



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.

Email: Sunbury@cam.org.au

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 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel |
| Thursday | 9.30am - Mass |
| 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

13 July 2025

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

First Reading: Zechariah 2:14-17
Psalm Response: Lk 1:36-55. R v.49
Second Reading: Galatians 4:4 - 7
Gospel Acclamation: Luke 11:28

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed is Mary, virgin and mother,
 Who bore the Word of God and pondered it
 in her heart.
 Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Mary BORG, Jaclyn DEBENHAM
 Penny CLARKE, Jesulin CABRAL,
 Agatha CHAVES, Caleb FARIA,
 Charles FIGUEREDO, Samford FIGUEREDO, Darcy
 FISHER, 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: Joseph GATT & Carmelo ZERAFA

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

**FAREWELL AND THANKYOU TO THE SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH OF THE
 SACRED HEART 1916-2025**

This Sunday is the Parish Feast Day of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. On this day we give thanks to God for the past, present and future of our Parish and look to the example and prayer of Our Lady to inspire and help us. On this special day for our Parish we are also farewelling and thanking the Sisters of St Joseph who have served and been a presence in our parish for over one hundred years. With us are the Provincial, Sr Sue McGuinness and other sisters who have been invited and can be present. In particular we want to celebrate the contribution of Sr José for her long and valued service to our community and so we welcome her and her family amongst us today. **Thank you Sr José!**

This gathering of farewell and thank you will mark a significant "*before and after*" event for us. It will mark a time of change from when the Sisters were with us and a time from now on when they will no longer be with us.

We shall miss the living link they have provided for us to St Mary MacKillop of the Cross. Every parish in Australia has an image of Mary Mackillop and keep her feast day, but how many parishes have been privileged to have a community of her sisters living in their midst, serving, praying and witnessing? Even before Mary MacKillop was canonized, from the time the Sisters arrived in Sunbury in 1916, her story has been a living part of our parish. Her story is truly remarkable, an encouragement and inspiration, that the Sisters presence with us have enabled us to know and love.

Their presence amongst us has also been a living witness to the religious life, to what a community of women, living the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, can be and do. We – especially our young people – will miss the potential embedded in seeing this special witness of gift of self for the sake of the Kingdom. Their absence will be missed and make our community different. We cannot underestimate their contribution nor should it be forgotten.

However, the Sisters of St Joseph have left us a legacy from their work and prayer, especially Catholic education. Without their hard work from 1916 onwards, Catholic education in Sunbury would look very different today, indeed it might not have been able to survive the withdrawal of the government's financial assistance in 1872. For many years our parish families had to find every single penny to keep Our Lady of Mt Carmel school going. With the help of the Sisters of St Joseph they did! I also think that simply their presence in our parish made a difference. *Doing* is important but *being* can't underestimated.

Can we in some way pick up the mantle the Sisters of St Joseph have left us – hospitality, education and care of our young people, an eye and ear open for our elders, a prayerful presence – sometimes seen but more often unseen.

We say a heartfelt "Thankyou and Farewell" at the **10.30am Sunday Mass**, the **gathering after the Mass in the Parish Centre** for refreshments, words of thanks and the presentation of a significant gift. From **12.00 noon until 3.00pm today there will be an "Open House"** at the convent in Macedon Street, an opportunity to drop in, be welcomed, see the convent and have a cuppa. At 3.00pm the "Open House" will conclude with a time of Thankful Prayer as we close the convent just as Archbishop Mannix prayerfully blessed and opened it on the 30th January 1916.

I cannot underestimate the historical and spiritual importance of this turning point in our Parish's life.

Fr Denis Stanley PP

PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE NOTICES

PIETY STALL: Book- Understanding the Sacraments by Fr. Chris Alar Why do we baptize infants? Where is Confession in the Bible. **Posters near door only \$25 only 6 left.**
Bible Red Deluxe Edition in leather, Children's Missal White, **Pope Francis Rosary Beads, \$23** Mary Help of Christians Rosary beads, \$25 **Framed Pictures** 21 cm by 29.7 cm \$12. **Not Framed** - large pictures 30 cm x 42 cm. \$15. Key rings, Car Medals, Rosary beads/ Bracelets/rings as gifts, medals. **Inquiries at shop, orders taken** or Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248.

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.

EVERGREENS: 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.

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. Any questions, please **contact** Liam Daniels -0488541844



Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel: Wednesday, 16 July 2025:

After 9:30 am Mass on Wednesday. Exposition of the blessed Sacrament, Legion of Mary Prayers, Rosary, Concluding Prayers & Benediction.

Overseas Humanitarian Project – THANK YOU FOR SUCH A FANTASTIC RESULT!

Due to the wonderful generosity of our parishioners, a total of \$2,677 was raised at last weekend's collection at our Masses for LAP.

These funds (plus those accrued from the regular pledge-givers) will be urgently sent up to the LAP team in Jakarta to assist them in their ongoing care for the HIV AIDS children. Thank you again for your support – it is making a real difference to the children's wellbeing . **Parish LAP Fundraising Team**

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: Rome **BARTALOTTA**, Zaccharie **MANAYSAY**, Nihaara **NIJO**, & Matilda **THOMAS**.



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

THANK YOU! To the LAP Team for a delicious morning tea last weekend. It provided a great opportunity to catch up with, and meet parishioners old and new.

THANK YOU: To Garnet Jacob and his team for a fun evening at the dinner dance last Saturday. The food was delicious, the music was melodious and the dancing was dynamic! Well done to everyone who helped in making this a successful evening.

Save the Date: Renew the power of the Holy Spirit within you.

A "New Life in God's Spirit" Seminar will be held in St. Anne's Church each Tuesday evening commencing on October 14th for 7 weeks. This seminar is designed to help the participants experience God's love in a direct and personal way. For further information contact **Elaine van der Weerden 0418 322 596**

FROM YOUR PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL raising awareness.

Being held this year right here in Melbourne Nov 30-Dec 2. Have you thought about attending this possibly life-changing pilgrimage? You must be between the ages of 15 & 25. Spots available for 1 or 2 possibly subsidized pilgrims to attend. Expressions of interest can be directed to the Parish Office at Sunbury@cam.org.au.

2. Last Saturday's DINNER DANCE was hugely enjoyable.

Many thanks to the lively one-man band, M.C. Garnet and energetic Filipina dancers who kept music and guests moving. A big thankyou to the PCT's hard-working Social Committee. They served the diners well. Thanks also to our guests for mingling with less well-known parishioners from other masses, and also for buying lots of raffle tickets, the proceeds of which will allow the PCT to donate a goodly amount to each of the two charities assisting vulnerable people in Sunbury, namely Give Until It Hurts and the Sunbury Winter Shelter. Final figures available next week.

3. THE VIBRANT PARISH SERIES. Next session: Outreach / Service: Beyond the Church doors

Wed 13th August at Club Italia, 128 Furlong Rd, Sunshine, 6.30-9 pm. \$15 pp. for a light meal. Google 'The Vibrant Parish' and book online using TRY BOOKING>Find Events. *"highly recommended to enliven your faith journey."*

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

| PRESBYTERY (1st) COLLECTION | | THANKSGIVING (2nd) COLLECTION | |
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| 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.