



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
Friday 9.30am - Mass
11.00am - Funeral -
Josip Sabo

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
Safeguarding Officer: Elena Rodrigues
St Anne's School: 8746 6800
Principal:
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

4 AUGUST 2024

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15
Psalms Response: Ps: 77: 3-4, 23-25, 54-18
Second Reading: Eph 4:17, 20-24
Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:24-35

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Agatha CHAVES, Tony CREED,
John DELLAMARTA, George DOWLING, Paul
FANNING, Cesar GABALES, Diana MASTRAMI-
CO, Matthew PALSER, Emilia POTROVSKY,
Karen RANKIN, Maria RODDA,
Dawn WESTWOOD, Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Jacinta CANTWELL
Adriana CROOKS

Anniversaries: Ivan D'CRUZ, Eric D'MONTE,
Sheila D'MONTE, Charles FLORES,
Joyce ROMEO, Leonardo WATMOUGH,
Joseph ZAHRA

Morning Tea after 8.30am Mass this Sunday hosted
by
The Parish Co-ordinating Team

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

**THEY CAME TO BE OF SERVICE FOR OTHERS WHEREVER THEY ARE:
REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP
AND THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH**

On Thursday 8th August this year the Church in Australia and New Zealand - Aotearoa will celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. The Sisters of St Joseph founded by Mary MacKillop have had a long association with our Parish. To focus our thanks for her life we need only ponder the witness and service that the Sisters have given our parish – they are a fruit of the life of our Australian Saint. In the foyer of the church this weekend, a list of all the sisters who served in the parish will be on display. Don't forget the Parish Historical Room. The Sisters of St Joseph are prominent in the collection of historical material.

Below is a reflection from our own Sr Jose. It is about time she got on the front page of the Bulletin!

In 1916 the first of a fine tradition of altogether eighty-six sisters arrived at the request of the Parish Priest Fr John Gallivan through Sister Andrea the Provincial for the Sisters of St Joseph to teach the 106 pupils at St Mary's school in Sunbury.

With the sisters came dedication to St Mary MacKillop's vision of service; some to teach, and some in a Parish pastoral role of visiting the sick and aged. The community of sisters ranged from six to one but always here to serve. Their role has always been very much driven by the needs of the Parish. The Parish needed and the sisters responded. Many of our Parishioners when asked will relate that their primary education was very much at the guidance of the good sisters. Many others will relate their memories of Sister visiting them, their families, their parents just as a drop in or in a time of special need.

St Mary MacKillop fought poverty and ignorance. She established her community of sisters to educate and care for the poor and the needy, in particular children, regardless of religion or race. St Mary's life is a reminder for us to avoid complacency; build on our successes and address issues of poverty, ignorance and injustice.

The life and dedication of our sisters in our community is a living example for us as individuals and as a Parish. One of their many living legacies is reflected in the leadership of Sr Helen Barnes working with our parishioners to develop our Parish Prayer which continues to challenge us today and tomorrow.

"God our Father, bless this parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, so that we may love you more. Help the parents to be a good example to their children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians. Encircle our families with your loving care. To the sick grant health, to the aged bring serenity, and to those in sorrow, joy. May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living Amen.

Thank you and may God bless the wonderful service of our sisters.

Sister Jose Noy RSJ.

First Eucharist

With great joy we announce that our children from the three primary schools and OSPREY will receive their First Eucharist until 11 August, at the 5.30pm and 10.30am Masses. Please continue to remember them in your prayers.

National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Vocations | Seminary Enquiry - The annual Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on **Saturday 10 August**.

Safeguarding

When I hear people questioning or even complaining about the compliance required for Safeguarding of young people such as Working with Children Checks, Online Training, Policies and Procedures about Reporting or being encouraged to be aware about child safety, my response is simply, **“Do we want our children to be safe?”**. The answer is very simple, “Yes”. We start from there, from that spirit and conviction, and then deal with the details that both the Church and the State require and which make real our commitment to the safety of children and not simple a vague good intention. On our Parish Website (olmcsunbury.com) is a page dedicated to Safeguarding. Once you are on the main page of the Website, the Safeguarding page is one click away.

We have just added to the page new, key updated Policies which guide the Parish Safeguarding Committee's work and informs why we do what we do for everyone to know and act.

Check them out.

Ø Code of Conduct (2023)

Ø Safeguarding and Wellbeing of Children and young People Policy (2023)

Ø Antidiscrimination and Racism Policy (2023)

Ø Reporting Procedure (2023)

Ø Reporting Abuse or Safety related Misconduct: A flowchart of steps to take.

Parish Safeguarding Committee—Elena Rodrigues

Josephite Companions meeting **Thursday 8 August** at 10.15am, St Annes' Church Meeting Room.

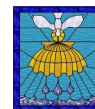
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Archbishop's Campaign

This year we are streamlining our approach to fundraising in parishes across the Archdiocese. The Archbishop's Campaign will begin next weekend. I know that times are tough at the moment, but I encourage you to think about what the future of a vital and vibrant faith community means for you and your family and consider making a personal gift to support the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese. These are critically important to the future of the Church and our faith Community, and I invite you to contribute to creating that. From next week you will notice posters and campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards around the Church, a banner on our website and images supporting the campaign on our social media accounts. More information about this campaign is coming; in the meantime, I encourage you to prayerfully begin discerning your gift.

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be Baptised in our parish this weekend:

Adam BONGIOVANNI, Luca FISHER,
Olive HENDRICKS, Alucard JACKSON,
Seraphin JERRIN, Imogen SCHWARZE



Parish Bingo

Our weekly Parish bingo session "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday at Sunbury Bowling Club eyes down 7.30pm. Enquiries to Gary 0419 301760 or Graeme 0417 503 527.

Religious Shop. We are NOW taking orders for **“God's Word 2025”**. First Communion gifts and cards, Gifts for Baby Baptism Rosary Beads, Crucifixes, Medals, Key Rings, Childrens' Books, Statues, Preloved Items. Inquiries/orders Joe on 0477 677 248.

Mobile Phones - Blessing or Curse? I realise that mobile phones are now an integral part of daily life and are used for many reasons. But the call remains to be wise with mobile phones during the Liturgy either making or answering calls or “surfing the net”. Of all places the Liturgy is a place for silence, listening, participation and awareness and respect for the Assembly that surrounds you. So be mindful of your mobile phone when you come to the Liturgy – unless Pope Francis is giving you a call. Fr Denis Stanley PP

Parish Thanksgiving Campaign

Last Sunday on the front page of the Bulletin I shared with the parish the news that the Parish Finance Committee are committed to undertaking a Thanksgiving Renewal Campaign. Here is part of what I wrote. Fr Denis Stanley

Our Parish Finance committee takes seriously the financial sustainability of our parish. They keep an eye on the week-by-week accounts. The brief and well-prepared quarterly summary accounts now published in the parish bulletin already give a snapshot of the parishes financial journey. However there are a number of broader, long-term issues that the Committee are considering. One of these is investigating a Parish Thanksgiving Campaign. These are undertaken every few years. They place before the parish the financial situation of the community and ask parishioners – new and old – to consider the needs of the parish and financial support of their parish. The model we have chosen for the campaign is offered by the Archdiocese at no cost to us and is based around a small group of our parishioners enabling the campaign with resources and coaching from the Archdiocese team. The other model is organized and staffed by a paid coordinator who provides all resources and does much of the technical work for us. So we will need volunteer support to distribute and collect Census cards at Masses in October, to distribute and collect Pledge cards in March 2025 and volunteers experienced in data handling to help enter the Census and Pledge data into the Archdiocese PACEM data base. By the way there will be no call for volunteers to visit Parishioners in their homes as Thanksgiving Renewal Campaigns were conducted in the past. Please stay tuned and we will call for those volunteers in coming months. We recognize that these are particularly difficult financial times for everyone, and our parish has to live with that reality. However there are moments on the journey when we have to stop, make an assessment about where we are, renew our vision and commitment and make decisions that help us move into the future faithful to the past. Yes, the finances of the parish have always been a matter of trust and hope.