



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

Saturday	5.30pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am - Sunday Mass
	10.30am - Sunday Mass
	11.45am - Baptism
Monday	12pm - Funeral - Joshua Bishop
Wednesday	9.30am - Mass - St Bridget
Thursday	9.30am - Mass - St Sharbel
	Mahkluf
Friday	9.30am - Mass - St James, the
	Apostle

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 Arthursen

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
School: 9740 7344
Principal: Julie Freeman

Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

20 July 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10
Psalms Response: Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1
Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel Acclamation: See Luke 8:15

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with
a generous heart and yield a harvest
through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

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, Hilda
KOVIANIC, Bernie LEONARD, 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: John PODOLZAK

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times

The responsorial psalm begins with an important question; "Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?" One of the main themes of the Old Testament was determining how human beings, separated from God's holiness due to sin, can once again "live in the presence of the Lord."

In the second reading, we have the answer. In the words of St Paul, "The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory." By this, Paul means the risen Jesus, the one true God in the flesh, is alive in every believer. As a result, what is true of Jesus also applies to all of us. Jesus' relationship with the Father, one in which they are constantly present to each other, is true also for us.

In this week's readings, we learn more about what it means to live in God's presence and commune with him.

The first reading describes how "The Lord appeared to Abraham" with the arrival of three men. Ancient Christian tradition identified these three strangers, sometimes described as one person and sometimes as three, as a manifestation of the Trinity. When the men arrive, Abraham recognises his God's presence right away and welcomes them with an immense showing of hospitality.

But the gospel account of Jesus' visit to the home of Martha and Mary takes this understanding of what it means to dwell in God's presence to a whole new level.

To be clear, Jesus does not criticise Martha for her working and serving. Indeed, Martha follows the Old Testament example of hospitality demonstrated in the first reading by Abraham and Sarah. Martha's kind of service is what we call a 'corporal work of mercy', where we demonstrate the love of God through serving another's physical needs. However, as St Augustine explains in his commentary on the gospel, "Our Lord does not then forbid hospitality, but the troubling about many things, that is to say, hurry and anxiety."

Jesus, in the Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:14), cautions that worries, much like thorns, might stifle a person's responsiveness to his word. Even though Martha was trying to serve God through her labours, being so concerned about serving him was actually a barrier to communing and being in the presence of the one she loved. Mary, instead, seizes this unique moment and places herself in God's presence to take in everything that Jesus wants to give her.

While we live on this earth, we have a duty to attend to the physical and care for others. But we should never let our worries and anxieties take our focus away from the more important, that is, the eternal things that will 'not be taken from us.' Union with God through prayer is vital for every Christian. The love, peace and wisdom that we receive from spending time with Jesus overflows into all of our activities so that we become the kind of person, described in the Responsorial Psalm, who dwells in the presence of God.

Joseph Doyle
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Book, Understanding the Sacraments by Fr. Chris Alar Why do we baptize infants? Where is Confession in the Bible? **Only 6 LEFT going Fast at \$25.**

God's Word 2026: Daily Reflections Liturgical Diary.
PRE ORDER NOW A\$22.00.

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



THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED ON SUNDAY, 13 JULY -

Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the many volunteers who helped bring the celebration of the lives of the Srs. of Saint Joseph and the farewell to Sr Jose together last Sunday. They say 'many hands make light work' and it was certainly true of the day! Sr Sue McGuinness, Mother Superior of the Srs of St Joseph, has also written to the Parish to express her gratitude on behalf of the Srs and her joy at witnessing our "vibrant parish community, reaching out in selfless service and gratitude". This would not be possible if not for our band of volunteers. Our parish is indeed doubly blessed. May God bless you!

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE - OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE :

The Catholic Theological College will open its doors to the public as part of the 2025 Open House Melbourne Weekend on 26 July 2025 from 9am—3pm. This program fosters public appreciation for good design and public engagement to rediscover the city. There will be an opportunity to experience the space through the eyes of the architect behind the design of the College, Mr. Greg Burgess. He will be onsite to engage directly with visitors between 10 am – 12 pm.

OUR NEIGHBOURING PARISHES – WHAT'S HAPPENING? NEWS FROM THE FRONT

On 17th September, Fr John Healy the Parish Priest of the two parishes of Woodend and Lancefield, which includes the church at Romsey, will also become the Parish Priest of Gisborne, which includes the churches of Macedon and Riddell's Creek. These parishes will retain their canonical identity but operate under one Parish Priest. Eventually, over time, and moving through a process, this will become one Parish.

Fr Vincent Nguyen (Gisborne) will move to Dandenong and Fr Wahid Riad, will move from Castlemaine to live in Gisborne and work with the Parish Priest, Fr John Healy, in this new configuration of six churches.

Sunbury, given its current population, projected growth and urban character, has been excluded from this redrawing of the local ecclesial map.

We keep our neighbours of the "Macedon Ranges Mission" in our prayerful concern as they move into this time of change, may they be blessed with good leadership, daring faith and concern for one another.

Fr Denis Stanley – Parish Priest of Sunbury – which is enough for the time being.

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: Kobe **CONNORS**, Marco **FRANZE**, Mason **PAPAGRIGORIOU**, Rome **RUFFINO &** Kyha **STRAHAN**



OSPREY - First Eucharist - Session 3 will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 23 July.

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

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**

EVERGREENS SOCIAL AFTERNOON Tuesday 29th July 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.

MENALIVE GATHERING—26 JULY

Join us for our next MenAlive program on Saturday 26th July, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM at 37 Macedon Street, Convent. Let's come together to rekindle our faith, friendship, and fellowship. Enq: 0434 581 902

FROM YOUR PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

- 1. Dinner Dance.** Proceeds from the sale of tickets and raffles, in addition to generous donations to the very worthwhile dinner dance, meant that the PCT was able to send \$418.00 to the Give Until It Hurts Charity and the same amount to Sunbury Winter Shelter. After the dinner, PCT's recycling initiative saved 29.5 kgs of food waste from going to landfill.
- 2. Vibrant Parish Formation. 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."*
- 3. 2025 Jubilee Year Places of Pilgrimage.** The designated pilgrim places are:
 - St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne - St Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs
 - St Mary Star of the Sea (Archdiocese Shrine of the Holy Family) - West Melbourne
 - St Luke's, Lalor - St Mary Magdalene's, Trentham
 - Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie/Essendon - St Dominic's, Camberwell East
 - St Francis Xavier, Mansfield - Sacred Heart, Croydon
 - Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough - Our Lady of Lavang, Keysborough
 - St Patrick's, Mentone - St Macartan's, Mornington

Jesus, 'is the destination of our pilgrimage'. Pilgrim Places will offer extended hours, additional Masses, Reconciliation, Adoration and a Plenary Indulgence opportunity. Pilgrims will receive a commemorative postcard, monthly reflections, and a Pilgrim Passport (available for a small donation) to be stamped at each location. Local Pilgrim Places will welcome visitors from February 2025 to 6 January 2026. Please check the websites of Pilgrim Places for opening hours and their Jubilee offerings ahead of your pilgrimage. Ref: <https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/jubilee/pilgrim-places>