



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



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land and pay our respects to Elders
past and present.

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

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LITURGY TIMES: AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday 5.30pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 8.30am - Sunday Mass
10.30am - Sunday Mass
11.45am - Baptism
Wednesday 9.30am - Mass
Thursday 9.30am - Mass
Friday 9.30am - Mass - All Saints Day
Saturday 9.30am - Mass - All Souls Day

RECONCILIATION

Please note

Saturday 10:30am - 11.00am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Denis Stanley
Assistant Priest: Rev Jossey
Kizhakkethalackal
Deacon: Rev Stephen Fernandes
Pastoral Assoc: Sr José Noy RSJ
Safeguarding Officer:
St Anne's School: 8746 6800
Principal: Stephen Arthurson
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman
Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

27 October 2024

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalms Response: Ps 125. R. v.3
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel Acclamation: See 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Agatha CHAVES, George DOWLING,
Paul FANNING, Caleb FARIA, Cesar GABALES,
Mary KLOSS, Margaret MAGRI, Diana MASTRAMI-
CO, Anastasia MORTER, Emilia POTROVSKY,
Karen RANKIN, Maria RODDA, Derick STEWART,
Dawn WESTWOOD, Air WILKENSON,
Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Cherie HARDWICK

Anniversaries: Ron GORDON, Veronica SIQUEIRA

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

Gospel Reflection
30th Sunday

Of your charity prayer for the soul of...

Before we get to December we must pass through November. November 1st is All Saints Day and November 2nd is All Souls Day, indeed the whole month of November is a particular time to ponder the Communion of Saints. A celebration of our trust that because of our communion with Christ, who died and rose for us, as the beautiful words of the Funeral Mass say, "...for your faithful, O Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven".

Since I have arrived in the parish I have spent a good amount of time already in the cemeteries of Bulla and Sunbury. While I am waiting for the family to arrive for the burial I wander up and down among the graves and read the headstones on each grave. I have noticed that not all graves have headstones and so those buried there remain anonymous, their stories unknown and memory forgotten. All the more reason to remember and pray for them on All Souls Day.

Many of the older headstones begin with an invitation, "Of your charity pray for the soul of..." as if those buried there are asking passers by to pray for them. The invitation to pray appeals to our 'charity', an older word for "love". Our love moves us to pray for those who have died and place our confidence in the unconquered love of God for us.

Death is no barrier to our prayer. We pray for them and for ourselves that one day, when every tear is wiped away, we may join them in the Communion of Saints. We pray from the heart, and often with tears, for our departed relatives and friends. This is our great privilege: what it means to be part of the Communion of Saints.

Eyes will close, but you unsleeping watch by our side;
Death may come, in love's safe keeping still we abide.
God of love, all evil quelling, sin forgiving, fear dispelling,
Stay with us, our hearts indwelling, this eventide.

The words of this strong hymn we can make for ourselves, as well as for those who have died. It is only eventide for those we remember on this Feast Day. It is not a dusk preceding a night with no hope of dawn. It is an evening full of an anticipation of all that comes with the rising sun, of all that is possible because of the Risen Son.

What grounds our hope that those we pray for are in Love's safe keeping: that our loved ones will be radiantly beautiful once more? The victory of Jesus Christ over death: nothing more, nothing less. God's creative power triumphed over the grave and we believe that those we love are share in that triumph.

When someone we love has died there can be an emptiness in the pit of our stomach, and it is hard to pray. Sometimes God seems as absent as the one who has died. But as St Paul says, 'Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.' So we will pray as we are invited - "Of your charity..."

Saturday 2nd November - We do not usually celebrate Mass on Saturday morning but because November 2nd falls on that day we will offer Mass at 9.30am.

Sunday 3rd November – Liturgy and Blessing of Graves – Sunbury Cemetery 2.00pm, Bulla Cemetery 3.00pm.

Wednesday 13th November – Mass for Deceased Parishioners 7.30pm.

At every Sunday Mass in November the Memorial Book will be placed on the altar at the Preparation of the Gifts. From this Sunday you are invited to include names of family and friends in the book which will be in the foyer of the church.

Fr Denis Stanley PP

Parish Census - 2025

Thank you for your participation in our Parish Census program. Due to the high volume of respondents, we require assistance with entering the information from the Census Cards into PACEM. We are currently seeking 1 or 2 additional volunteers. No prior knowledge of PACEM is necessary, as training will be provided. Basic computer and data entry skills, as well as attention to detail, are required. If you are interested; please reach out to Dwain Lemaire on 0417 406 996 or email dwain.lemaire@outlook.com. If you have not yet completed a census card, cards are available in the foyer for collection and return over the next few weeks. Thank you.

All Souls Day: Mass for all souls of the faithful departed will be held at 9:30am on Saturday, 2 November 2024, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be moved to 10:30am.

Combined Churches of Sunbury

For many years the Combined Churches of Sunbury Group with the support of the local ministers, have organized the **Christmas Carols celebration for our community**. This year on **Saturday, December 14th**, the Christmas Carol celebration will be held on the oval at Salesian College. Last year, if you recall, it was washed out by rain. This year we are praying for more seasonable weather.

This is a request from the Combined Churches of Sunbury to begin commending this initiative to the Lord in prayer. For the freedom we have to hold such an event, for the generosity of Salesian College and those who financially support us, that all those participating will come with open hearts to hear the Christmas story, for safety, volunteers and of course, seasonable weather. **(Flyer on the Board)**

Of course if you would like to be a volunteer for the event, please let me know. For your information, there will be a **training evening on Tuesday 26th November 7.30pm at St Andrews Uniting Church**. Please consider and let me know. **Fr Denis Stanley PP**

Parish Bingo

Our Parish bingo session "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday, eyes down 7.30 pm at Club Sunbury. On the last Thursday of each month to the end of the year we are holding "theme nights" with a guaranteed \$2000 last game prize. The theme for 31st October is "bad shirt night". For 28th November the theme is "pyjama night" and of course our last game in December will be our Christmas special. No increase in cost for you just a chance to win more money. Get a few friends together and come along any Thursday and join in the fun. You will be made most welcome. Enquiries to Gary on 0419 301 760.

From St Vincent De Paul Society

Lovely lady looking for a granny flat or share accommodation with older woman or family. Please contact Jeremy Honner, Ph: 0403 994 135

Evergreens are going to the Library on **Tuesday 29th October** for a presentation on Scams and Abuse by Victoria Police and Elder Rights Advocacy which starts 10-00am till 12-00 followed by lunch at Ball Court. Inquiries and Booking ASAP call Joe on 0477 677 248

Aid to the Church in Need - Special Collection and Speaker next week - 2 & 3 November

Aid to the Church in Need has long been described as a school of love. Countless people have discovered and learned the essence of Christianity as they make spiritual and material offerings to help build a bridge enabling the suffering and persecuted Church to live and witness their own faith. Unlike charities which exist primarily to provide humanitarian and social relief, Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.

November Masses for your deceased loved ones can be arranged through **Aid to the Church in Need** which arranges over 2 million Masses each year, supporting one in eight priests worldwide. Mass offerings flyers are located at the welcome desk in the foyer or alternatively, visit www.aidtochurch.org/masses or call 1800 101 201 to arrange your Masses.

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets at St. Anne's Church at 10.00 am on Wednesdays. October 30th the meeting will include a teaching on "Using our Spiritual sensors and gifts of the Holy Spirit in Intercession." All welcome. For further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 0418 322 596.

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: Lexie Harty, Isla & Louie Joshua and Hudson & Henley Morgan.



Altar Servers - Develop and grow their teamwork skills ... Join the team - enquiries - Michael: 0417 332 186

Piety Stall

Christmas cards X8, Statues, Rosary beads/rings as gifts, bracelets and beautiful cards and Missals. Books: "After Suicide there is hope for them and you by Fr. Chris Alar". **We have sold 5 copies. "You are Not alone"**. Inquiries at shop or Joe on 0477 677 248

Welcome and thank you Fr Frank Moloney

As I have been invited to attend the ordination of one of the transitional Deacons for the Archdiocese in Balwyn, Fr Frank Moloney will be celebrating Saturday Vigil Mass on 26 October. Please stop to say hello and welcome. **Fr Denis Stanley PP**

Spiritual Retreats at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre will begin a series of reflection nights and retreats commencing with a Reflection Day on Monday, **28 October 2024** from 9:30am to 3:15pm at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne. focussing on the central theme of the Year of Jubilee 2025 : **Hearing the Audacious Call to be Pilgrims of Hope** facilitated by Mark Walsh The day will include times of contemplation using scripture and times of prayer. www.mmhc.org.au/spiritual-retreat/. Price \$120 (morning tea provided, BYO lunch).

Information Session for Hume Community Members

Elder Rights Advocacy and Victoria Police, supported by Hume City Council present "Stronger Together". Learn about your rights in aged care, how advocates can help you, recognising, responding and reporting Elder Abuse, how to recognize and protect yourself against scams with cyber safety tips. **Tuesday, 29 October** from 10am to 12pm at Sunbury Global Learning Centre, 40 Macedon Street. **(Flyer on the Notice Board)**.

Forum: "Involving volunteers from multicultural backgrounds"

Thursday, 7 November 2024—9:30 am to 12pm. The forum aims to bring together multicultural services, community leaders, and individuals to engage with volunteering involving organizations and groups. Participants will also have the opportunity to enjoy high tea refreshments together. Please advise of any dietary needs. Join an inspiring group of inspirational speakers and chat with others in the community. **Bookings by Friday 1 November 2024** (limited spaces): <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/forum-involving-volunteers-from-multicultural-backgrounds-tickets-1022308581487>

Please contact Jean Tusler (9205 2200) Volunteer Programs Officer with any enquiries: www.hume.vic.gov.au/volunteering

From your Parish Coordinating Team (PCT)A report on the main topics aired at the last monthly meeting 16/10/24

1. Liam Daniels is on course to launch the Youth Group in the new year.
2. Joe Wiegierink presented an insightful report on the Jill Gibb's Community Garden, 126 Riddell Rd, and its role in building community for a better world, now in its 13th year. PCT members unanimously expressed their delight with the state of the church garden beds and thanked Joe and Carmel for the incredible amount of time they put into both the mission and maintenance of the gardens. Full details of this interesting report may be read in the PCT minutes held at the Parish Office. Takeaway line from Joe, "If you see a weed, pull it out."
3. Several parish groups reported that they would welcome new members. Watch for details here next week.
4. Work continues on drafting privacy and risk-management policies for the parish.
5. Continuous-improvement suggestions around the layout of the of the church meeting room and foyer were received and referred on to the Finance and Development Team.
6. **SAVE THE DATE: Parish lunch get together** is being organised by the Social Committee for **11.30 Sunday 24th November**.