



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH
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ON WURUNDJERI COUNTRY



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Our parish is committed to the Safety, Wellbeing and Dignity of all, including children and vulnerable adults.

LITURGY TIMES: AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday 5.30pm - Sunday Mass
Sunday 8.30am
Sunday 10.30am
11.45am - Baptisms
Wednesday 9.30am - Mass
Wednesday 2.00pm - Funeral Mass
Joe Kloss
Thursday 9.30am - Mass
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RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am - 10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Denis Stanley
Assistant Priest: Rev Jossy
Kizhakkethalackal
Deacon: Rev Stephen Fernandes
Pastoral Assoc: Sr Jose Noy RSJ
Pastoral Co-ord: Lyn Plummer
St Anne's School: 8746 6800
Principal: Noelene Hussey
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

1 October 2023

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm Response: Ps 24:4-9
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice, says the
lord; I know them and they follow me.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Kerry BAILEY, Kitty BOADO, Jalila DAWOOD
Catherine JARECKI, Elaine KING,
Joshua LEE, Anya LEWIS,
Jessie MICALLEF, Thomas SILVEIRA,
David SIMPSON, Larry VISTAN

Recently Deceased: Joe KLOSS

Anniversaries: Vincenzo BRULLO,
Jennifer RILEY

Special Collection—Next weekend
LAP Appeal

Parish Vision: Christlike relationships of friendship and faith, valuing one another and sharing our gifts for the good of all.

Parishes Churches – love them in their complexity.

As noted in the Bulletin this Sunday, the Finance Committee approved work to be done on the slate roof of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church (1875). The slates on the roof were checked for safety, broken and missing slates were replaced. Overall, the roof, thank God, sounds to be in good condition and is looking stable for the future. There are still other issues with the old building that need attention as there are issues with St Anne's (2000) that is showing its age a little.

We can quickly judge a parish on the look of its parish church which is not very fair or considered. We also have to spend a lot of time and money on churches. This can really put our creativity to the test and use up a lot of energy and concern.

Older buildings like Our Lady of Mount Carmel are also heritage buildings and part of the wider community's identity and history who therefore also have a concern about them even if they do not worship in them. Heritage buildings are also surrounded by extra planning regulations and higher costs than usual because of their height or the older skills needed to maintain them – there are not many experts on slate roofs around anymore.

We treasure our parish churches; we need them to shelter the community as it worships or gathers for meetings and formation in Christian discipleship. They are visible signs to the wider community of the presence of the Church in their midst. They are also reminders to us of the beautiful communion we share with those who have gone before us and bequeathed through their hard work, sacrifice and prayer the churches we have today. They are our brothers and sisters who now worship in that temple not made with human hands and have no need of the sacraments for they see God face to face, their pilgrimage safely concluded.

The love, energy, focus and concern we pour into our parish churches is a part of what it means to be a parishioner but, at the same time, we must also remember that they are not an end in themselves. It is indeed true that, "*Here we have no lasting city*". (Hebrews 13:14). This is balance we must grasp and keep before us.

Throughout history Christian communities have had to begin without a church building, however the memory of working shoulder to shoulder without a building, is treasured.

Over the centuries, and even today, many Christian communities have had their churches taken away or destroyed by hostile governments, worshipping in secret wherever they could. Yet we know their faith burned with an extraordinary brightness that would and does, humble us.

Others have had to pick up the pieces after their churches have been destroyed by natural disasters, the value of being a community put to the test, now they found themselves without a building to identify with.

We love our Parish churches but like our families we must love them with their complexities.

Fr Denis Stanley

Overseas Humanitarian Project – Collection Next Weekend (7th/8th October)

The special collection next weekend will be for the LAP Team who care for children living with HIV/AIDS in the very poorest slum areas of Jakarta in Indonesia.

If you are unable to attend Mass on that weekend and would like to assist LAP with their work you can make a donation directly to the following parish account established specifically for contributions to LAP

BSB 083347, ACCOUNT NO. 546358602, ACCOUNT NAME: OLMC CHURCH ACCOUNT – LAP DONATION.

For all those attending 8:30 Mass, we invite you to join us for **Morning Tea** after Mass. Thank you for your wonderful generosity over the past nine years. Parish LAP Fundraising Team.

St Brigid's, Gisborne, Columban Partnership Group, Movie Fundraiser

Well, it's been 4 years since our last movie fundraiser, but we are up and running again. We are hoping, with this fundraiser, to contribute towards the cost of theatre lights in the new orthopaedic ward at St Elizabeth's Hospital, Hyderabad, Pakistan. We invite you to join us on **Sunday, 8th October**, for a screening of the movie **"Sound of Freedom"**, at Readings Cinemas in Sunbury. We will provide pre-show nibbles and accompanying wine/soft-drink/tea/coffee, all included in the **price of \$25**. We have booked the function room for a **2.00pm start with the movie to be screened at 3.00pm**. If interested in purchasing a ticket/s, please contact Jayne (0427 855 471) or Bill (0497 991 226). Feel free to promote this event with your family/friends. Thanks for considering and hope you can join us.

Legion of Mary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

On **Friday 6th October** the Legion of Mary members will be reciting the Holy Rosary after 9.30am Mass. Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the month of October parishioners and members of the Legion of Mary will continue to recite the rosary after 9.30 Mass. Please join us.

Evergreens Thursday 12th October 2023

Lunch at Ball Court 12noon and at 2:00pm Hume Library 44 Macedon Street Sunbury, for HarmonicX FREE. Call Joe on 0477 677 248 for info or transport. Everybody is Welcome. Book by Tuesday 3 October.

Hume City 2023 Victorian Seniors Festival theme of: Learn, Love, Live. at Sunbury Global Learning Centre, 44 Macedon Street, Sunbury. **Tuesday 24 October 2023, 11am to 2pm • Party Time with Arnie. A buffet style meal and entertainment** will be provided.

Free event - **Call Joe on 0477 677 248 info or transport for.** Book by **Tuesday 3rd Oct.**

Marriage Anniversary Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral Sunday 22 October, 2023

11.00am - 12.00pm

Couples and families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries - 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above - will receive a commemorative certificate. Register by Sunday 15 October at trybooking.com/CLKRB. For all enquiries please contact Proclaim on 99265721 or email proclaim@cam.org.au

Waiting at the Well - Thursday, 5, 12, 19 & 26 October

10am–12.30pm (in-person event).

Carole Carmody rsm, Julie Adam

This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/?> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.

March for the babies

Come and show your support for the unborn. Join the March for the Babies on **7th October, 2023** at 12.30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Corner Spring & Wellington Parade. Wear blue or pink. March for the Babies Committee.

God and Beer - Becoming Missionary Disciples

Come and listen to Archbishop Julian Porteous

Topic: Becoming Missionary Disciples

Speaker: Archbishop Julian Porteous

Date: **Tuesday 3rd October**

Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk

Venue: Hoppers Club, 180-200 Pannam Drive, Hoppers Crossing VIC 3029 RSVP: GodandBeer.com.au

On behalf of the Knights of the Southern Cross

From the PCT:

Earlier this year Salesian College student and staff representatives from the Sacred Earth and Social Justice action teams met with those from the Sunbury Winter Shelter to discuss an Ecological and Social Justice project which would support the Shelter. Over the year Salesian students have produced blankets from upcycled materials such as sheets and pajamas with a thermal blanket lining. Students from the two teams and Year 9 RE students were involved in the cutting and sewing of individual squares and the putting together of the blankets. The Shelter is grateful for this action which has also raised awareness in the College community of the devastating volume of clothing that is going to landfill.

Aid to the Church in Need invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God. To learn more and to register visit www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren.

SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Witnesses – 22 November

2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/notw

Knights of the Southern Cross

Next Meeting - **Friday 6 October**—Parish Centre