



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH
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past and present.



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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 - 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 - Sts. Cyril & Methodius

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am - 10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Denis Stanley
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

09 FEBRUARY 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalms Response: Ps 137:1-5, 7-8. R. v.1
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you
fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Jesulin **CABRAL**, Agatha **CHAVES**,
Caleb **FARIA**, Charles **FIGUEREDO**,
Samford **FIGUEREDO**, Cesar **GABALES**,
Charles **HABER**, Neville **HUTCHINGS** (Swan Hill),
Emelda **JAYASEKERA**, Christie **JAYASEKERA**,
Margaret **MAGRI**, Diana **MASTRAMICO**,
Anastasia **MORTER**, Tom **MOWAT**, Eileen **PALSER**,
Emilia **POTROVSKY**, Karen **RANKIN**, Maria **RODDA**,
Derick **STEWART**, Terry **SWEENEY**,
Dezirah **TUIMAUGA**, Air **WILKENSON**,
Daniel **ZAMMIT**

Recently Deceased: Vincent **ALLEN**, Deryl
DELANEY, Fr John **O'Reilly PE**

Anniversaries: Lucille **GENTILE**,
John Edward **GIGGINS**, Michael Martin **MORONEY**

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

The journey of discipleship

February 9, 2025 5th Sunday Year C

Luke 5:1-11

In this week's gospel, we witness the all-too-familiar story of Jesus by the Sea of
Galilee calling Simon Peter and other fisherfolk to join him in his mission.

Unlike similar call stories in Mark (1:16-20) and Mathew (4:18-22), the journey to dis-
cipleship in Luke is not a single moment of decisive conversion but rather a gradual
process, marked by repeated encounters, personal challenges, and an evolving un-
derstanding of Jesus' identity.

By the time we encounter Simon Peter in this passage, he has already had several
meetings with Jesus. Earlier, Jesus performed miracles in Peter's hometown of Ca-
pernaum (Lk 4:31-37), healing many who came to Peter's house (4:40-41), including
Peter's mother-in-law (Lk 4:38-39).

Peter and his colleagues may have been curious about this miracle worker from Naz-
areth. However, curiosity alone was not enough to prompt them to abandon their lives
and livelihoods. In this later encounter by the lake, Peter and his companions still
engaged in their work, weary from an unfruitful night of fishing, are still rooted in the
security of their familiar lives.

Jesus enters Peter's boat and asks him to "put out into the deep" (Lk 5:4) which, in
Luke is probably meant to be read as both a physical and a spiritual quest. The depth
of the lake symbolises a deeper dive into trust and faith, a willingness to venture be-
yond comfort.

The miraculous catch that follows is not only a sign of Jesus' power but also a revela-
tion for Peter, who, "seized with astonishment" (Lk 5:9), falls to his knees and
acknowledges his own unworthiness. This response signifies a transformative mo-
ment, one in which Peter's initial curiosity is challenged by the overwhelming pres-
ence of the sacred in Jesus.

This passage reminds us that discipleship often requires repeated encounters with
the sacred presence in our lives. Each encounter deepens the call, drawing us from
curiosity to faith and, eventually, to a committed life of discipleship. It is easy to think
that a single moment of conviction or inspiration will suffice to sustain a life of faith.

However, Peter's journey suggests that a faithful response to Jesus is nurtured over
time, with each encounter inviting us to trust more deeply and let go of our reserva-
tions. The call to "leave everything and follow" (Lk 5:11) becomes possible only when
Peter has experienced both Jesus' authority and his compassion in a personal and
transformative way.

In our own lives, we may find that discipleship also unfolds through a series of invita-
tions to trust, each one a step deeper into relationship with Jesus. We might be drawn
to the message of Jesus through curiosity, but it is through ongoing encounters—
moments of insight, challenge, or comfort—that we grow into a life of committed disci-
pleship.

Like Peter and his fellow fisherfolk, we come to realise that following Jesus is not
merely a call to faith but a call to transformation. We are invited to leave behind the
life we know, trusting in the new purpose Jesus reveals, one encounter at a time.

Ian J Elmer
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OSPREY- Sacramental preparation program for young people 2025

Dates for the 2025 OSPREY Program are now available. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in participating in this program please email the parish office on Sunbury@cam.org.au.

Fr Denis Stanley PP

Proposed Changes to Disabled Parking Spaces around St Anne's Church

I hope everyone has noticed the fresh and brightly marked disabled parking places around the church. This is the completion of the first stage of the plan to greater safety by ensuring that cars do not drive through the portico at the front of the Church. The next part of the initiative will be to close off the driveway under the portico. Thank you for being patient with these changes.

Fr Denis Stanley

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: meets each week on Wednesdays at St. Anne's Church after 9.30 Mass. All welcome. For further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 0418 322 596.

World day of Prayer Service: will be on **Thursday, 27th February**, 7:30 pm at St Andrew's Uniting Church. This year the service has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands. Flyer on the Notice Board

OLMC Youth Group: Registrations for the OLMC Youth Group are now open! Ages 13 – 18. Dinner /Watch a video/ Group discussions/ Games + Prayer nights. Launch date is 16th March 2025 / 6.15PM / Parish Hall

Please note: there are only 30 spots available for the program, the registration link will close once capacity is reached. Parents/guardians to scan QR code and register.

Any questions, please contact Liam Daniels - 0488541844



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Framed Pictures A4/ 21 cm by 29.7 cm, Large A3/ 30 cm x 42 cm. Divine Mercy and Columban calendars only **\$10 (SPECIAL)**. Key rings, Rosary beads/ Bracelets/rings as gifts, bracelets. Bibles, Missals & Books. **everything is cheaper** than the City, Inquiries at shop, orders taken or Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248

Evergreens are going to the Melbourne Art Gallery on the **11th February** Entry is FREE. Meeting at train station by 8:45am. Come and join us. **Inquiries** Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248

Evergreens are going to see **Rave On: The Buddy Holly Story** with Jeremy Stanford. Live on stage in Moonee Ponds on Tuesday, **8th April 2025 at 11am costs \$26** plus bus fare from train station by 9:30 am. Come and join us. **Inquiries** Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248 **BOOK Early.**

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: Valerie June **Attard**, Georgia Elizabeth **Coldwell** & Tia Savannah Katunayakege **Perera**.



Pilgrims of Hope—Jubilee 2025

Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. (Psalm 42:11)

- i. Where in your life do you need this Christian virtue?
- ii. Where in the world today do we need this Christian virtue?
- iii. What is the reason for your hope (1 Peter 3:15)?
- iv. In what ways do you cooperate with the Holy Spirit to nurture this hope?
- v. Hope is not some wishful thinking that all is going to be all right; hope "is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love" (Spes Non Confundit, 3). What actions and attitudes might I cultivate that would bring me closer to God's love?
- vi. If we wish to be prepared to give a reason for our hope, to be people who help make present the Kingdom of God, we need to commit ourselves to being part of the solution of "remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry" (Spes Non Confundit, 16)

Altar Servers Don't just come to Mass, they help Father and the community to celebrate it. Join the team ... enquiries Michael 0417332186

News about Sr José - our Pastoral Associate and friend

I would like parishioners to know that Sr José will be away for a few weeks – exactly how many weeks I am unsure – for a time of rest and care with the Sisters of St Joseph at their convent in Yarraville. We wish her a restful and enjoyable time with the members of her Religious Community.

Myself and Deacon Stephen will keep in contact with those that Sr José has been visiting and taking Holy Communion to in their homes.

Fr Denis Stanley PP

Thank you

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to sincerely thank each of you who attended my father Karl Lemarie's funeral service last Saturday. A special thank you to Father Denis, Deacon Stephen, Michael and Cathie for their guidance and support, and to Joan for the beautiful flower arrangements. Your presence, love, and prayers have provided our family with immense comfort and strength during this challenging time. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring and supportive community. With heartfelt thanks,

Dwain Lemaire

Parish Statistics 2024 - For your information and interest

* Baptisms 130	* Confirmations 125
* Marriages 1	* Funerals 28

From your Parish Coordinating Team

Back to School The PCT wishes all teachers, students and their families a happy and productive first term.