



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

Saturday	5.30pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.30am - Sunday Mass
	10:30am - Sunday Mass
	11.45am - Baptism
Wednesday	9:30am - Mass - Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus
Thursday	9:30am - Mass - St Maximillian Colbe
Friday	9.30am - Mass - Assumption

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

10 August 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalm Response: Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12
Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

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 KRUSZYNSKI,
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: Sean CRAWFORD, Bishop
Emeritus Peter John ELLIOTT MA STD DD, John
FERRY.

Anniversaries: Douglas JOSEPH, Joyce ROMEO,
Pat SMITH, Marianna URBANIAK, Jack WICKS &
John WICKS.

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

This week we hear Jesus offer a stinging warning. Be vigilant! Live your life like
servants awaiting the return of their master! But *do not be afraid*, he says, *for*
your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom.

In the midst of it, Jesus repeats a word three times. Did you catch it? It is also in
the responsorial psalm. The word is **blessed**. You could say *blessed* is one of
Jesus' favourite words. In his great charter for the definitive way to be human,
the Sermon on the Mount, he awards the status of *blessed* to those who don't
appear very *blessed* at all (the persecuted, the peacemakers, the meek, the
mourning, the poor in spirit...).

In Catholic life *blessed* is probably most often repeated in the Hail Mary:
'*blessed art thou among women...*' Priests *bless* the people with the sign of the
cross. Parents *bless* their child when she is sick or when dropping her off at
school. When someone sneezes, people say, 'God *bless* you!' or just
'*Bless* you!' What are we saying when we say *blessed*? More importantly, what
was Jesus saying when he did?

We've established that *blessed* is everywhere in our spiritual and ordinary lives
and that the same was true for Jesus himself. The word, quite literally, goes
back to the very beginning. On the first pages of Scripture, in Genesis, God cre-
ates the world by separating light from darkness, water from land, and so on.
You are probably not surprised that our word is there.

It appears precisely three times. God *blesses* the birds and fish on day five and
humanity on day six: so creatures of the sky, the sea, and the land are *blessed*.
But what are they *blessed* with?

The story is plain: *fruitfulness, abundance*, the capacity to *fill* the creation
with *life*. Humans, who are a kind of a unifying bridge joining the sky and sea on
the land, are given a special *blessing* on top of abundance and life: they are
blessed with *rule* or *dominion*. On day six, humans are themselves presented as
a blessing, a more, a teeming abundance beyond what God has already
created.

Sky, sea, and finally, those peculiar *land* creatures are *blessed* with the energies
of abundance, life, and then rule. The final act of *blessing* occurs on the seventh
day, when God *rests* from his work. The creation tale establishes the meaning of
our word for the entire story to follow that culminates in Jesus. *Blessed* means
to be *given* a share in God's power of abundance, life, and ultimately rule.

And that is what Jesus offers us. It is what *rest* signifies in Genesis and
what *Kingdom* means in the gospel. *Blessed* means to be truly, fully and defini-
tively human, in accord with God's original and final purpose.

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. Parents/guardians to scan QR code and register. **Prayer Night on 10 August at 6:15pm in the Parish Hall.** 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

MISSING IN ACTION

MONDAY 18TH – FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST

For you information Deacon Stephen and I will be away between the afternoon of Monday 18th and Friday 22nd August, attending the Archdiocesan Clergy Conference. That week the Mass schedule will be: **Monday 18th** 9.30am; **Wednesday 20th** 9.30am (Salesian Fathers); **Friday 22nd** 9.30am (Salesian Fathers)
We thank the Salesian Fathers for the assistance.

Fr Denis Stanley

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: Alexander **NICHOLSON**, Lyla & Ella **O'LEARY**, Billie & Stevie **THOMSON** and Eloise **GENTLES**



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

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.

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

enquiries Michael 0417332186

ASSUMPTION OF MARY, VIRGIN MOTHER OF GOD

VIGIL MASS - 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.

Weekday Mass - 15 August

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

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

During the week I received notification that our Parish has been selected as one of the parishes of the Archdiocese for inclusion in the Archdiocese of Melbourne's Safeguarding Audit. The Audit will involve a visit to our parish, interviews with clergy, parish secretary and ministry leaders by the staff of the Australian Catholic Safeguarding (ACS) group as well as the presentation and review of our Safeguarding documentation and action. ACS is an agency of the Catholic Church in Australia established to audit and monitor Safeguarding standards of many types of Catholic organizations.

This Audit will require much preparation from our Parish Safeguarding Committee, the Parish staff and the awareness and co-operation of parishioners. Our Parish has been scheduled for a visit from the auditing team during the period 6-20th October 2025.

Please keep this very serious Audit in your prayerful concern as we continually engage with this very serious issue – the Safeguarding of the young and vulnerable people of our parish.

FROM YOUR PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

The next session of the **Vibrant Parish Series** is at Club Italia, 128-132 Furlong Road, Sunshine, 6.30 – 9pm on **Wednesday August 13.**

Outreach / Service: Beyond the Church doors: In my own local community, do I love my neighbour? Hear from leaders in Catholic social services as they explore what it means to serve with love, mercy and justice at the local level, and how we can collaborate with others. You will also hear from a panel of people in our parishes working at the coalface.

Cost per session \$15 pp. Enroll on the night.