thursday. Meetings will resume on Thursday April 20th.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: will meet on Wednesday 12 April at 7.30pm

EASTER TIMETABLE: One Feast over Three days

Mass of the Last Supper	Thursday 13 April	7.30pm	St Anne's Church
Way of the Cross	Friday 14 April	9.00am	OLMC Church
Combined Churches of Sunbury	Friday 14 April	10.00am	Memorial Hall, Village Green
Veneration of the Cross And Holy Communion	Friday 14 April	3.00pm	St Anne's Church
Easter Vigil Mass	Saturday 15 April	7.00pm	St Anne's Church
Easter Sunday	Sunday 16 April	8.30am & 10.30am	St Anne's Church

(please note no 5.30pm Mass Easter Sunday 16 April)

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Mary Porta **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Michelle Fettes St Anne's Church – Nil **COUNTERS** Parish Staff **GIFT SHOP:** Pat & Peter Readman Mary Wicks **LECTORS:** Holy Thursday: Felicity Wicks; Good Friday: Moira Sullivan & Jan Gavaghan; Easter Vigil: Della Oswald, Paul Fanning, Liam Daniels Teresa Quin; Easter Sunday: Joe Kloss Julie Reddan **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Easter Vigil Mass; 8.30am** Carmel Wiegerink Colin & Coreen Wilson Tom Allen Ann Chircop Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob **10.30am** Bernadette Anderson Julie Reddan Anne Smith Sylvester D'Souza John & Sheila Stafford Aileen & Terry Sweeney **5.30pm** No Mass Easter Sunday