



**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**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5.30pm - Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.30am - Sunday Mass</b>
	<b>10.30am - Sunday Mass</b>
	<b>11.45am - Baptism</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass - St Paul VI, Pope</b>
<b>Funeral</b>	<b>11.00am - George Dowling</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass</b>

**RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday 10am - 10.30am St Anne's Church**

**Parish Priest:** Rev Denis Stanley  
**Deacon:** Rev Stephen Fernandes

**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

**25 May 2025**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C**

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29  
**Psalm Response:** Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, R. v.4  
**Second Reading:** Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23  
**Gospel Acclamation:** cf John 14:18

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord said: I will not leave you orphans.  
 I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.  
 .Alleluia!

**Gospel:** John 14:23-29

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Mary BORG, Jaclyn DEBENHAM Jesulin  
 CABRAL, Agatha CHAVES, Caleb FARIA,  
 Charles FIGUEREDO, Samford FIGUEREDO,  
 Cesar GABALES, Charles HABER,  
 Margaret MAGRI, Sharon MAMO,  
 Diana MASTRAMICO, Anastasia MORTER,  
 Tom MOWAT, Emilia POTROVSKY,  
 Amanda REBELLO, Derick STEWART,  
 Marcus TAYLOR, Dezirah TUIMAUGA,  
 Delicia VILLELA, Air WILKENSON,  
 Daniel ZAMMIT

**Recently Deceased:** George DOWLING

**Anniversaries:** Fr Thomas CONSIDINE (2nd Parish  
 Priest), Margaret DOWLING, Irene HAMILTON,  
 Vincenza PRASAD

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

**John 14:23-29**

We are still in the Easter season celebrating a new creation. But John's gospel takes us back before the Easter event as we hear another part of the farewell spoken by Jesus before his death.

Jesus seeks to give his disciples hope in the face of what is to come. Of course, they don't know what's coming, but at this moment he says to them that, if they love him, they will keep his word and Jesus and 'my Father' will make their home with them.

It's quite breathtaking, revealing to us an intimacy we're unexpectedly invited to share in. And that home is being made whenever we are present to one another, not using one another, or fantasising about one another, but are able to be with each other.

Jesus then speaks out of this love when he says that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in his name, will reveal everything, deepening our understanding of what has been said to us. And more, Jesus continues to reveal the great generosity of God and gives his peace to us, a peace quite unlike what the world offers.

The emphasis isn't on stopping hostilities, which is what we understand peace to mean in international affairs, or closer to home, or a peace of mind which brings with it the 'power of inner peace', crucial and helpful as they might be at moments. But rather it is a peace centered on relationship, on a person, on Jesus Christ, on one another.

As we learn to love one another, to be with each other, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus and the Father come to be with us, to live in us. And the peace this love brings is not a DIY peace, but a gift to be received. We can't simply will it into being, or program it; we have to learn to receive it. That's the part we find difficult. Letting go of our old, comforting habits.

Often, we prefer to hold tight to what we know because letting go seems risky. But that's what Jesus is speaking of: trusting in God's love, this peace, as revealed in him and made real in our lives by the Holy Spirit. This is the intimacy we're invited to share in, where 'on the far side of my letting go is myself in God'.

It's the vision revealed to us in the second reading from the Apocalypse where 'the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the Temple' and we live in them, opening our hearts in praise, as in the psalm. It reminds us that, empowered by the Holy Spirit, there will be decisions to be made, and work to do, to enable the Good News of God's love to be heard.

But now, in the light of Easter, we know, as do the disciples in the first reading, nothing can prevent God making a home with us.

Damian Coleridge  
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## PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE NOTICES

### **Registrations are now open for the MenAlive Weekend Retreat 14 & 15 June 2025**

For men in our parish and the surrounding suburbs. We encourage all men to register as soon as possible to allow time for catering arrangements and preparation of printed materials. We understand that everyone is busy, but this retreat offers a unique opportunity to transform your mindset, deepen your faith, and rediscover God's purpose for your life. **Why wait? Sign up today.**



(Scan the QR code to register.) **For any questions, please speak to a committee member listed on the flyers.**

### **Piety Stall:**

Framed Pictures A4/ 21 cm by 29.7 cm \$12. Large A3/ 30 cm x 42 cm. Key rings, Car Medals, Rosary beads/ Bracelets/rings as gifts, medals. Bibles, Missals & Books. Everything is cheaper than the City, Inquiries at shop, orders taken or Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248

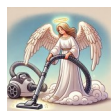
### **Sunbury Evergreens**

Good Vibrations Beach Boys on stage. Tuesday **9th September 2025** at 11am. \$26. In Moonee Ponds If interested. I will collect the money Tuesday 27th May 2025 at 12-00pm. At Social afternoon. Call Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248 to inquire or book.

### **Evergreens Social Afternoon**

Evergreens Social afternoon **Tuesday 27th May 2025** at 12-00pm. At St Anne Hall back of the church A nice cup of tea with biscuits supplied. The Evergreens is FREE for all Seniors over 60, Come and join us for a chat and enjoy. We love to see you. Call Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248 for info and transport

**St Anne's Cleaning Team want you!** New members always welcome. Please call if you would like to help be of service. Michael 0417 332 186



### **PARISH BINGO - Big Winner!**

Congratulations to parishioner Terry Sweeney on his big win at last Saturday's Jumbo Bingo Session. You too can be a winner - come along and give it a try - you've got to be in it to win it! Our weekly session **MAJOR BINGO** is on **every Thursday**, eyes down at **7.30 pm at Sunbury Bowling Club**, Riddell Rd. Three x \$1000 prizes up for grabs this week. Get a group of friends together and join in the fun - you will be made most welcome. Enquiries to Gary Plummer on 0419 301 760.

## **ECUMENICAL NEWS & EVENTS**

### **VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

For your information, at the request of the Archbishop, last Saturday at the Annual General meeting of the Victorian Council of Churches, I was elected to the Council's Standing Committee, to represent the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. This appointment is for two years and will require twelve meetings a year and well as regular consultations. The new President of the Council is Fr Panagiotis Zoumboulis of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. Axios.

### **SUNBURY COMBINED CHURCHES.**

Our local community of Sunbury has a strong, well organised, and led Combined Churches Group that helps organize the Christmas Carols, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Prayer, the service for the Sunfest

gathering as well as being a place to share concerns and information among the churches. Ministers come and go but the Combined Churches group gives continuity to the connections between Christian communities in Sunbury. Dela Oswald and Sr Jose where faithful members of this group for many years. Since their retirement the group is searching for a Catholic member to replace them. I would like to encourage anyone who might be interested to represent our Parish and help organize the group's various activities to speak with me. Meetings are Tuesday evenings, 7.30pm, 10/11 times in a year

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** Saturday, **7 June 2025** at 2pm at St Andrew's Uniting Church, 10-20 Barkly St. Sunbury

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: Faith **GRANT**, Alfie **HALL**, Rory **LAIN** Rose **McAINSH**, Brynlee, Colette & Ainsley **SPILSBURY** & Edward **WOODWARD**.



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

### **May Mass Count**

During the month of May, the Archdiocese asks us to undertake the annual Mass count. Collectors will be provided each Sunday with a form to complete the number of those attending at each Mass. In 2023 the annual Mass count was 421. In 2024 it was 519. In 2025 .....?

### **OLMC Youth Group:**

A chance to register for the OLMC Youth Group! Ages 13 – 18. Dinner / Watch a video / Group discussions / Games + Prayer nights. Parents/guardians to scan QR code and register.



**Faith Formation evening: 1 June at 6:15pm in the Parish Hall.** Any questions, please contact Liam Daniels - 0488541844

### **THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN**

Thank you to all those who contributed so generously to the recent campaign. As a gentle reminder, if you still have your pledge letter at home could you please return it in the sealed envelope provided to either the parish office or on the collection plate? Thank you for your involvement.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION: THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

A total sum of \$2,674.20 was collected towards Project Compassion. This has now been sent on to Caritas Australia.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH-**

This week there will be a special collection for the propagation of the faith. You're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely. The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

### **SR JOSE - SOME NEWS**

During the week I spoke with the Provincial of the Srs of St Joseph, Sr Sue McGuinness, who informed me that Sr Jose has now moved to St Vincent's Aged Care Hawthorn (Mary Mackillop Aged Care) 4 King Street, Hawthorn VIC 3123. Our Parish wishes her prayerful best wishes for this next step of her journey.

**JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS** next meeting, Wed 28 May at 1.00pm, St Annes Church Meeting Room. All welcome.

**THE LEGION OF MARY** are doing a follow-up on their Recruitment Drive held on 10/11 May. For anyone who missed it and may have queries or would like further information, or are interested in joining, please contact Celine on 0414711090 or Cath on 0428842521

### **FROM YOUR PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)**

Theme for May: Communicate! Communicate! Communicate!

**NEW MEMBERS FOR PARISH GROUPS.** It's never too late to fill out an application at the Help Desk in the church foyer to let a parish group know you're interested in joining.

The Evergreens, Josephite Companions, Legion of Mary, Bingo, the Society of St Vincent de Paul (Vinnies) and LAP(supporting youngsters with HIV in Jakarta) are just a few of the many groups who are keen to hear from you.

**As you leave Mass today, fill out a simple application form from the Help Desk nearest the front door and drop it into the orange box.**

**KEEP THE DATE!** Dinner Dance **Saturday 5th July. 6.00 – 9.00 pm** in the Parish Hall bringing all three mass-going groups together. Adults \$20. Youngsters (6-12) \$10. Ticket sales will go to support the GUIH Wednesday Kitchen and Sunbury Winter Shelter community outreach programmes.

