



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 - Baptism
Wednesday 9.30am - Mass
Thursday 9.30am - Mass - Principal
Noelene Hussey's Farewell
Friday 9.30am - Mass

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
Safeguarding Officer: Elena Rodrigues
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

23 June 2024

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11
Psalms Response: Ps: 106:23-26,28-31
Second Reading: Corinthians 5:14-17
Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Kerry BAILEY, Agatha CHAVES,
Tony CREED, Jalila DAWOOD,
John DELLAMARTA, Paul FANNING,
Cesar GABALES, Joshua LEE,
Diana MASTRAMICO, John MCGOVERN,
Matthew PALSER, Karen RANKIN,
Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Froiland BULING,
Josephine CALLEJA, Mark ROBERTS

Anniversaries: Mario CHRUL,
Battista MARIANI, Bill O'MAHONEY,
Anyia ROMERO

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

The Shetland Islands are north of Scotland and just below the Arctic Circle. They are a group of one hundred islands with only sixteen inhabited. There is a daily ferry for travelers, but also private boats for hire.

A retired naval captain used to skipper a boat taking tourists to the islands, and one day his boat had a party crowd of young people. They smirked at the old captain when they saw him saying a prayer before sailing because the day was fine and the weather calm. However, they were not long at sea before they experienced a sudden storm, and the boat began to pitch violently.

The terrified passengers came to the captain and asked him to join them in prayer.

He replied, "I say my prayers when it's calm and when it's rough I tend to my boat."

We are all likely to pray for help when storms come our way. However, it is also important to seek God in the quieter moments of life and to build a relationship that takes us through all the seasons of life.

We are familiar with prayers of petition in times of need and these are personal where we ask God for certain things in life. There are prayers of intercession when we make requests on behalf of other people. Equally familiar to us are prayers of thanksgiving where we rejoice in what God has done for us.

Prayer is about relationship and God invites us to grow the relationship by spending time with God. Two other forms of prayer are prayers of blessing and adoration where we acknowledge our dependence of God and prayers of praise where we express our love for God.

During our busy lives we can sometimes lose sight of the need to stop, reflect and open our lives to God, so it is helpful to heed the advice of the retired naval captain, and to develop a daily pattern of prayer rather than only turning to prayer in the 'storms of life'. This pattern will help us grow a deeper relationship with God who is ever present but not always engaged.

We have routines for exercise and recreation. We have routines for work and for play. Routines are helpful in that they help us engage in what is essential, but they also help to free us for spontaneity because they create space by taking care of the ordinary things in life. When prayer becomes part of the pattern of the day, we are giving time to nurturing our relationship with God.

As we grow in our relationship, we become more like the disciples who were in awe when Jesus calmed the storm, and they began to recognise more fully the identity of Jesus. May we become more conscious of God's presence by developing daily patterns of prayer.

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LAP Fundraising Collection

Just a gentle reminder – Our next fundraising collection will be at all Masses in two weeks on the **6th/7th July**
Your contribution will again help the LAP team in Jakarta provide essential nutrition and other support to over one hundred and thirty needy children living with HIV.
Thank you for your generous support and look forward to sharing morning tea with you after the 8:30 Mass.
OLMC LAP Fundraising Team.

Citizen's Advocacy

Do you believe in the right of all people in the community not to be isolated and to be treated with dignity and respect?

Then becoming a citizen advocate may be something you could do. Citizen Advocacy Sunbury is a community-based program for over thirty-five years that supports freely given friendships between a person with an intellectual disability and a community member who becomes their advocate/mentor. There's an enormous sense of satisfaction in helping another human being. Citizen Advocates come from all walks of life, are of all ages, and each brings with them a very individual range of life experiences and expertise.

If you want to do something truly worthwhile, contact the coordinator David Abela, directly on 0408178614 or dabela@citizenadvocacysunbury.com.au or take a broacher on your way out.

Hire of Parish Hall

Just a reminder that our function hall is open to host various gatherings for our parish family and the wider community. Whether its a funeral, baptism, firstly communion, confirmation celebration 21st birthdays, birthdays, dinner dances and weddings and other occasions except 18th birthdays due to insurance regulations. Our hall is here to accommodate you. We offer ample off street parking, fully equipped kitchen, a baby changing room, and round tables seating up to 150 people. No permit for alcohol is required. If you would like to see the hall in person, please contact Cathie on 0405380560 to schedule a walk through. We can also provide catering services for functions or you welcome to bring your own caterer.

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptised in our parish this weekend:
Chiara GELSUMINI, Nicolas ZAHRA



Parish Bingo

Our weekly Parish bingo session "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday at Sunbury Bowling Club eyes down at 7.30pm. \$1000 guaranteed last game prize. Come along and join in the fun whilst supporting your Parish-you will be made most welcome. Enquiries to Gary 0419 301760 or Graeme 0417 503 527.

Evergreens

Social afternoon will be on **Tuesday 25th June 2024** at 12.00pm. All welcome, bring a friend. Call Joe on 0477677248 for info and transport.

Evergreens are going to Morning Melodies and Buffet Lunch at Watergardens Hotel on the **18th July**, for \$32. Car pooling meeting at St Anne's 9.00am. Call Joe to book as soon as possible 0477 677 248. Books out early.

From the Parish Coordinating Team (PCT)

Help with Food

Please pass on the information below to vulnerable people in Sunbury who may cross your path:

MEALS

Mon: Sunbury Neighbourhood Kitchen dinner and food assistance, all year except public and school holidays. Memorial Hall, 5.00-6.30pm

Tues: Goonawarra Neighbourhood House tasty odds and ends, 10.00am to closing.

Wed: St Andrew's Uniting/SWS winter lunch 11.30am-2.00pm

Fri: Salvos' lunch midday all year. Anderson Road 12.00-2.00pm

Fri: Give Until It Hurts Charity winter dinner. Goonawarra Neighbourhood House 5.00-7.00pm

FOOD ASSISTANCE

Doorways - 9.30am -2.00 Mon and Wed

Goonawarra Neighbourhood House - 10.30am-12.00pm Thurs
\$5 donation

Sunbury Winter Shelter - Call 0497 216 118

Vinnies - Mon, Wed, Fri, home visits. Call 1800 305 330

OUR FINANCES FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 2024 (1st January - 31st March)

PRESBYTERY (1st) COLLECTION

Supports our Parish clergy and contributes to the Archdiocese's fund for poorer parishes and retired priests

Total weekly contribution (average)	\$1,861
Less contribution to the Archdiocese	-\$558
Net available to support our Parish clergy	\$1,303

THANKSGIVING (2nd) COLLECTION

Enables us to provide liturgies and pastoral support across the parish, as well as maintaining parish facilities

Average weekly parish costs	\$7,594
Average weekly collection amount	\$2,949

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Our parish is supported by the generosity of our Parishioners (together with contributions from our great Bingo Team).

The Parish does not receive any grants

Comments on First Quarter Contributions:

Presbytery Collection:

Contributions up 11.5% compared to average across full year 2023, but down 7% on the 2019 (Pre-Covid) average.

Tap and Give:

Total contributions increased by \$200 per week in the quarter, primarily due to donations from the new terminal.

Thanksgiving Collection:

Contributions were in line with the full year 2023 average, but down 20% on the 2019 (Pre-Covid) average.

Parish costs were 31% higher than the 2023 average, primarily due to annual payment of \$33,620 for insurance.

Bingo continues to contribute significant income, averaging \$1,538 per week across the quarter

Direct Deposit Contributions:

The Parish encourages direct deposit contributions as the preferred method of donating.

Could you please contact the Parish Office if you would like to change your contributions to direct deposit.

Thank you.