



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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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
	5.00pm	OLMC
Mon	9.15am	St Anne's—Liturgy of Word
Wed	9.15am	St Anne's
Thurs	9.15am	St Anne's
Frid	9.15am	St Anne's

RECONCILIATION

OLMC Church

10am-10.30am Saturday

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

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

26 November 2017

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
 Psalm Response: Psalm 22:1-3,5-6
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26,28
 Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9,10

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessing on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Bill ANDERSON Rany AZORES Carmen BARBAR Patricia CLARK Christine DJAKOBIC Matthew FLANAGAN Jo GRANT John GRAY Harvey HUGHES Peter KENNEDY Jan KEOGH Peter KEOGH Lloyd MACEY Abraham NINAN Mary REAY Pio ROCCO Alexander ROWN-TREE Anthony TUIMATAFANUA Christine VELTHUIS Carolyn WOCKNER

Anniversaries: Ernesto CARASIG Yvon-Paul GOUBE Adelaida MACARIO Joseph RIBEYRO Rosaria SPITERI Tony T'ABREW Myrtle WALLACE Anne ZERAFA

SOLEMN FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING OF THE WORLD

Today's feast is a modern one, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 during the post WW1 period when some kingdoms and empires were destroyed or declined, increasing secularization and consumerism, the rise of socialism and its anti religious ideology. The Church wanted to promote Christ as the King of the world to whom our first allegiance should be given.

STYLE OF CHRIST'S KINGSHIP

In contrast to the opulent and remote life style of some earthly kings, Jesus presents himself as a servant-king—"I am among you as one who serves" (Luke 22:27) and "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:14). Our first reading today (Ezekiel 11:12-17) describes graphically how a shepherd works: "It is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stragglers, bandage the wounded one and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fit and health of the flock."

OUR FINAL EXAMINATION

As the final VCE exams were held last week, let us consider how we are going to pass our "final exam" when we enter eternal life. We will be judged how we have served those most in need. Today's gospel. Matthew's account of the final judgement, (25:31-40) focuses on our service of others. Including feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned and burying the dead. The Church also identifies "spiritual works of mercy" - instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving and bearing wrong: patiently. (Catechism N. 2447).

TODAY'S FEAST IN THE HISTORY OF SUNBURY

Between 1925 and 1969, this feast was celebrated on the last Sunday in October. In 1929 Patrick O'Grady SDB, born in Ireland, was sent as the second Rector of Salesian College Sunbury at the age of 70 years. He had taught in Argentina, Malta and Switzerland. In 1937 he initiated the Eucharistic Festival at the college. Archbishop Daniel Mannix generally attended the Festival which continued to 1980. Thousands of Catholics would come by train, furniture vans and cars from parishes all around Melbourne. My parents came as young people. Later when we got a car, in 1952 our family came. My earliest memory of Sunbury is seeing four or five steam trains lined up at the Rupertswood siding to take worshippers back to Melbourne.

FORMATION OF A R.C.I.A TEAM

As noted above, instructing and accompanying people on their journey of faith is a spiritual work of mercy. Several people are wishing to come into the Church. A number of people have said they are thinking of being part of the team of companions in the R.C.I.A. Those who are willing to be part of the team are asked to contact the Parish Office or myself by next Friday as this matter needs urgent attention.

CELEBRATION OF YEAR 12 STUDENT AWARDS

Last Thursday evening, 684 attended the awards ceremony of Year 12 from Salesian College Sunbury. Awards were given to students who offered great service according to the votes of fellow students—some great comments were read. There were also awards given to those who excelled in their studies. As a mark of respect, the deceased parents of the graduates were remembered.

CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN

Is organized by the Churches of Sunbury, with financial support from Hume Council and the Churches. The event which is attended by over 2000, requires many volunteers as welcome collectors, safety officers. Training will be held this Tuesday at 7.00pm at St Mary's Parish House, O'Shanassy Street. As the biggest parish in Sunbury, we should provide the greatest number of volunteers. Please attend this Tuesday for less than one hour.

.....Kevin McIntosh

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tue 28 Nov	10.30am	Evergreens Committee
	12.30pm	Sunbury Ministers

St Anne's Parish Centre

NOVEMBER– MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE: During November please know that all the names you placed in the Remembrance Book, will be taken to the Altar at all our Parish Masses.

ADVENT REFLECTION: December is so busy for all of us as we prepare for the excitement of Christmas. It's also a time of reflective waiting and anticipation for the coming of our Saviour.

During Advent you are invited to spend some time in quiet reflection. St Anne's Chapel will be set aside for reflective prayer between 8.30am & 10.30am Masses on each Sunday of Advent and after 9.15am Mass & 2.30pm-3.15pm each Wednesday.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY DINNER DANCE: Saturday 2 December @ St Anne's Parish Centre. Live Band– Colourblind, Buffet Dinner. The night is being organized by our wonderful Youth Group who will donate the proceeds to various local community groups. Tickets are Adult \$25; Child (5-12Yrs) \$20. Tickets are selling fast so please contact the Parish office on 9744 1060, or buy them after Mass. For more info call Garnet Jacob on 0411 286 428.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL: since its foundation in 1969, Melbourne parishioners have supported Melbourne's own mission fund to help developing nations. This has marked our Archdiocese for its exceptional generosity. Currently, the major beneficiaries are people in Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Gambia, Ghana, Pakistan, Botswana, Nigeria, Peru and Jerusalem. Archbishop Denis Hart commends the fund to your continuing support.

HOUR OF PRAYER: Rosa Mystica will be held on Friday 8 December at St Anne's Church and led by the Legionaries of Marian Movement Group. Traditionally from 12 noon until 1pm around the world, an hour of prayer is held. All are welcome to this quiet, spiritual, prayerful time. Opening prayer will be recited, followed with Rosary, the Litany, The Seven Sorrow Prayer and The Consecration. A Prayer to Our Lady of Mystical Rose, A Petitions Box for prayers will be placed in front of Our Lady's Altar. A cuppa will be served afterwards.

POPE FRANCIS: While a Lamborghini would make a stylish popemobile, Pope Francis has decided to auction off the one he was given by the Italian automaker to aid several charities close to his heart. The pope was presented with a one-of-a-kind white and gold Lamborghini Huracan by the luxury car manufacturer on 15 November, just before making his way to his weekly general audience in the standard popemobile. The pope signed and blessed the automobile, which will be auctioned off by Sotheby's. The proceeds, the Vatican said, will be given to the pope, who already has chosen to fund three projects: Specifically, part of the proceeds from the auction will go to Aid to the Church in Need, a pontifical foundation, which is working to rebuild homes, houses of worship and community buildings that were destroyed by the Islamic State and caused thousands of Iraqi Christians to flee their homes.

The pope also will give funds to: the Pope John XXIII community, an Italian organisation that assists women victims of prostitution and human trafficking; and to the International Group of Hand Surgeon Friends to support its projects to provide specialised medical care in Africa; and to the Italian group Amici di Centrafica, which helps women and children in the Central African Republic.

The following children from our Parish will be baptized this Sunday:
Benjamin OLIVIERI
Rosalie PHILIPS
We joyfully welcome them to our parish.



EVERGREENS GROUP FINAL ACTIVITIES FOR 2017:

Tuesday 5 December—Christmas Lunch 12.30pm Sunbury Football Club Clark Oval. \$20.00 each. Contact Frances 9744 1999 or Coreen 9744 601 Closing date for bookings is Monday 27 November.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS
MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Interview process will be in Oct/Nov followed by a Trial Day early December. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 1895

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS: During Mass this weekend and in our prayer this week, let us pray for those who are grieving the recent loss of a spouse. May the comfort of the Good Shepherd be with them and may the dead rest in peace to their eternal reward. Let us also pray for those preparing for marriage as faithful and loving vocations to the married life from our parish.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS 2018: are now available from the Piety Society. A great gift idea at only \$10 each – incredibly beautiful works of art are included in this calendar.

SCHOOL LEAVERS GUIDE 2017: can be found at the Welcome Desk in the foyer of St Anne's Church. You are welcome to take a free copy.

GISBORNE SINGERS: if you missed the 19th amazing session please come to get to this one on Sunday 26 November @ 3pm Gisborne Church, Christ, 31 Saunders Rd, New Gisborne. For bookings go to www.gisbornesingers.org.au or call 0413 003 254.

CATHOLIC CARE HIV/AIDS MINISTRY invites you to the World AIDS Vigil Mass to REMEMBER those who have died from AIDS, to CELEBRATE the great inroads in treatment of HIV and to HOPE for a cure. St Francis Church corner Elizabeth & Lonsdale Sts Melbourne at 5.30pm on Thursday November 30.

CHUCKLE CORNER: The Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible— Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task— but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

For those who are yet to collect their envelopes for their stewardship offerings, support our parish, your envelopes are in the Gathering Space today.

ROSTERS NEXT WEEKEND

ALTAR CARE: Nil **CLEANING:** OLMC Church— Lucy Gatt **St Anne's Church** – Nil **COUNTERS:** Jack Sullivan Janet Elliott Kerry Sford **GIFT SHOP:** Dolly Causer John Porta **LECTORS** Moira Sullivan Colin & Coreen Wilson Christine Wallace Alan Slocombe