



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH
BULLA CLARKEFIELD DIGGERS REST SUNBURY WILDWOOD
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
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
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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

5 November 2023

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10
Psalm Response: Ps 130
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13
Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ!**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 23:9,10

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Kerry BAILEY, Jalila DAWOOD, Catherine JARECKI, Joshua LEE, Anya LEWIS, Diana MASTRAMICO, John MCGOVERN, Jessie MICALLEF, David SIMPSON

Recently Deceased: Veronica Siqueira

Anniversaries:

John & Patricia ANDERSON
Raymond & Claudette ARMSTRONG
Beryl COMRIE
Bill DILLON
Leslie & Joan TAYLOR

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

The Mysteries of November

In our liturgical calendar November begins with the Feast of All Saints, followed immediately by All Souls. Then a few days later in the civil calendar, is 11 November, Armistice Day, commemorating the end of the First World War, which it is generally accepted, killed 16 million people. This November also sees at least two active war fronts – Ukraine and Israel/Palestine in which thousands have already been killed.

Here in our little corner of the world we will keep All Saints, All Souls, a Memorial Mass, the Blessing of Graves in local cemeteries and our Memorial Book presented at every Mass offered during November.

While death can visit us at any time, November is a month where its presence and power in our lives is recalled. Far from being a strange or unusual thing, I have always thought that the Christian community's November commemorations of the Faithful Departed, is something honest and important for our faith and our humanity.

"Teach us so to number our days that we may live wisely" Psalm 90:12. Surely recalling the fragility of life and indeed its brevity, moves us to cherish the gift of life we have been given both for ourselves and others. How can we not be filled with awe that we are pilgrims?

"Of your charity pray for the soul of..." This is written on many old grave stones inviting passers-by to pray for those long gone. "Charity" is an old fashioned word for "love". The church has always taught that our charity should not be limited to the living. Charity and prayer have the power to cross the last boundary – death. The Faithful Departed can still be touched by the charity that finds a voice in prayer.

We pray for those we have known and those we have never known. Our charity and our prayers embrace all those who have died lonely deaths in the absence of love and support. Those fallen in war or by violence. They are part of the ministry of our prayer. When we die we will be encouraged by the charity of the Christian community which will remember us in prayer.

Confronting the mystery of death also calls us to engage with the core of our Christian faith – Christ is Risen – unconquered by death – and celebrates the truth that we share in this unconquerable love and are called to the glory of eternal life because of that embracing, Easter love.

All these mysteries we ponder in the month of November so we can carry them with us every day of the year. It is the honest thing to do.

"We all go down to the dust, yet even at the grave we cry out, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia"

Fr Denis Stanley

5.30pm Mass – RCIA

This weekend our Catechumens, Angelita and Maddy will receive the Creed as they continue their journey towards full initiation into the Catholic Faith. They will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the 5.30 Mass on **18 November**. Please continue to support and pray for them.

Parish Secretary Position

Our Parish is seeking to recruit a secretary to join the Parish Team on a part time basis of 4 hours - 9am - 1pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (a total of 8 hours per week). The successful applicant will need to have Certificate 4 (Bookkeeping) together with a working knowledge of Xero accounting package and a Working With Children Card. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060 to obtain a role description. Applications will close 24 November.

Remembering Loved Ones in November

November is dedicated to prayerful memory of the Faithful departed. Our Parish will celebrate the memory of loved ones in a number of ways:

- Blank pages to write the names of those who have died, to be placed in a Memorial Book of the Dead. The Memorial Book will be brought to the altar with the Gifts of Bread and Wine at each Sunday Mass. The pages for the Memorial Book will be in the foyer throughout November. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.
- The graves at Bulla and Sunbury Cemetery will be blessed on **Sunday 5 November** at Sunbury 2.00pm and Bulla 3.30pm.
- We will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance at St Anne's Church on **Wednesday 8 November** at 7.00pm.

Evergreens

- Join us for a FREE evening of Music appreciation at **Sunbury library on Thursday 9 November 7pm-9pm**. All Sunbury Line-up Country, Folk, Rock, and American classics. Coffee available, for tickets Call Joe on 0477 677 248 ASAP.
- What a Sunbury Legacy-The Millett Family speaker, Paul Millett organized by U3A, **Thursday 16 November 2023 10:00am - 11:45am** at the Football club, 47 Riddell Road. Lunch after speaker. Senior's meal costs \$16.00 for one course or \$19.00 for 2. Call Joe on 0477 677 248 ASAP for more info.
- **Christmas lunch** and morning melodies with Devonshire tea and cakes at Watergardens Hotel in Kings Road. On **7 December 2023** for \$32 a head with \$5 on booking filling fast. Call Joe on 0477 677 248 info or transport, carpooling.

The Pipes, the Pipes are calling...

Thanks to all for your patience and understanding last Sunday as we wrestled with being unable to use the toilets in the Church. During the week the plumbers worked hard to clean the badly blocked sewerage pipes. Toilets and sinks in the Church, Parish Office and Hall are now able to be used.

We are grateful to the plumbers and parishioners who worked hard and quickly to resolve the issue.

While this was an unexpected expense it turned out to be not as expensive as it could have been.

We will need to take down two trees near the pipes that caused the trouble and commit to an annual flushing of the pipes.

Fr Denis Stanley

We joyfully welcome the following children to our Parish who will be baptised this weekend:
Jude MORRIS; Imogen SHALDERS



\$\$ Parish Bingo \$\$

Our bingo session - "Major Bingo" is celebrating an incredible **30 YEARS** of service to our parish. To commemorate and to give back to our loyal supporters we are conducting a **MEGA BIN-GO** session on **Saturday 11th November** at Club Sunbury. This will be one of the biggest events ever held in Sunbury. Three lucky people will walk away with \$10,000 each. In addition there is another 27 big game prizes plus a monster raffle. Our normal weekly session continues every Thursday, eyes down 7.30 pm at Sunbury Bowling Club. Guaranteed last game prize of \$1000 plus Joker raffle this week at \$650, bingo lingo and plenty of raffle prizes. Why not come along and join in the fun, support your parish and maybe even go home a WINNER! Enquiries to Gary Plummer 0419 301 760

SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. See posters in foyer. For more information please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/notw

Christmas at Rupertswood

is organised by the Combined Churches of Sunbury on **Saturday 9th December 2023**. Free activities with bands and choirs on stage and a nativity stable from 5 till 7pm followed by Christmas Carols. We are asking for volunteers from all the Churches and Community organisations of Sunbury to assist us this year.

- 2-5 pm - setting up marquees, tables and chairs.
- 5-8 pm - handing out programs and taking of collection.
- 5-7 pm - assisting with the children's activities.
- 5-9 pm - Keeping grounds tidy, emptying rubbish bins.
- 5-9 pm - Supervision of toilets.
- 7-8 pm - Assisting the school choirs on and off stage.
- After 8.30 pm - Taking down marquees, clearing the site.

All volunteers must be registered and have a current Working With Children's Card, to be covered by insurance. To register go to the Sunbury Churches website link. Forms can be filled in online, but can be printed to be signed. Please forward the completed form to Robyn Flett or bring to **Volunteers Briefing session on Tuesday 21st of November, 7.30 pm, at St Andrew's Uniting Church.**

Thank you for volunteering to make this Christmas event a joyous occasion.

Josephite Companions Meeting

Wed 8 November at 1.00pm - St Anne's Church Meeting Room

Religious shop. The sign for advent, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2023) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2024). \$6. Bible, Catechism, "How to Pray the Rosary" on laminated card with Rosary beads for \$1. Gifts for Baby, Enameled Crucifixes, Children books, Rosary beads as gifts, Key rings, Guardian angel statues.

Ordinations to the Priesthood

On Saturday 25 November, three deacons will be ordained to the priesthood: Rev Tien Van Tran, Rev Doan Ngoc (Peter) Nguyen and Rev Thomas William Christie. Jean-Sébastien Géry will be ordained to the transitional diaconate.

Please pray for them as they embark on their priestly ministry in the service of God's people in the Archdiocese.