



**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**

<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 Thomas</b>
	<b>Apostle</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass - St Elizabeth of</b>
	<b>Portugal</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

**29 June 2025**

**Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11  
**Psalm Response:** Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5  
**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my  
Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-19

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Mary BORG, Jaclyn DEBENHAM  
Penny CLARKE, Jesulin CABRAL,  
Agatha CHAVES, Caleb FARIA,  
Charles FIGUERO, Samford FIGUERO,  
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

**Anniversaries:** Paolo DARMANIN, Griffith & Alice  
GONSALVEZ, John McGOVERN, Paul HOGAN,  
Harold & Iris KERWICK, Franco & Elizabeth PISA-  
NESCHI, Mark ROBERTS, & Gesualda SPITERI &  
George WESTWOOD.

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

## **Saints Peter & Paul**

In this week's gospel reading (Matthew 16:13), Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?". The disciples offer various answers, including that some believe Jesus to be John the Baptist, Elijah, or Jeremiah.

However, when Jesus presses further, asking, "But what about you? Who do you say I am?", it is Simon Peter who responds emphatically, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

This confession of faith is a pivotal moment in the gospels. Peter, inspired by divine revelation, recognises Jesus not just as a prophet but as the long-awaited Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus' response to Peter's declaration is both affirming and momentous. He tells Peter, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven." Jesus then declares that Peter is the rock upon which He will build His Church: "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

The name "Peter" itself comes from the Greek word petros, meaning "rock," which establishes a direct connection to Jesus' words. The passage continues with Jesus giving Peter the "keys of the kingdom of heaven," granting him authority to bind and loose on earth, as it will be in heaven. This confers a unique leadership role on Peter in the early Church, establishing his primacy and special role among the apostles.

The roles of Saints Peter and Paul in the early Church are central to understanding the growth and spread of Christianity. Both apostles are foundational figures, each contributing uniquely to the establishment of Christian teaching and community.

Peter is often considered the first pope of the Roman Catholic Church, based on the belief that Jesus entrusted him with the authority to lead His Church. Peter's leadership and his martyrdom in Rome further solidify his position as a central figure in Christian tradition.

Peter's role as the rock upon which the Church is built signifies stability, continuity, and faithfulness in Christ's mission. The Church sees Peter's authority, symbolised by the keys of the kingdom, as essential in guiding the faithful and preserving the integrity of Christian teaching.

While Peter was the leader of the early Church, Paul was the great missionary who brought Christianity to the Gentiles. He too was martyred. Paul's letters (Epistles) form a significant portion of the New Testament, shaping Christian doctrine, ethics, and theology. His conversion from Saul, a persecutor of Christians, to Paul, an ardent missionary, serves as a powerful testimony to the transformative power of Christ. Paul's deep theological insights, especially concerning grace, salvation, and the nature of the Church, made him instrumental in spreading Christianity beyond its Jewish roots.

Though Peter and Paul had different missions, their combined efforts were crucial to the growth and establishment of the early Church. Their martyrdoms – both in Rome, under the reign of Emperor Nero – are commemorated each year on June 29.

W Chris Hackett  
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**OLMC Youth Group:**

A chance to register for the OLMC Youth Group! Ages 13 – 18. Dinner / Watch a video / Group discussions / Games + Prayer nights. **Faith Formation Night on Sunday 29 June at 6:15pm in the Parish Centre.** Parents/guardians to scan QR code and register. Any questions, please contact Liam Daniels -0488541844



**SUPPORTING OUR PARISH BINGO - To our fellow parishioners**

A small group of people have been running bingo on behalf of the parish for more than 30 years. 'Major Bingo' has grown into the premier bingo event averaging 110 to 120 players each Thursday evening. Income from bingo has sustained the parish financially over the past few years. This has been achieved by 6 people. However, we now find ourselves needing assistance from the parish.

We are looking for an additional 1 or 2 helpers to bolster our numbers. The work is not difficult and the atmosphere is very friendly. There is no requirement that you 'call the numbers'– there are many simple tasks which contribute to a successful evening and you will be well supported in the learning phase. We provide a warm and friendly environment, finding time to chat with players and ensuring that they enjoy the evening. At the Club Sunbury venue each week the bingo group meets at about 5pm for an informal dinner, tickets are sold from 6:30 and 'eyes down' commences at 7:30. We aim to finish playing at 10:15, after which we enjoy a short 'wrap-up' of the evening's events.

We would be grateful if you would consider helping us. If you think that you might be able to assist us or would like more information, please contact Gary Plummer (0419 301 760) or Peter Rush (0418 148 586).

**OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT – COLLECTION NEXT WEEK-END (5TH/6TH JULY)**

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. **Parish LAP Fundraising Team.**

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: Mason, Evelyn & Spencer **BUTTIGIEG.**



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

**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 Centre  
**12 - 3pm:** Convent will be open for a tour  
**3pm:** Formal liturgical closing of the Convent

**EVERGREENS: LUNCH at Olive Tree on 15th July 12-00.** Great day to enjoy food and company. Booking and transport call Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248.

**Morning Melodies** with Buffet lunch on **31st July at Watergardens Hotel 10-30am cost \$32.** Booking and transport call Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248.

**HELP WANTED:** Does this sound like you? Wanted: volunteer driver with SUV or equivalent to pick up vegies, fruit and meat from either Keillor or W. Melbourne and deliver to Sunbury for charitable distributions. Please contact Garnet Jacob on 0411 286 428.

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

1. **DINNER DANCE Sat 5th July** Once more we're bringing all three of our mass-going congregations together. 6.30 pm start. Parish Hall. Adults \$20. Youngsters (6-12) \$10. Collect tickets in the foyer after every mass. Ticket sales to support vulnerable people in Sunbury.

**?? VOLUNTEERS ??** Want to join the Social Gathering Team, planning, promoting, selling tickets, setting up, organizing food or assisting on the night? Please ring 0411 286 428.

**?? DONATIONS ??** Can you donate a raffle prize? Collecting box is in the church foyer.

2. **VIBRANT PARISH SERIES** Wed 2nd July **What does it mean to welcome others?** At Club Italia, 128-132 Furlong Rd, Sunshine, 6 pm start. Cost \$15 pp. Google "Vibrant Parishes" which leads you to book online using TRY BOOKING. Fr Chris Monaghan CP will explore moments of hospitality in sacred scripture, and how we welcome guests into our midst. Then a practical workshop will equip participants with tools to initiate meaningful conversations with newcomers, responding to the call to 'cultivate hospitality' (Romans 12:13)

OUR FINANCES FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JAN - 31 MAR 2025

PRESBYTERY (1st) COLLECTION		THANKSGIVING (2nd) COLLECTION	
Supports our Parish clergy and contributes to the Archdiocese's fund for poorer parishes and retired priests		Enables us to provide liturgies and pastoral support across the parish, as well as maintaining parish facilities	
Total weekly contribution (average)	\$1,948	Average weekly parish costs	\$3,767
Less contribution to the Archdiocese	-\$584	Average weekly collection amount	\$3,412
Net available to support our Parish clergy	\$1,350		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Our parish is supported by the generosity of our Parishioners (together with contributions from our great Bingo Team).

The Parish does not receive any grants

Comments on Contributions for the period 1 Jan - 31 Mar 2025

**Presbytery Collection:**

Contributions close to the average across full year 2024, and down just 3% on the 2019 (Pre-Covid ) average.

**Tap and Give:**

**Total** contributions increased by \$209 to \$705 per week compared to the average across full year 2024.

**Thanksgiving Collection:**

Contributions up 14% compared to average across full year 2024, and just 6% less than 2019 (Pre-Covid) average.

Parish costs were 48% less than the average across full year 2024.

-this was due to a general reduction in expenses this year and two sets of insurance premiums being paid in 2024.

**Other (additional) Income:**

- Bingo continues to contribute significant income, averaging \$1538 per week across the three months

- Parish centre hire and offerings from baptisms etc. also contributed \$657 per week

**Credit Card or Direct Deposit Contributions:**

The Parish encourages credit card or direct deposit contributions as the preferred method of donating.

Could you please contact the Parish Office if you would like to change your contributions to card or direct deposit.

Thank you.