



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
Wednesday	9.30am - Mass - St Peter Chrysologus
Thursday	9.30am - Mass - St Ignatius Loyola
Friday	9.30am - Mass - St Alphonsus Liguori

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

27 July 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32
Psalms Response: Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3
Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel Acclamation: Romans 8:15

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's
children, and in that Spirit we call God
our Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

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,
Dolores KRUSZYNSKI, 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 WILKENSON, Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently deceased: Neil MARSHALL

Anniversaries: Jacinta CANTWELL &
Isabelle FERNANDO

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

PRAYING THE OUR FATHER HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY

We can end up putting huge distance between Heaven and Earth, imaginatively in spatial terms. 'Heaven is way beyond the horizon of the universe.' It was not so for Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Look at the prayer he taught his disciples – you and me – to pray. 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

How can this come about? It happens when human being share God's way of seeing and doing things. There need be no gulf between Heaven and Earth.

But, the fact is we are usually unable to see or do things that way. Most often this failure springs from ignorance or distraction and sometimes from deliberate malice. Jesus Christ identifies two areas which we followers need to focus on to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space, as it were.

1. 'Give us each day our daily bread.'

This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger.

When Jesus was moved with compassion at the sight of a hungry crowd of five thousand he could have done nothing without the generosity of a little boy who handed over his few loaves and fishes.

That petition can only be answered if you and I respond with practical compassion to the plight of those in need.

If we do so, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide.

2. 'Forgive us our sins as we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.'

This has to be true: only if we can really assert 'for we ourselves forgive each one ...' can we pray for God to forgive *our sins*.

This does not mean that God's forgiving is conditional on what we do by way of forgiving. So how should we think about this connection?

First to Shakespeare: It was Portia in the Merchant of Venice who says '*The quality of Mercy is not 'strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath. It is twice blest: it blesseth him that gives and him that takes... It is an attribute to God Himself.*'

We know that if the surface of the earth is concreted over it cannot absorb ordinary rain and it runs off to water elsewhere. If we develop a harshness of heart which refuses to show mercy and forgiveness ourselves, then we are like earth concreted over and unable to absorb God's mercy and forgiveness into our own lives.

When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of divine mercy and forgiveness – attributes to God himself.

So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide.

Pray the 'Our Father' often. It is the prayer to be embodied in our lives. When we do so we can sing, 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts, Heaven **and Earth** are full of your Glory. Hosanna in the Highest.'

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PIETY STALL: Bible Red Deluxe Edition in leather \$45, 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. Large pictures 30 cm x 42 cm. \$15 not Framed. Variety of Key rings, Car Medals, Rosary beads/ Bracelets/rings as gifts, medals. Inquiries at shop, orders taken or Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248.

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 .

OSPREY: Reconciliation—Session 3 on Sunday, 27 July at 9:30am in the Parish Centre.

*...we place in your hands the distress of our times –
a prayer for peace.*

Almighty Father,
you are the Lord of history, and we place in your hands the distress of our times.

Do not allow war cries and threats to triumph, but enlighten us that we may recognise the human family across the world as one family. Welcome those who have died, comfort those who mourn, be with refugees and those driven from their homes, heal the wounds of those injured in body and soul and be close to all who seek to aid them.

Send your Holy Spirit over the earth,
the Spirit who defeats division, who overcomes war.

Now, Lord, we pray you, come to our aid,
guide us into the way of peace,
trusting always in Your Word, Our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

*From the website of the Cistercians sisters of Whitland Abbey,
Wales, UK*

Saturday Vigil Mass Community. Forgive, as the French say, my naïveté, with the one word 'mushrooms' in reference to the meal Abraham served the mysterious visitors in the Genesis Reading. I strictly meant no reference to anything other than the hospitality of Abraham and Sarah. Context is everything. **Fr Denis**

Something to watch...

Do people read books anymore? Not as much as they used to given the amount of information online today. Many do prefer watching things online or listening to podcasts, although like reading a book, our critical and thoughtful faculties need to be activated. Some parishioners who do watch YouTube clips have suggested three.

James Martin's – The Spiritual Life – are interviews with interesting people about their journeys of faith which can be challenging, inspiring and thought provoking. They certainly open a door onto how people today are walking the journey of faith. Fr Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins are clips focused on teaching the mysteries of the faith to challenge us and plunge into understanding our faith intellectually in a "user friendly" kind of way:

James Martin SJ: [james martin the spiritual life - Search Videos](#)

Fr Mike Schmitz: [Mike Schmitz Ascension Presents - Search Videos](#)

Jeff Cavins: [Jeff Cavins Revelations - Search Videos](#)

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: Benjamin **CATELEY-SMITH**, August **HERDZIK**, Rome **RUFFINO**, Henry **SIMPSON**, Ryan **SUTHERLAND** & Finn **SUTHERLAND**



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

FIRST EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

During August, the children of our 3 schools and the OSPREY program will be receiving their First Eucharist. The schedule is below for your information. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

2 August: 5:30 pm	Our Lady of Mount Carmel School
3 August: 10:30am	Our Lady of Mount Carmel School
10 August: 10:30am	OSPREY
16 August: 5:30pm	Holy Trinity School
17 August: 10:30am	Holy Trinity School
23 August: 5:30pm	St Anne's School
24 August: 10:30am	St Anne's School
30 August: 5:30pm	St Anne's School

EVERGREENS SOCIAL AFTERNOON Tuesday 29th July 2025 at 12-00pm in St Anne's 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..

EVERGREENS LUNCH AT WATERGARDENS HOTEL on Wednesday 30th July 2025 Call Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248 for info and transport.

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**

MORNING TEA: Next Sunday, 3rd August after 8:30am Mass hosted by the Sunbury Winter Shelter.

THANK YOU - for your generosity for Project Compassion. We raised \$2,674.20 which has been transferred to Caritas Australia.

FROM YOUR PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1.Our Commitment to Continuous Improvement

Have concerning **issues** about the parish been niggling you, like a newsletter, parking or liturgy matter, for example?

PCT has also received several very useful **suggestions** over the years, on social gatherings, finance and morning teas, to name just three.

We respond immediately to a concern or suggestion, informing the respondent that we have either acted directly or have passed the item on to the group or individual that can best deal with it.

The HELP DESK in the foyer has CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT FORMS should you need them.

2. Citizens' Advocacy A representative from the Victorian Disability Worker Commission (VDWC) will be speaking at an information session at the Citizens' Advocacy office 5A/36 Macedon St, Sunbury on Thursday 14th August at 5.30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. **RSVP** by calling David on 0408178614 before Tuesday 12th August. (VDWC regulates all disability workers in Victoria and regards citizens' advocates as its eyes and ears.)