



# 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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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 - Transfiguration</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30am - Mass - St Sixtus II &amp; St Cajetan</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.30am - Mass - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Patroness of Australia.</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 Arthursen

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**School:** 9740 7344  
**Principal:** Julie Freeman

**Holy Trinity School:** 8746 6464  
**Principal:** Krystine Hocking

**3 August 2025**

#### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**First Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23  
**Psalm Response:** Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1  
**Second Reading:** Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 12:13-21

#### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Mary BORG, Jaclyn DEBENHAM  
Jesulin CABRAL, Agatha CHAVES, Caleb FARIA,  
Charles FIGUEREDO, Samford FIGUEREDO,  
Darcy FISHER, Cesar GABALES, Charles HABER,  
Hilda KOVIANIC, Dolores KRUSZYSKI,  
Bernie LEONARD, Margaret MAGRI, Sharon MAMO,  
Diana MASTRAMICO, Diane MOON, Tom MOWAT,  
Brian MUNDY, Willow O'CALLAGHAN,  
Emilia POTROVSKY, Amanda REBELLO,  
Jenny SIMPSON, Lynne SIMPSON,  
Derick STEWART, Marcus TAYLOR,  
Delicia VILLELA, Air WILKINSON, Daniel ZAMMIT

**Recently deceased:** Christine VAN ORDER

**Anniversaries:** Maria AIOSSA, Ivan D'CRUZ,  
Lucy PERKOVIC & Joseph ZAHRA

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

This week's readings explore the theme of our enduring inheritance in God. The first reading reminds us that, of earthly treasures: "All is vanity". The psalm counsels us to realise "the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart" and encourages us to keep our gaze fixed on God for "in every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge." The second reading urges us to seek the things that are above, where Christ is, and that "the life you have is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3).

Vineyard owners in the Barossa Valley recently discovered ancestor vines which were planted between 1843 and 1847. Almost miraculously, these ancient vines are still yielding fruit and, indeed, still producing exquisite wines.

Wine makers often speak of the four essential ingredients of wine-making: the varietal – the specific variety of grape used; the vineyard – soil, climate and related factors; the vintage – the year in which the wine was made; and the vintner – the wine maker's skills and experience. These components are all essential in crafting a wine of quality and distinction. In addition, another critical factor is the aging process – a series of complex chemical reactions over time as the wine is stored. The finest wines will improve with age.

This is a beautiful metaphor for our spiritual journey. Like the intimate intertwining of the various ingredients of wine-making, we are formed and shaped by grace as we open ourselves more and more to God.

In the gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who stores up treasure, but in vain, for he soon dies. Jesus advises the crowd that "a man's life is not made secure by what he owns" (Luke 12:14).

St Benedict always encouraged his followers to be open to ongoing conversion. Growing in God is a process of continually listening. God makes us aware of new insights and ways of being. At times, the process may seem hidden or unexpected. But gradually, we discover our identity and vocation as a follower of Christ.

Throughout his life French artist Paul Cezanne painted a mountain, Mont Sainte-Victoire, in his hometown of Aix-en-Provence in 36 oil paintings and 45 water colours. At different points, he depicted Mont Sainte-Victoire differently, amidst a changing landscape of trees, bushes and houses.

Cezanne's earlier depictions are bold and striking. However, the dramatic quality of his earlier paintings gives way to a gentler, more ethereal depiction as Cezanne matured. Despite the differences, each painting has been praised as a masterpiece of perspective – the mountain seems both near and within our grasp, as well as just beyond our immediate reach. It is a striking image for our lives: we live within the shaping hand of God's grace. Within the depths of our being, God is at work to create our lives as a vintage of exquisite distinction.

Sophie Clements  
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**PIETY STALL:** 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.**

**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.

### FEAST DAY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP - FRIDAY 8 AUGUST

The Josephite Companions will be hosting morning tea after 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

### 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



### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) 2025-2026: INQUIRY PERIOD.

***Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation... 2 Corinthians 6:2***

Now is the time of year that we cast out our nets and invite those who would like to inquire about being received into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist or those who have been baptised in other Christians communities and are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church at Easter 2026.

This invitation is directed to all our Parishioners to share with family members or friends who you think are open to take this first step of **Inquiry**. The first few months of the RCIA process is an Inquiry Period where people explore their desire about being drawn into the Catholic faith. Inquirers are encouraged to contact the Parish Office for a meeting with Fr Denis to begin this journey into the mystery, beauty and wisdom of being a disciple of the Lord Jesus in and with the Catholic Church.

### PARISH MAINTENANCE AND MISSION NEWS – A “HEADS-UP”

I would like to share with you news that the **Parish Finance and Development Committee** met during the week to review a Maintenance Report recently prepared on our two church buildings. As a first step we were able to discuss and prioritize the maintenance needs identified in the two churches. From this discussion arose a commitment to engage the Parish at a meeting in September to report on these issues. We also investigated how we might fund these maintenance priorities including the need to sell at least one of our parish properties. We agreed to look for support from within the Parish to help manage the maintenance project. Stay tuned.

**Fr Denis Stanley PP**

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: Angus **SARGEANT**



**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

### ASSUMPTION OF MARY, VIRGIN MOTHER OF GOD - VIGIL

**MASS** on 14 August. Rosary at 6:30pm followed by Mass at 7pm in St Anne's Church. There will be an opportunity to chat with fellow parishioners and have a cuppa after Mass.

**MORNING TEA:** After 8:30am Mass this weekend hosted by the Sunbury Winter Shelter. Please stop for a chat and a cuppa!



**OSPREY:** First Eucharist - Session 4 on Wednesday, 6 August at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre.

### NAIDOC WEEK 2025.

23 years ago on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2002, the Sunbury Catholic Parish unveiled the acknowledgement plaque in the grounds of St Anne's Church. The unveiling of this plaque was the culmination of 18 months discussion and searching for the true Sunbury history. With the assistance of the late Uncle Norm Hunter we were able to learn the story of this area before settlement in 1836.

In 2025 **Lee Toll** is a non Indigenous award winner in the NATSICC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council) Service to Community Awards. Lee, a Catholic educator in our schools for many years, has also supported Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria. She has fostered community and developed inclusive liturgies that celebrate both Catholic faith and Aboriginal spirituality, ensuring the Ministry vision continues to thrive through her creativity, passion and presence.

### FROM YOUR PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. The PCT is asking for feedback on the Parish newsletter. After Mass today, collect a special Continuous Improvement form and have your say on the newsletter of the future - nothing to change, adding or discarding sections or no newsletter at all. Leave the form today or pop it in the post box outside the parish office.

2. 4 - 10 August is *Keep Australia Beautiful Week*. A practical way to respond to caring for God's Creation may be to spend 10 minutes of your week picking up litter in your backyard, local park, schoolyard, beach or bushland — and help protect the habitats and food sources of Australia's beloved marine and wildlife.