



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
Thu	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
Principal: Julie Freeman

RECONCILIATION

OLMC Church 9.00am-9.30am next Saturday

Baptisms celebrated on Sundays. Please contact the Parish Office for details of the next Baptismal Preparation meeting.

27th August 2017

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm Response: Psalm 137:1-3,6,8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Rany AZORES Vince BOWELL Troy CHISHOLM Cyril DAVIS Maurice DAVIS Dominic FOSCHIA Eddie GRECH Lorraine LILBURN Corrie MCCONVILLE Abraham NINAN Kieran PRASAD Sr Mary ROWAN RSJ Loretta SPITERI Hannah THORNE Peter VERGARA Beth Warburton Richard WISNIEWSKI Nada ZUDETICH

Recently Deceased: Marie BERGIN Mary HENDY Sr Margaret LAFFAN R.S.C. Mary VELLA

Anniversaries: Antonia BOWELL Charles CALLEYA Vincenza CALLEYA Tiago RODRIGUES

PETER THE ROCK TO GUIDE AND UNIFY

SIMON REVEALS THE MESSIAH— THE CHRIST

Jesus asks the disciples what people are saying about him; Who do they think he is? He seeks to discover how his words and actions are being understood, thus preparing the disciples for their own assessment of him. The answers given are all religious figures who have already died. The people seem to believe that Jesus is a prophetic figure come back from the dead. Speaking in the name of others, Simon Peter proclaims that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus insists that the only reason why Peter could make such a testimony of faith was that Jesus' identity had been revealed to him by God. After this Jesus announces that his church will be founded on Peter.

PETER GIVEN A NEW NAME "ROCKY"

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build *my* church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about '*my* church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter like Pope Francis responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild *my* church'.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.

DESPITE SOME UNDEPENDABLE LEADERS, THE CHURCH STILL EXISTS AFTER 2000 YEARS

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure at the Passion of Jesus did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION BY THE POPE, TEACHERS AND PARENTS:

As we reflect today on Peter's mission to guide and to teach, we are all called to guide and teach, leading others to the reign of God by interpreting the signs of the times, our culture with the light of Christian faith.

By our Baptism, we have the Holy Spirit within us to spread the good news of Jesus by our actions and sometimes by our words.

This Sunday, we are celebrating Catholic education, our OLMC school for 157 years, our Salesian College for 90 years, our St Anne's for 41 years and Holy Trinity selecting its first principal during next term.

As we rejoice in our great schools, let us pray for their future, that the Federal government will fund our schools fairly, that parents and teachers will continue to work for the full development— physical, mental and spiritual— of all our children.

100 YEARS AGO POPES PEACE NOTE REJECTED:

On 1s August 1917, Pope Benedict XV sent a 'peace note' to the warring nations, offering seven practical proposals for a negotiated peace settlement.

Since he became Pope in September 1914, he had a deep revulsion at the 'useless slaughter'. He was outraged by the brutal new methods of warfare, the horrors of the trenches, the torpedoing of passenger ships and merchant vessels, and the aerial bombardment of cities causing havoc to civilians.

The key proposals for negotiations were: the re-establishment of the moral force of international law; reciprocal disarmament; international arbitration of disputes; freedom of the seas; reciprocal renunciation of war reparations; evacuation and restoration of occupied territories; and the conciliatory negotiations of rival territorial claims.

The response was negative—neither side felt the moment was right for a peace initiative. The Germans felt they were winning with the Russians failing. Britain, France and Italy rejected the offer. The US president was critical. The war went on two more years. Many of Pope Benedict's proposals were later adopted during the 20th century. Papal diplomacy has been successful in healing the Cuba and USA differences this century.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to the family of Mary Elizabeth Vella who peacefully entered eternal life last Saturday aged 86 years. As a girl aged 11 years, she saw her parish church in Malta destroyed totally by bombing in 1942. In 1960, Mary migrated to Australia. She was our active devout parishioner for 44 years. She also loved gardening and the Geelong Cats attending Kardinia Park in her 80's. Her Funeral Mass was completed with the committal at Sunbury Cemetery on Friday.

.....Kevin McIntosh

PARISH MULTICULTURAL DAY: will be held on **Sunday 1 October** at 11am in the Parish Centre. Tickets cost \$10 and food will be provided. To take part in this great celebration of diverse cultures within our parish contact Garnet Jacob or the Parish Office. All proceeds will support the Parish Youth Group.

READ FR BERT'S REFLECTIONS on the Sunday Gospel on <https://www.facebook.com/olmcsunbury>. Many readings and reflections as well as the latest newsletter can be found on the parish website at <https://olmcsunbury.com>

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK:

Tues 29 August	12.30pm	Sunbury Ministers	St Andrews
	3.40pm	Combined Schools Staff	OLMC
Wed 30 August	8.45am	Parish/ School Planning Day	
Fri 1 September	11am	Holy Trinity Steering Comm	
Sat 2 September	9.30am	Annual Parish Assembly	Parish Centre

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

The following children from our Parish will be baptised this Sunday:

Diesel BARNES
Stella & Max CARTWRIGHT
Charlie SULZBERGER
Matilda TAYLOR
Rylee WHELAN

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



BLESSED MOTHER MARY BIRTHDAY FEAST— will be celebrated on Friday 8 September at 9.15am Mass with a cuppa afterwards. All welcome.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY: will be held as usual on next **Saturday 2 September** from 9.30am— 12 noon in the Parish Centre.

We invite all parish groups to submit a written report detailing their highlights for the year and any support that they may need from the parish. Please submit to the Parish Office this week so they can be prepared on time. All welcome.

CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD: alternating between 5.30pm Saturday and 10.30 Sunday Masses in Term 3. . Fun activities and interaction are encouraged at the sessions. All are welcome.

Sessions are as follows:

Sunday 27 August	10.30am
Saturday 2 September	5.30pm
Sunday 10 September	10.30am
Saturday 16 September	5.30pm

NATIONAL DAY FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES: is observed this weekend. Pope Francis reminds us to remember those who are fleeing their homelands due to factors outside of their control. They are forced to leave their homes, work, friends— everything they love— to find safety for their families. The refugees and migrants face unknown challenges and are put into situations that are dangerous and exploitative.

Children in particular are vulnerable to being forced into exploitation. Our prayers and hopes are that refugees and migrants will be treated with dignity and compassionately as they escape to new lives.

FATHERS DAY APPEAL: on the weekend of 2/3 September, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Melbourne collect money for the needs of retired priests. Currently priests retire at 75 years old with most serving over 50 years in parishes throughout Melbourne. 81 Melbourne priests are currently retired. Please give generously to those who have served us throughout the years. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Envelopes are on the pews.

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: As part of the Parish's ongoing commitment to support the LAP Team caring for children living with HIV AIDS in Jakarta, a fundraising appeal will be held at all Masses on the weekend of the 9th/10th September.

We thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause. Victoria Fitzpatrick, Mick Hetherington, Frank O'Connor, Julie Reddan and Tony Kiley

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS: the Spring 2017 edition titled—No One Is An Island-The Parish of the Highway, is now available. Please take one home from the Welcome Desk.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Julie Wright **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Snell Family **St Anne's Church** – Lisa Crotty Chris Perry Narelle Anderson
COUNTERS: Jovie & Faed Fabian Natalie Xerri **GIFT SHOP:** Carmel Wiegerink Teo Alvares **LECTORS** Moira Sullivan Colin & Coreen Wilson Sr Jose` Noy Mary Macdermid **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Albert & Diana Mastramico Val McManus Sashi Nair Eileen Naylor Jennifer Poon Sigurd Rodrigues 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