



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
Tues	11.00am	St Anne's Funeral Mass Margaret Kairuz
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.

3 September 2017

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm Response: Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Acclamation: Ephesians 1:17,18

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Lily DE HAAS Luciana DI MARCO Margaret KAIRUZ Fr Joe PULIS SDB

Anniversaries: Anthony ATTARD Emanuel ATTARD Stella CARUANA Anne & Harry DENNER Mary DUGGAN Ted FANNING Sophie FERNANDES Charles MUSCAT Ann & Nevis REMEDIOUS Pauline SAMMIT Addy WRIGHT

FATHERHOOD

This Sunday we celebrate **Fathers' Day**. Here are some thoughts on the subject of **'Fatherhood'**. Before writing this article I decided to tap into the wisdom of a few parishioners. I sought out three Dads and three daughters (and mothers) and asked them to share with me their thoughts on the subject. This article is based on their experience.

One Dad began this way. *'Fatherhood is a gift from God. The ability to collaborate with your spouse and God to create new life from a promise of love is truly amazing.'* Wow! What a profound statement! Dad continues...*'During pregnancy, fathers, in my time, had the opportunity to follow the growth of the child during those intimate moments when Mum and Dad could both feel the child move within the womb. I was present at all the births of our six children; and each new-born child confirmed the miracle of God's creation.'* Again, WOW! *'Sharing the load of running the household – changing the nappies, bathing the kids, preparing meals, giving the kids piggy-back rides to bed – lightens the burden on Mum, the home-maker. This is all part of being a father. Letting your children see Mum and Dad showing love and affection is so important.'* I am sure many Dads can relate to all the above.

However, fatherhood is not all fun. Children can be very demanding. They want this and that. Sometimes the answer has to be 'NO!' **'Needs'** have to be met, but **'wants'** are different. A household has to live within its means. Limits have to be set, and children need to be disciplined when they step over the boundaries. Social skills and rules of fairness have to be learnt. Charity begins at home.

Fathers are not provided with a how-to-do-it manual when their first child arrives. All they have to go on is what they have learned from observing their fathers and other models of fatherhood. Example is the best teacher. And the best learners are the astute observers. We learn much through observation. We learn to discern what is good and what is bad. A bad father should not automatically create a bad son. There are other and better role models to choose from.

A daughter's thoughts: *'My Dad is a great guy. He taught me so much in my life. He instilled in me a great work ethic. He taught me to love and cherish my family. Dad always ends his calls or discussion with 'God bless you!' This blessing from my Dad is very special to me.'*

A Wife's thoughts: *'My husband is also a great guy. I'm very proud of him. A Dad's love is different to Mum's love. The kids feel loved, valued and protected by their Dad. He instils in his children a good work ethic. He reminds the children to respect their Mum when they start to be cheeky.'* A Dad who loves, respects and values his wife and children has ticked the right boxes for me.

Another daughter and wedded wife shared her thoughts. *'Fathers are nurturing and make it a priority to be involved in educating the children. Dads are eager to help and guide their children on the road to maturity, to be their Guardian Angel. The children know that their Dad has their best interest at heart. He spends time with them, and takes an interest in their activities. He is supportive of his wife and puts family before all else.'* God is the model of all Fatherhood. Let us ask God to bless all fathers today.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

FATHERS DAY APPEAL: on this Sunday, 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. 83 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.

***SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY
PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION***

***SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY
OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT***

CHUCKLE CORNER:

The repercussions of a power outage: We had a power cut at our house this morning, and my PC, Laptop, TV, DVD, iPad and my surround sound music system were all shut down. Then I discovered that my mobile phone battery was dead, and, to top it off, it was raining outside, so I couldn't play golf. I went to the kitchen to make coffee, and then I remembered that this also needed power. So I sat down and talked with my wife for two hours. **She seems like a nice person.**

BLESSED MOTHER MARY BIRTHDAY FEAST: will be celebrated on **Friday 8 September** at 9.15am Mass with a cuppa afterwards. All Welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

WELCOME: to our families of children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in September. At all Masses this weekend our children will receive the "Sorry" prayer. The children are learning that they need to ask forgiveness when they do something hurtful but also to accept when someone says "Sorry" to them and learn to forgive others when they have been hurt. Please continue to pray for the children as they prepare for this Sacrament.

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT: In their planning for this year the LAP team from Catholic University Jakarta identified that only 24% of children newly infected with HIV AIDS are receiving treatment. In response to this crisis, LAP team has been able to increase the number of HIV AIDS children in their care from 37 to 95 over the past eight years.

Our parish, due to the incredible generosity of our parishioners, youth and school children have contributed \$44000 to this expansion of LAP's care.

As part of the Parish's ongoing commitment, we will be holding a fund-raising appeal for the LAP team at all Masses next week end and hope that you will continue to support this worthy cause. Morning tea will be hosted by the LAP Team after 8.30am Mass. All welcome.

Thank you. Victoria Fitzpatrick, Mick Hetherington, Frank O'Connor, Julie Reddan, Jill and Tony Kiley

EVERGREENS: Any parishioner who is retired or semi retired is invited to the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 19 September** commencing at 12.30pm to 2.30pm to hear a talk about yesteryear in Sunbury given by Mrs Kath Tremlett, a long time local resident. Further bus outings will be discussed and afternoon tea served— please bring a plate of refreshments.

SECOND ADULTHOOD— MATURE AGE: 57 parishioners gathered last Saturday morning at OLMC School to hear Sr Kerin Caldwell SGS speak on life beyond 60. We are living longer-retiring earlier. Pope Francis wrote "Mature age is a vocation; not a time to pull in the oars, different to the past; we need to invent a new age." The group liked the sessions so much, with plenty of laughs, that they asked Sr Kerin to come again next year.

REIMAGINING PARISH SERVICES EXPO: next Saturday 9 September 9am-1.30pm Resurrection Parish, 51 Gum Road, Kings Park. Following a very successful expos in Cheltenham and Montmorency, this expo is an opportunity for parish groups and Catholic agencies to meet, to showcase their services to build the Kingdom of God in Melbourne. Cost \$20 (\$10 concession). **Details:** Lucia Brick on 9287 5566 or lucia.brick@css.org.au **Registration:** www.trybooking.com/QLGZ **RSVP:** by Tuesday 5 September

"The parish is a sanctuary when the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey and a centre of constant missionary outreach." Pope Francis, "Joy of the Gospel"

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

Georgia CAVOLI

We joyfully welcome her to our parish.



SUNBURY ACTION GROUP OF THE LEPROSY MISSION: invite you to an afternoon of Spring Delights at St Andrews Uniting Church on **Thursday 21 September** at 1.30pm. The afternoon includes a speaker and a Musical Program. Cost is \$10 per person in support of the care of Leprosy patients in Nepal and Timor Leste. Enquiries to Joycelyn Young 9744 5948 or Elwyn Davis 9744 1448.

HOLY LAND OLIVE WOOD DISPLAY: A family originally from Bethlehem -the Holy land will be displaying for sale a huge collection of handmade olive wood made by the last Christians of Bethlehem this coming weekend for the Saturday vigil Mass and the Sunday morning Masses at St Anne's Church. The proceeds help these families to remain in their homeland and keeps them from leaving due to the everlasting conflict in the region.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS: this year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady. The apparitions to 3 shepherd children in the town of Fatima, Portugal happened for 6 consecutive months on the 13th day, starting on 13 May 1917. Our Lady appeared to the children and asked them to do acts of penance. This year, from Saturday 14 October until Thursday 19 October, our parish will host a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The Legion of Mary have put together a program for our parishioners so they may enjoy a plenary indulgence by visiting the statue in St Anne's Church. Watch this space!

FATHER'S DAY: Today we give thanks for our earthly fathers and pray for them. Let's also give thanks for our spiritual fathers who serve the people of our parishes and communities so generously and well. Today let's also remember and pray for two new 'spiritual fathers' who will be ordained as priests on Saturday September 9 at 10am at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please remember in your prayers Deacons Toan Nguyen and Anil Mascarenhas as they prepare for priestly ordination next week. All are welcome to the Cathedral for the Ordination Mass. Please pray for more vocations from our parishes and communities in Melbourne.

COURSE ON CATHOLIC DOCTRINE: every 1st and 3rd Tuesday beginning September 5 at 6.15pm-7.15pm at Caroline Chisholm Library, 358 Lonsdale St, Melbourne. Cost is donation. Presenter John Young B. Theology. Course text book The Catholic Catechism by Fr John Hardon SJ. This book discusses all the main doctrines and moral teachings of the Catholic Church. Further info call 0416 962 171.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to the family of Margaret Kairuz who peacefully entered eternal life last Sunday. Margaret has been house-bound for some years and has been regularly ministered by our Communion Ministers. Her funeral Mass in on Tuesday at 11am.

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:
Saturday 2 September 5.30pm Sunday 10 September 10.30am
Saturday 16 September 5.30pm

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Lucy Gatt **St Anne's Church** – Nil **COUNTERS:** John & Judith Bracher Judith Ibrahim **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer John Porta **LECTORS** Angelo Altair Joe Kloss Des Dowling Jo Spiteri **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 Chir-cop 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 Malia Rita Rocco