



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH
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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

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| 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 - St Romuald |
| Friday | 9.30am - Mass |

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

15 June 2025
The Most Holy Trinity Year C

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31
Psalm Response: Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
To God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 16:12-15

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: Lanih Lei FLORES

Anniversaries: Eddie GRECH, Reuel OLINARES

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

The Most Holy Trinity

Catholics and many other Christian communities believe in *one* God, who is Father, Son, and Spirit. St Augustine expressed the understanding this way: God is *Lover, Beloved*, and the *Love between them*.

Augustine's expression, *Father/Lover, Son/Beloved*, and *Spirit/the Love between them*, provides a way for us to gaze into the heart of God – a relationship. If we're created in the image and likeness of God, then what animates and identifies us as persons is also relationship.

So, what does it mean to be in a relationship? In the gospel, Jesus says, "All [the Spirit] tells you will be taken from what is mine." In the next verse, Jesus also says, "Everything the Father has is mine." This means that there's really no "mine" or "yours" in a relationship. In true relationships, "mine" and "yours" become "ours". This understanding stands counter to the galloping individualism that consumes so much of contemporary society.

Being in a true relationship also means to be vulnerable. It may seem strange to think about God being vulnerable. But, look at God's vulnerability in the birth of the Son as a helpless baby in a manger, and in Jesus, the Redeemer, giving his life on the cross; vulnerability that comes from God's overwhelming and heartfelt desire to be in relationship with humanity. For us, in our relationships, when our vulnerability meets the vulnerability of another, there intimacy is found.

It's easy to relate to family, loved ones and friends. But we mustn't limit ourselves only to those we know.

To be the person that God desires us to be, we're to be *more* than simply individual persons. To discover, and live our best and truest selves, we're called to reach out beyond ourselves, and relate with others.

Rather than withhold life and love within its dynamic relationship, the Trinity generously reached out beyond itself. God's lavish love overflowed into creation. God sent the Son into the world live to live with us. God sent the Spirit to sanctify and accompany us throughout life.

A genuine community is one that is open to others and not closed in on itself. That's why in Andrei Rublev's famous 'Icon of the Trinity', the fourth side of the table is vacant, inviting us to take our place within the Trinity's relationship of unity and love. The place we most experience the truth of the Trinity is at the table of the Eucharist, when bread and wine, gifts of the Father from creation, are transformed into the life-giving body and blood of the Son, through the action of the Holy Spirit.

God is a perfect communion of persons, who share one nature, and lovingly invite us to share in their life. May we witness through our own lives and deeds, the virtues of community, inclusion, love, respect, generosity, and diversity that the Trinity inspires.

David J Hore CSsR
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FINAL CALL – MENALIVE RETREAT! THIS WEEKEND

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: SPECIAL Pope Francis Gift Boxed Rosary Beads, made in Italy by Ghirelli \$23 Mary Help of Christians Rosary beads, made in Italy by Ghirelli \$25 NOW IN SHOP. 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. Inquiries at shop, orders taken or Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248.

Understanding the Sacraments - Fr. Chris Alar Why do we baptize infants? Where is Confession in the Bible? Is my marriage valid? And many more. **Please order NOW**

SUNBURY EVERGREENS

The Evergreens Social afternoon Tuesday 24th June 2025 at 12-00pm. At St Anne Hall (behind 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.

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

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

THE BODY OF THE LORD – CORPUS CHRISTI – NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 21st- 22ND

Next weekend – **June 21st – 22nd** the Church celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi. It is a well known and loved festival of the church giving us an opportunity to stop and reflect more deeply upon the gift of the Eucharist.

The Church has faithfully followed the command of Jesus through the two thousand years that separate us from this Last Supper of Jesus with his apostles to our gathering today, as friends of Jesus who will do as he told us – in memory of him. The first Pope St. Leo wrote, "*what was visible in our Savior has passed over into his mysteries*" In other words, everything that Christ did to reconcile us to God — his suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension — has passed over to the sacraments. In the Eucharist is Jesus' power and presence.

Through the working of the Holy Spirit, his suffering, death and resurrection affect, bless and transform our lives today. Our own life becomes life-enhancing and lifegiving for the society and the communities in which we are called to live out our baptismal vocation.

To mark this festival before the 5.30pm Vigil Mass and between the 8.30am and 10.30am Masses there will be the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – a time of silent prayer and simply being in the presence of the Lord to nourish us and the bonds we share as the Body of Christ, the church.

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: William **BAIRD**, Rafael & Gaberial **GJUGJA**, Maverick **KATSIPIS**, Bertram **MARTIN**, Bodhi **RYAN** & Dawn **SIMANGAN**



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.

FOR YOUR DIARY: 13 July 2025 - Thank you & Farewell to the Sisters of St Joseph & Sr Jose

10:30am Mass at St Anne's Church

11:45am onwards: Gathering in the Parish Office

12 - 3pm: Convent will be open for a tour

3pm: Formal liturgical closing of the Convent

ADOPT A PET: A family in the parish who have had a change in their housing circumstances are looking for someone to adopt their 2 dogs. Jet, a male Labrador 6 years and Bear, a male Husky, 8 months old. The family is hoping to have someone take both of them as they are quite attached to each other. If you or anyone you know would be interested in taking Jet & Bear into your home, please contact **Mallory on 0422 585 191**. Thank you!

LAP: Despite the recent passing of Prof. Irwanto (the founder of the LAP team in Jakarta), the group continues its critical work caring for the poverty-stricken HIV AIDS children. Could we please, once again ask for your support for the forthcoming **fundraising collection** at all Masses in three weeks on **the weekend of 5th/6th July**? We also invite you to join us for morning tea after the 8:30am Mass on 6th July. **Thank you. OLMC LAP Fundraising Team.**

FROM YOUR PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. **Confirmations** The PCT congratulates all those young people who were confirmed recently in a prayerful ceremony in St Patrick's Cathedral. Thanks are naturally extended to parents, sponsors, teachers and supporters for the important roles they played in getting the young people well prepared to receive this strengthening sacrament.

2. **The Ecumenical Service for Christian Unity** Christians from at least seven denominations gathered in St Andrew's Church last weekend to enjoy a service focusing on what unites us - the love of Jesus Christ. Modern Christians reciting together ancient prayers from the first few centuries of the church including the 1,700-year-old Nicene Creed was a feature of the afternoon. As expected, the hymn singing and the cuppa afterwards were magnificent.

3. **Keep the Date! DINNER DANCE Saturday 5th July** to bring all three of our 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)