



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 - St Barnabas
Thursday	9.30am - Mass
Friday	9.30am - Mass - St Anthony of Padua

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

8 June 2025

Pentecost Sunday Year C

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Psalms Response: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and
kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-16. 23-26

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Mary BORG, Jaclyn DEBENHAM
Penny CLARKE, Jesulin CABRAL,
Agatha CHAVES, Caleb FARIA,
Charles FIGUEREDO, Samford FIGUEREDO,
Cesar GABALES, Charles HABER,
Margaret MAGRI, Sharon MAMO,
Diana MASTRAMICO, Tom MOWAT, Brian MUNDY,
Emilia POTROVSKY, Amanda REBELLO,
Lynne SIMPSON, Derick STEWART,
Marcus TAYLOR, Dezirah TUIMAUGA,
Delicia VILLELA, Air WILKINSON, Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently Deceased: Fr Brian McMAHON

Anniversaries: Michael O'CONNOR & Mary & Alec
TAYLOR

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

Pentecost Sunday

Fifty days after Easter we celebrate the events of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples who were gathered. They were alone, waiting and wondering. Jesus had ascended into heaven. Now, at Pentecost, there was the coming of the Advocate, the Paraclete, as promised by Jesus at the Last Supper before his death.

The Feast of Pentecost brings the liturgical season of Easter to a close. With the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples, the plan of salvation is brought to its conclusion.

On this day the Church came into being and, gifted with and inspired by the Holy Spirit, it now began its mission to proclaim "the marvels of God" (Acts 2:11) to the whole world.

The Book of Acts speaks in dramatic terms of the actual event of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. There was a mighty wind and tongues of fire and, much to everyone's astonishment, suddenly the disciples "were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech" (Acts 2:4).

St Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, then reminds us that, as followers of Christ, the Holy Spirit has made a home and dwells in each of us. St Paul describes how this indwelling radically transforms our very identity. It means that we are not just followers of Christ but beloved children of God and, as children, we are heirs! We are heirs with Christ, sharing the blessings of his resurrection.

St Paul urges us to live by the Spirit, for "everyone who is moved by the Spirit is a son of God" (Rom 8:14). It is the Spirit in us who teaches us to pray, "Abba! Father!"

This week's readings culminate with a text from John's Gospel reminding us of the role of the Holy Spirit in our personal daily lives and in the life of the Church. The Holy Spirit is an advocate who will guide us and remind us of all that Jesus taught. Jesus promises that "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you" (Jn: 14:26).

But John's Gospel tells us something even more profound when Jesus promises that "if anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him" (Jn 14:23).

This is grace: it is God, the Trinity of three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, making their home in us, abiding in us, and, little by little, transforming us and conforming us ever more closely into God's image. Little by little we more clearly see the world and everything in it as God sees it. And the fruit of this grace in our lives is good works ... works for the coming of the Kingdom, works of compassion, hospitality and love.

Anne Hunt
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FINAL CALL – MENALIVE RETREAT! 14 & 15 JUNE 2025

Brothers, this is the last weekend before our life-changing MenAlive Retreat. Over 20 men have already registered — our goal is 50! If you feel called, register now. Ignore the RSVP date on the flyer — we're accepting registrations until the last minute. Help us plan well by signing up today. Let's do this together! The MenAlive Team. Contact Garnet 0411 286 428.



PIETY STALL: Confirmation gifts, 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

The Evergreens are going to the **Police Museum** and lunch at DFO Spencer Street on **10 June 2025**. Traveling by train - leaving 9am back in Sunbury by app, 3pm. If interested call Joe Spiteri 0477 677 248 for info.

Good Vibrations Beach Boys on stage. Tuesday **9th September 2025** at 11am in Moonee Ponds. \$26 per ticket. If interested please call Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248 to inquire or book.

PARISH BINGO - Big Winner!

Congratulations to parishioner Terry Sweeney on his big win. 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 moist welcome. Enquiries to Gary Plummer on 0419 301 760.

THANK YOU! Our grateful thanks to Jo & Carmel Wiegerink & Teresa Quin for spreading the mulch around the grounds of St Anne's church. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – Parish Social Gathering Planning

We are preparing for our 2nd Annual "Connect and Share – Together Again" Social Gathering with a **dinner dance on Saturday, 5th July** and are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join the OLMC Social Committee. If you would like to help with planning, promoting, ticket sales, setup, or assisting on the day, please join us for our first meeting on **Monday, 9 June at 7 PM** at St Anne's Church. Let's come together to build a stronger, more connected parish community!

For more info or to get involved, contact Garnet Jacob - 0411 286 428

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: will be meeting at **10:30am on**

Monday, 23 June in St Anne's Church. All are welcome.

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 it was 622.5.

FIRST RECONCILIATION – OSPREY PROGRAM

Our Parish OSPREY sacramental program prepares young people from our parish who attend schools other than our Parish primary schools. The first session for those preparing for First Reconciliation will be held on Sunday, 15 June at 9:30am in the Parish Centre. If you know anyone who have children in grade 3 that would like to participate in this program, please contact the parish office, or speak with Fr Denis

ST VINCENT de PAUL

SPECIAL COLLECTION: Please give generously to St Vincent de Paul's winter appeal this weekend.

MORNING TEA: Hosted by St Vincent de Paul Society after 8:30am Mass this weekend.

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: Lucien **BRASTRUP** & Jai **SINGLA**



FR BRIAN MCMAHON RIP – a son of Our Lady of Mt

Carmel Parish, Sunbury. I would like to share with parishioners the sad news that Father Brian Joseph McMahon PE passed away on Thursday 5 June 2025, at Justin Villa, Balwyn, aged 89 years. Fr Brian grew up on his family's farm here in Sunbury. He was baptised and confirmed at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church. He was later the President of the Sunbury YCW. He was ordained a priest at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne on 23 July 1966. After his ordination, Fr Brian served as the Assistant Priest at Doveton, Strathmore, St Albans, Blackburn and Geelong Parishes. From 1971 – 1974 he was the Director for Catholic Vocations. In 1979 he was appointed Parish Priest of St Stephen's Parish Reservoir East and served the parish for 33 years until his retirement in 2012. He will be remembered as a devoted and hardworking pastor who served God's people generously. The People of God in this Archdiocese are most grateful for his 59 years of untiring service

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

The Sisters of St Joseph have left us a great legacy of visiting parishioners in their homes and bringing them Holy Communion. We remember the presence of Sr Jose. As we farewell their presence amongst us we are invited to take up their ministry as indeed some of us do.

If you know of any family, friends or neighbours who need a visit in their homes and perhaps to receive Holy Communion, please leave a message with the Parish Office or let Fr Denis or Deacon Stephen know.

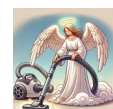
We also need some more dedicated volunteers to take up this ministry. You may consider taking Holy Communion to someone in your family or volunteer to bring the Eucharist to a parishioner. The parish can provide some formation for this ministry.

Please note that those who are taking Holy Communion to a person other than a family member will need a Working with Children Check and a Police Check that the parish can help in obtaining for you.

Thank you to all those who are or have in the past taken up this important ministry of prayer and presence and have found that there is much mutual joy in serving in this way.

Please let Fr Denis or the Parish Office if you are ready to assist. Thankyou.

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



FROM YOUR PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. VIBRANT PARISHES 1. Wed 11 June 2025, Club Italia, 128-132 Furlong Road, Sunshine **Time: 6.30pm - 9pm**

How do you nurture your relationship with God—through personal prayer or communal worship? The answer is both! Join Katherine Stone, Vocations Director of the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters, as she unpacks how we can move beyond simply 'knowing about' God to truly knowing and loving Him. Drawing from Scripture, Katherine will guide you in strengthening your personal and parish prayer life. Afterwards, take part in a workshop exploring one practical way to cultivate a deeper, more fruitful prayer life. Bookings may be made through this link <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1378009>. Contact the parish office if you need assistance with this.

2. Keep the Date - DINNER DANCE Saturday 5th July bringing all three mass-going congregations together from 6.00 – 9.00 pm in the Parish Hall. Adults \$20. Youngsters (6-12) \$10. Tickets available shortly. **Ticket sales will support:**

GUIH Wed. Night Kitchen programmes (currently offering hospitality to between 6-10 people) and **Sunbury Winter Shelter** community outreach programmes (currently assisting 2-3 homeless people).