



# 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
	10.30am	St Anne's— Funeral Mass Mollie Ballock
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  
**Principal:** Julie Freeman

### RECONCILIATION

**OLMC Church 10am-10.30am Saturday**

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

### 17 September 2017

#### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7  
 Psalm Response: Psalm 102:1-4,9-12  
**The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**  
 Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9  
 Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you**

**Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Rany AZORES Carmen BARBAR Troy CHISHOLM Cyril DAVIS Maurice DAVIS Jo GRANT Eddie GRECH Len MCKENZIE Abraham NINAN Val O'MEARA Sr Mary ROWAN RSJ Loretta SPITERI Lina TANWANGCO Peter VERGARA Beth WARBURTON Nada ZUDETICH

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Thomas CARRA PE Corrie MCCONVILLE Fr John WILCKEN SJ

**Anniversaries:** Sheila DEVENY Michael DILLON Dolores GRECH Albert JANSEN Christopher KAVANAGH Delia MILLETT Dawn RODRIGUES Don RODRIGUES

### THE TROUBLESOME SACRAMENT

This past week over one hundred children in our parish made their **First Reconciliation**. Their parents and teachers who prepared these children so well for the celebration of this Sacrament are to be congratulated.

I am guessing the percentage of the Catholic population who frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation would be about .006%. Why is this so? My guess is that it has to do with people focussing on the wrong thing. The focus should be on God who is infinitely merciful, patient and compassionate towards us, and who is always ready to forgive. The hymn sang by the children, their parents and the priests had this beautiful refrain:

*I will bless you Lord, with all my heart  
 I will bless your holy name!  
 You are a loving God, a forgiving God,  
 I will bless your holy name!*

The focus is on God who is always ready to forgive and whose patience where we are concerned knows no limit. Jesus, who revealed to us the loving, merciful and forgiving heart of the Father, copped criticism from the self-righteous Pharisees for getting too close and friendly with sinners. In response to this criticism Jesus tells the story of what has been called "**The Parable of the Prodigal Son**". Actually, some feel that a better title for the story is: "**The Parable of the Prodigal Father**". Yes, the son was wasteful and lavish with the money he received from the father. His wastefulness landed him in big trouble. The wastefulness of the son, however, is surpassed by the lavishness of the father's love and forgiveness. Not only is the wayward son received back into the family, but there is dancing and a lavish party celebration to mark the son's return. Such lavishness meets with disapproval by the elder son, who, of course, represents the self-righteous Pharisees.

The trouble with the Sacrament is that we fail to see it as a celebration of the Father's infinite love, patience and forgiveness. Unfortunately, we cannot appreciate the Father's mercy until we firstly look into the dark corners of life where sin dominates. The examination of our conscience is not a pleasant undertaking. And that is why we shy away from the Sacrament. Most of us have only small failings to confess (venial sins) and we are not strictly bound to confess them. The Eucharist can take care of them. But, by confessing these little peccadillos we ward against falling into graver sins. Allow me to offer a brief examination on our failings regarding the virtue of patience.

Am I patient with myself?  
 Do I get angry with myself when I fail?  
 Am I patient and kind with children, the elderly and the sick?  
 Am I patient with those who work with me?  
 Am I patient with other drivers on the road?  
 Do I easily lose patience with lesser mortals?

Alongside my impatience is an infinitely patient God who gives me chance after chance, who never gives up on me, and who picks me up after every fall from grace. If I can focus on the God who forgives me seventy-times-seven, instead of focussing on myself, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be less troublesome and become a celebration.

Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

**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.

**ANOTHER CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITY:** is given today for parishioners to offer their opinion on the timing of our Sunday afternoon Mass. The consultation will finish today.

**CHUCKLE CORNER: CHUCKLE CORNER:** The old parish priest speaking to his young curate said, 'It was a good idea of yours to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theatre seats. The front of the church fills first.' The young priest nodded and the old priest continued, 'And you told me a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll choir. We are packed to the rafters.'

'Thank you, Father,' answered the curate. 'I am pleased you encourage youth.' 'Well,' replied the elderly priest, 'but, I'm afraid you've gone too far with the Drive-Through Confessional.' 'But, Father,' protested the young priest, 'my confessions have doubled since I began that.' 'I know, my son,' the old priest replied, 'but that flashing neon sign on the roof has to go: "TOOT & TELL, OR GO TO HELL."

**OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY:** we offer to the family of Mollie Ballock who has entered eternal life. Mollie and her pre-deceased husband John, with their three children were very active parishioners in St Mary's parish Thornbury. They came to our parish in 1996. Mollie's Funeral Mass will commence at 10.30am on Wednesday and conclude at the Sunbury Cemetery.

We offer sympathy to the Jesuit Brothers and Fathers as their conferee Fr John Wilcken SJ entered eternal life recently. John lived as a Jesuit for 65 years; most of the last 30 years, Fr John resided at Corpus Christi Community, Greenvale where he was actively involved in the dining room. He was a brilliant theology teacher. He helped us in our parish in earlier years with Masses and Reconciliations.

**FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION:** over 200 students in Years 5 & 6 from our schools attended with their parents a session given by Family Life Victoria in our Parish Centre, which was packed. The children and parents were very engaged in the one-hour session last Wednesday.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to children who have prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation : Jaida Anthony Sienna Augustyn Bridie Berne Mia Bigolin Alyssa Blancato Henry Bordon Ollie Bowen Ryder Bowman Demot Brunacci David Burley Julian Cambuzzi Isobel Campbell Lincoln Campbell Madison Campbell Darcy Cardillo Lila Clark Matthew Clarke Mackenzie Collins Kate Cossum Sienna Costa Christian Cowell Lucas Creevey Sarah Crocker Riley Cuthbert Charlotte Czelusta Toby Den Brinker Caitlin Di Nuzzo Oliver D'Crus Lisa D'Monte Jaiden Doric Taneisha Dow Ruby Durnin Callum Dyson Shelby Faalili-Morgan Makayla Fielder Blake Fisher James Formosa Olivia Fragione Cooper Frederickson Angus George Kiana Genovese Olivia Gent Jamin George Xavier Glanvill Zachary Green Adam Hackett Liaken Hall Lindsay Irvine Rhys Jones Sophie Jordan Tess Kelly Ben Kelly Erin Kelly Hannah-rose Kogan Olivia Lawrence Myles Luca Mareeni Makewitaga Kayla Massara Abbey McAliece Ruby McAllister Elly McCormack Ryan McHenry Matilda McKay Max McKenna Preston McKenzie Ava McLean Ciaran McMullan Jarred Millman Jamie Muir Kaelan Myers Blake Newitt Macey Newman Milica Nika Quinn O'Brien Blayke Ohlson Matilda Owens Chloe Page Lachlan & Victoria Peake Katarina Perkovic Alyssa Phillips Cooper Pietromonaco Charlie Plummer Lachlan Pott Alex Renda Julia Rizzuti Sophia Rodrigues Rhys Rogan Archie Salopayevs Carlo Santos Alannah Schultheiss Riley Schultze Elly Schiberras Cooper Shalders Jack Sheedy Eva Sikic Holly Simiele Sofia Spiteri Meg Stockdale Chelsea Sultana Oliver Sykes Seth Turri Gracie & Larua Upton Joshua Urbaniak James Vella Mia Vergara William Vergara Madelynn Vnucec Sienna Vowles Keira Wilson Riley Wilson



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

Aria OTERI  
Caleb & Nathaniel LEE  
Stephanie WILSON  
Kaden RUFFELL  
Alexander BEVAN

We joyfully welcome them to our parish.

**MULTICULTURAL DAY:** is a big day on the parish calendar. It will be held on Sunday 1 October at 11.30am in the Parish Centre. It costs \$10 as food will be provided on the day. Anyone who would like to donate food can contact Garnet on 0411 286 428. Also tickets can be purchase after Masses or at the Parish Office

**OUR PARISHIONERS SUPPORT ORPHANS:** last Sunday, those at Mass donated \$2873 towards our parish humanitarian project. LAP which feeds and supports AIDS orphans in Jakarta. Thanks also to our LAP committee who liaise with the Catholic University to Jakarta which administers the project.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** our Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross which covers the parishes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Brigids (Riddells Creek, Gisborne and Macedon) is proud to announce that one of our members, **Colin Walsh**, has been elected as the International President of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights. IACK, as it is known, was founded by the Orders of Catholic Knights from Britain, the USA, Ireland, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand but has now added Canada, Mexico, Philippines, Guam, Spain, Poland, Ukraine, Lithuania, South Korea, Ireland, Ghana, Liberia, Benin, Togo, Nigeria, Colombia, Austria, Gambia, Pakistan, Mauritius, Belgium and United Nations. It was approved by the Holy See in 1981 as a Catholic international organization and is an associate member of the Conference. The purpose of IACK is to bring the message of Christ to all people; to support the Pope and the bishops, priests and religious throughout the world; to nurture the faith of its members and of Catholics in general, encouraging them to play a generous part in the life and mission of the Church, to foster the unity of its members through prayer.

**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 our churches.

**SUNBURY ACTION GROUP OF LEPROSY MISSION:** invites you to an afternoon of Spring Delights at St Andrews Uniting Church on **Thursday 21 September** at 1.30am. Speaker and musical program and afternoon tea. Admission is \$10 to support the care of Leprosy patients in Nepal and Timor Leste. Enquiries Joycelyn 9740 5948.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

Tues 19 Sept	1.30pm	Holy Trinity Principal Selection
Wed 20 Sept	9.30am-12.30pm	Visit of Bishop Terry Curtin
	3.30pm	Holy Trinity Steering Committee
Thurs 21 Sept	7.00pm	Grow Your Parish- Catholic Leadership Centre

**ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND**

**ALTAR CARE:** Nil **CLEANING:** **OLMC Church**— Jo Spiteri **St Anne's Church** – Nil **COUNTERS:** Jack Sullivan Janet Elliott Kerry Sanford **GIFT SHOP:** Roselle Duckworth Frances Ariens **LECTORS** Jan Gavaghan Tom Allen Mary Reay Alan Slocombe **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: 5.30pm** Yvonne Rozario Pauline Sharma Angelo Snell Jim O'Brien Dawn Westwood Sue Wight Patricia & Angelo **Altair 8.30am** Lloyd D'Crus Rex Jacob Lili Lupa Glenda Shanahan Graeme & Lynne Simpson Andrew Swann Liz Richards **10.30am** Grace Tucker Anne Smith Gary Plummer John & Sheila Stafford Moira Sullivan Aileen & Terry Sweeney **5.30pm** Will Honner Maria Mallia Rita Rocco

