



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 - Pius X
Thursday	9.30am - Mass - Queenship Of Mary
Friday	9.30am - Mass - Rose of Lima

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:	
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School:	9740 7344
Principal:	Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School:	8746 6464
Principal:	Krystine Hocking

18 AUGUST 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:	Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalms Response:	Ps: 33:2—3,10-15
Second Reading:	Eph 5:15-20
Gospel Acclamation:	John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:51-58

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Agatha CHAVES, John DELLAMARTA,
George DOWLING, Paul FANNING,
Cesar GABALES, Diana MASTRAMICO,
Anastasia MORTER, Emilia POTROVSKY,
Karen RANKIN, Maria RODDA,
Dawn WESTWOOD, Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Monica ALLEN, Pat PRICE

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

**MOUNT CARMEL AND SUNBURY – MAKING THE CON-
NECTION**

Recently on July 16th we celebrated the Feast of our Patron Saint, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. As I noted on the feast day this title of Our Lady – of Mount Carmel – links our parish permanently to a place in the modern state of Israel even though it has a long history in ancient Israel. It is from that mountain range that the Carmelite Order received its name. When you ponder this it is a strange connection – Sunbury is a long way from Mount Carmel and they could not be more different places.

Even more so today, as I recalled in the homily for the Feast Day, as Mount Carmel is not far from the northern border of Israel and the southern border of Lebanon. Anyone living on or near Mount Carmel today must be very fearful as the possibility of a second war front opening up in the north of Israel. The place we in Sunbury associate with Our Lady, the Mother of the Lord, is not far from and could be, God forbid, engulfed in more of the terrible conflict we are already too well acquainted with.

Even though Mount Carmel is a long way from Sunbury and so hard to emotionally connect with, the title we bear can make us think and feel more deeply about that connection. After all it is our parish's name and part of our identity. I wonder if anyone has ever asked you why the parish has the name, "Mount Carmel" and where is Mount Carmel anyway? What would you say?

So as we are linked to that place perhaps part of our mission is to have a heart for and pray especially for that part of the world. It is not only an ancient place we read about in the Bible it is also a place very much caught up in the all too modern world. Because for us Mt Carmel will always be associated with Mary, the Mother of the Lord, we can ask her intercession, joining with us in prayer to her Son, the Prince of Peace, the Servant of Justice and by whose costly gift of himself on the cross, has become the sign and source of God's will for reconciliation.

A big responsibility! But let the title of our Parish remind us that our prayer is not only inwardly looking but is open to all God's creation and people even when, especially when, the human family must, "*send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears*". After all in the Our Father we say each day, the Lord asks to pray that, "*God's kingdom come, God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*"

In both the shadow of our Parish Feast Day and the Assumption of the Mother of God we ask her to pray with us and for us.

Mother of God, we fly to you, our shade and shelter on our pilgrim way. Look kindly on our prayers, and turn not from us in our time of need. But free us from the dangers that beset us, O radiant and holy Virgin.

Fr Denis Stanley PP

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Children's Liturgy

Re - commences this weekend.

Please Note

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday August 29** due to Staff attending Archdiocesan Administration Forum.

Religious Shop Columban Calendars are now available to purchase for \$10.00. 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.

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.

WHY TRAVEL TO LONDON FOR THE CHANGING OF THE GUARD?

FAREWELL AND THANKS TO KAREN MORRIS, PARISH SECRETARY

Last week we farewelled Karen Morris, one of our Parish Secretaries. Karen has been a presence in our Office for over twenty years! She has been the public voice and face of the parish on the phone and at the office. If you are reading this Parish Bulletin that is thanks to her. She has kept the scaffolding of the parish strong and workable but also she has done all those many, small, unseen things that are so important. She has done all that with patience and calm grace. Our parish own a big debt of thanks to her and our loving appreciation.

We prayerfully support her for the next step in her journey especially spending more time supporting and being with her family.

We are organizing a Sunday morning "between 8.30am and 10.30am Mass" morning tea "Thank You", so stay tuned for the date.

WELCOME AND THANKS TO ELENA RODRIGUES

So now we warmly welcome Elena Rodrigues as the new Parish Secretary.

She will be with us on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Elena has been a parishioner for many years and has taken up the important role of our "Safeguarding Officer". Apart from being a parishioner she comes well qualified for her role with the parish. So I am sure she will not only keep things running as they have been but also contribute to changes and adaptations that we need.

Please welcome her if you see her or connect on the phone or emails.

May God bless the communion and community of people that sustains the life of our parish.

By the way we will now be looking for a new "Safeguarding Officer" to lead the small team that undertakes such an important service for our parish. More of that later.

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be Baptised in our parish this weekend: Alex CAMERON Fletcher HALLIWELL, Ayla & Harrison NIPPARD



ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN AUGUST 2024

This year the Archdiocese is introducing a streamlined approach to fundraising for the church in Melbourne. It's called the **Archbishop's Campaign**. It is a single annual campaign and will reduce the number of separate special Sunday collections in parishes each year.

Who will the monies be going to?

Tax-deductable donations will support Corpus Christi Seminary Building Fund, Priests Retirement Foundation and University of Divinity Building Fund. It will also support the John Pierce Centre for the Deaf, Melbourne Overseas Mission and other tax deductible recipient entities such as Catholic community agencies and service organisation.

Non-deductable donations will support the Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund, which supports seminarian formation and evangelisation initiatives such as World Youth Day. Any unallocated and loose collections will go to Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund.

When will this happen?

The Archbishop's Campaign will run over the Sundays of August.

How does it work?

Parishioners across the Archdiocese will be asked to make a recurring monthly contribution or one-off donations will also be accepted.

Donors will be asked to nominate whether they wish to make their gift tax deductible. Donations of \$2 or more to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund are tax deductible. All other gifts, including unallocated gifts and loose collections, will be non-deductable and go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund.

This Sunday please take home an Archbishop's Campaign envelope to read and consider the options – a monthly pledge, a single one off gift or online with the QR Code. We will take up the envelope collection next Sunday remembering that you can also donate online at any time, send the envelope directly to the Archdiocese or return the envelope over the next few Sundays. Many thanks.

From Your Parish Coordinating Team (PCT)

Calling **representatives from volunteer parish groups** who work, or intend to work, with people having a hard time. You are strongly encouraged to attend a **free training day** to update your skill in active listening on **Thursday 29th August**, 11 am – 12 pm Thursday at Sunbury Cobaw Community Health Centre (SCCHC)

Information that relates to where you can refer people in need for additional assistance, will also be given for you to share with your groups/teams. Please register by scanning the QR code on the poster in the church foyer, or by contacting SCCHC.

Give Until It Hurts Charity is holding a Fathers' Night family community gathering on **Friday 30th August** 5.30 - 7.00pm at Goonawarra Neighbourhood House. Share this message with family and friends and make up a group to celebrate our dads. RSVP 28th August 0435 661 917.