



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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olmcsunbury.com

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 - Presentation of Our Lady
Friday 9.30am - Mass - St Cecilia

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 José Noy RSJ
Safeguarding Officer: Deon Armstrong

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

17 November 2024
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3
Psalms Response: Ps 15:5, 8-11. R.v.1
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Gospel Acclamation: Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son
of Man
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Agatha CHAVES, Paul FANNING,
Caleb FARIA, Charles FIGUEREDO, Cesar GABALES,
Charles HABER, Emelda JAYASEKERA,
Christie JAYASEKERA, Mary KLOSS,
Margaret MAGRI, Diana MASTRAMICO,
Anastasia MORTER, Emilia POTROVSKY,
Karen RANKIN, Maria RODDA, Derick STEWART,
Sr Anne Tuck (RSJ) Dawn WESTWOOD, Air WILKEN-
SON & Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Anne MAGUIRE

Anniversaries: Fr Bert FULBROOK, Adelaida
MACARIO, John A MALLIA, Fred MENZIES, Ron
PLUMMER, Jack SEGRAVE, Alby TORR &
Nina ZAHRA.

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

New Auxiliary Bishops for Melbourne

Did you know that in the Archdiocese of Melbourne we have 5 Bishops? 1 Archbishop and 4 Auxiliary Bishops. Why? Because the Archdiocese is the largest diocese in Australia.

Pope Francis has recently appointed two new Auxiliary Bishops for Melbourne – Reverend Father Thinh Nguyen and Reverend Father Rene Ramirez RCJ. Both Bishops-elect will join Bishop Martin Ashe and Bishop Tony Ireland in bringing together the leadership of the four regions of the Archdiocese.

Bishop Terry Curtin has been the Auxiliary bishop for the Northern Region – the Region Sunbury is part of. He will now retire and one of the new Bishops will become the bishop for the Northern Region.

It is significant that the two new Bishops are from Vietnam and the Philippines. They reflect the very strong multicultural reality of our Archdiocese and our Parish.

Fr Thinh Xuan Nguyen

Born in 1973 in Saigon, Vietnam, is the 3rd youngest of nine brothers and four sisters. Fr Thinh arrived in Australia at 13 years of age, and took up secondary studies at Redden Catholic College in Preston Victoria. He later obtained a Bachelor of Building Engineering and a Diploma in Lighting Design whilst working with an engineering firm. In 1999, he entered Corpus Christi College Regional Seminary Carlton and was ordained for the on 16 September 2006.

Fr Thinh has served in the Melbourne Archdiocesan parishes of Deer Park; Fitzroy and Bennettswood, and has also served as Chaplain to Archdiocesan Office of Youth, Chaplain to the University of Melbourne, Formator at Corpus Christi College (Regional Seminary), and Assistant Vocations Director for the Archdiocese. In 2022, Fr Thinh was appointed Co-ordinator of Clergy, Life and Ministry, the Archdiocesan Office that undertakes ongoing formation of Clergy in the human, intellectual, pastoral and spiritual areas of their lives.

Fr Rene Ramirez RCJ

Fr Rene Ramirez, born on 28 March, 1969, and hails from Gapan, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, a city located 90 km north of Manila. He has been a priest since June 1998 having joined the Congregation of the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus in May 1985.

After having worked in the Philippines for many years, upon arrival in Australia, Fr Rene became the pastor of Holy Family Parish in October 2015, overseeing the Catholic communities of West Footscray, Maidstone, and Braybrook within the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Episcopal Ordination for the Bishops-elect is to take place in the morning of 1 February 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

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, these are available in the foyer for collection and return over the next few weeks. Thank you.
Fr Denis Stanley PP

No Reconciliation - 23 November 2024

There will be no reconciliation next Saturday, 23 November as Fr Denis will be away attending an ordination. Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding!

Overseas Humanitarian Project – Collection Next Weekend (23rd/24th November)

The special collection next weekend will be for the LAP Team who care for children living with HIV/AIDS in the very poorest slum areas of Jakarta in Indonesia.

If you are unable to attend Mass on that weekend and would like to assist LAP with their work you can make a donation directly to the parish account established specifically for contributions to LAP. Just contact the Parish Office who will be pleased to help you set this up.

For all those attending 8:30 Mass, we invite you to join us for **Morning Tea** after Mass.

Thank you for your wonderful generosity over the past ten years.

OLMC LAP Fundraising Team.

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 **28th November** 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.

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, 14th December**, 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

Combined lessons and carols service: This year's service will be held on **21 December at 7pm** in St Mary's Chapel (bluestone building). All are welcome.

HUME COUNCIL - Home energy saving events in November: Various sessions being run by Council. Please see notice board for details.

Flowers in front of Our Lady's statue: If you bring any flowers to place in front of Our Lady's statue, please be attentive about spilling water that damages the woodwork and any electric cables. Could you also ensure that these are removed after the flowers have wilted. It is good to keep the shrine to Our Lady neat and tidy. Thank you!

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: Harvey & Sophie Spiteri, Benji McCarthy, Blake Sinnott & Pippa & Rowan Lindsay.



Altar Servers - Congratulations and welcome to **Jaden** a new member of our Altar Server Team. New members always welcome ... Michael 0417332186

Piety Stall.

Divine Mercy and Columban calendars available only \$11. Christmas cards X8, Nativity Statues, Rosary beads/rings as gifts, bracelets. Bibles, Missals. books: "After Suicide there is hope for them and you by Fr. Chris Alar". **We have sold 6 copies. "You are Not alone".** NEW stuff. **Pope Francis' fourth Encyclical, *Dilexit Nos*** ("He loved us" Rom 8:37) retraces the Church's tradition and reflection on **"the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ,"** calling for a renewal of authentic devotion to avoid forgetting the tenderness of faith, the joy of serving, and the fervour of mission. This encyclical comes as celebrations are underway for the 350th anniversary of the first manifestation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673.

Order your copy Now of the 112 pages book for \$16.

Inquiries at shop or Joe on 0477 677 248

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary invite the parish to a special Mass at 9.30am on **Thursday 21st November 2024**. Feast of Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary / 160th anniversary of the laying of OLMC foundation stone - with Adoration, Rosary, prayers - and a cuppa/snacks after. All welcome.

Evergreens Social for over 60's afternoon will be on Tuesday **26th November 2024** at 12.00 pm. St. Anne hall. Food and chat and survey for 2025. All welcome, bring a friend. Call Joe on 0477 677 248 for info and transport.

Evergreens are having a **Christmas theme MORNING MELODIES** and Buffet lunch \$32 **Thursday 5th December 24**. at Watergardens Hotel. Call Joe Spiteri for transport and bookings. As soon as possible. On 0477 677 248

Twilight session at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne

This interactive seminar will enable you to deepen your spirituality through interconnection with all of life. Includes input, sharing of ideas and a reflective experience in Fitzroy Gardens.

Day : Thursday, 21st November 2024

Time: 5.45 pm to 7.45 pm.

Venue : Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert street, East Melbourne

Price: \$40 (Light refreshments provided at 5.30 pm)

Flyer on the Notice Board

Historical Committee: Will meet at 10:30am on 25 November in St Anne's Church Meeting Room

From your Parish Coordinating Team (PCT)

1. 1 Only 7 more sleeps to the Parish BBQ Lunch starting 11.30 am SUNDAY 24th November in the parish hall. See flyer in St Anne's foyer. Extras include BYO cold drink or a covered salad or some unbuttered bagged buns. (Food handling protocols will be followed.) However, the main thing is to have some fun. Come along and take a new friend under your wing!

2. New members . It's never too late to pick up a flyer from the Help desk, or to ask a PCT member in the foyer after mass about joining one of our parish groups. Members' photos are in the foyer and they're a friendly bunch to talk to. Join a group and let's "build community for a better future".

3. Sunbury Winter Shelter (SWS) supporters and volunteers. A public meeting is set for **10.30 am Saturday 30th November** at St Andrew's Uniting Church. Newcomers are most welcome. Agenda: The 2024 Outreach Programme and Where to in 2025?