



**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 - St Bernard  
**Thursday** 9.30am - Mass - St Pius X  
**Friday** 9.30am - Mass - Queenship of Mary

**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

**17 August 2025**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10  
**Psalm Response:** Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v. 14  
**Second Reading:** Hebrews 12:1-4  
**Gospel Acclamation:** John 10:27

Alleluia, Alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 12:49-53

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Mary BORG, Jaclyn DEBENHAM  
Jesulin CABRAL, Agatha CHAVES,  
Vivianne DELLER, 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:** Pamela Ann MATTHEWS

**Anniversaries:** Monica ALLEN,  
Renato BUENCONSEJO, Tim FAHEY &  
Fely VILLAFUERTE

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

Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, what do we expect Jesus to bring into our lives? While we may list many things, we surely hope that our Saviour will bring peace and blessings to every one of us as His disciples and to the world.

We believe that our God is Emmanuel, God with us, and that He is almighty and His love everlasting. We believe that He creates us according to His image and likeness; and that He calls each to grow as a person of faith and into the fullness of our humanity.

Alas, what we see happening in our world today are wars, suffering, ongoing violence, increased injustice, inhumane conditions, and destruction of the environment.

In this week's gospel Jesus' teaching seems not to meet our expectations of peace and joy.

Indeed, Jesus' words are rather startling. We hear Jesus say, "I have come to bring fire to the earth. . . Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!" It sounds harsh and it unsettles us. Certainly, we know that Jesus himself experienced antagonism, rejection and a violent death.

The fire that Jesus sets on the earth is a purifying fire. It may indeed cause pain and suffering, as it did for Jesus. We are called to live our faith in Jesus Christ, allowing His life to penetrate ours as we continue to witness the gospel, despite whatever difficulties confront us. But Jesus would have us clearly realise that our commitment as His followers will sometimes meet with tension, disagreement, antagonism and even violence. We are to persevere nonetheless, and to hold true and firm to our faith in Jesus and the defence of His teachings.

Jesus continues, "There is a baptism I must receive and great is my distress till it is over." Jesus, having become one like us in all things but sin, knows our human condition very deeply. For love of us and for our salvation, Jesus bore the cross on His shoulders and carried it to His crucifixion, so that we may receive and celebrate new life through His resurrection.

The peace that Jesus wants to share with us is the peace of love coming from God, not like the peace the world offers. It is a peace the world cannot give.

The fire the Lord has brought into the world is the fire that cleanses and purifies us, enabling us to move forward courageously and without fear to share God's love and peace, despite whatever opposition we may encounter.

Jesus brings the Good News that God is always with us. Saint Paul encourages us, "Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith." So, stay firm in our faith and remain united with the Lord, because hope in the Lord never disappoints us. God bless you all. Amen.

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### ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN:

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

### FOR ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

God, we pray for our family in Israel and Palestine, for we are all family and when one part suffers, we are all depleted.  
Peace in pieces is a collective, shared shame.  
May all people in the region be protected, safe from harm.  
We pray that this crisis will end now, with no further loss of life.  
God, may the injured and distressed know your healing presence.  
May the powerful and the decision-makers follow the paths of justice, mercy and peace.  
We pray for recognition of the dignity and value of every life.  
May the clamour of violence cease, replaced by the beating of swords into ploughshares.  
Through Christ, the servant of peace. Amen

### 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.

### 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**

### PARISH BINGO

Big upcoming event: **BIG BOLD BINGO - Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August** at Sunbury bowling club. Doors open at 5pm, eyes down at 7.30 pm. Tickets selling fast - \$100 per seat gets you six books and a marker. 30 games of bingo with prizes of \$120, \$140, \$150, \$200, \$300, \$400, \$2000 and \$5000.

For more info or tickets contact Gary on 0419 301 760 or Graeme on 0417 503 527,

Our weekly session **"Major Bingo" continues every Thursday**, eyes down 7.30 pm at Sunbury Bowling Club.

Guaranteed last game prize of \$1000. Get a few friends together, come along for a fun night whilst supporting your Parish.

You will be made most welcome. For more info contact Gary on 0419 301 760.

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptised in our parish: Lyla & Ella **O'LEARY**, Thea **SCHEURER**, Billie & Stevie **THOMSON** & Evelyn **VENEMA**



**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.

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
31 August:	10:30am	St Anne's School

### 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 cooperation 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)

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)** is being held this year right here in Melbourne Nov 30-Dec 02. Information at <https://acyf.org.au>

- Have you thought about attending this possibly life-changing pilgrimage? You must be between the ages of 15 and 25. Two or three spots are available at a 50% subsidy for young pilgrims to attend. Expressions of interest can be directed to the Parish Office at [sunbury@cam.org.au](mailto:sunbury@cam.org.au).
- Have you thought about helping a young parishioner attend by donating towards the cost of this pilgrimage? Expressions of interest can be directed to the Parish Office at [subury@cam.org.au](mailto:subury@cam.org.au)

**THE VIBRANT PARISH SERIES:** Takeaways from other North and West Melbourne parishes at last Wednesday's session, **OUT-REACH BEYOND THE CHURCH DOOR:**

- providing listening ears for those suffering with mental illness (Greensborough)
- opening a food kitchen (Collingwood-Clifton Hill)
- making shawls to help patients recover their good health (Belmont)
- running a dinner once a year for carers
- walking alongside and giving time (rather than just money) to anyone needing assistance whom God puts in our path.

OUR FINANCES FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JAN - 30 JUNE 2025				
PRESBYTERY (1st) COLLECTION		THANKSGIVING (2nd) COLLECTION		
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)	\$2,115	Average weekly parish costs	\$3,846	
Less contribution to the Archdiocese	-\$635	Average weekly collection amount	\$4,206	
Net available to support our Parish clergy	\$1,480			
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 - 30 June 2025				
Presbytery Collection:				
Contributions up by 11% versus the average across full year 2024, and up 6% on the 2019 (Pre-Covid ) average.				
Tap and Give:				
Total contributions increased by \$159 to \$655 per week compared to the average across full year 2024.				
Thanksgiving Collection:				
Contributions up 41% compared to average across full year 2024, and up 15% on the 2019 (Pre-Covid) average.				
Parish costs were 49% less than the average across full year 2024 and down 6% on the 2019 (Pre-Covid) average				
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 \$1923 per week across the six months				
- Parish centre hire and offerings from baptisms etc. also contributed \$1518 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.				