



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
Thursday	9:30am - Mass
Friday	9.30am - Mass - Sts Cosmas & Damian

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

21 September 2025

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times –Year C

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7
Psalms Response: Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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, Brian GIRDWOOD, Charles HABER, Hilda KOVIANIC, Dolores KRUSZYNSKI, Bernie LEONARD, Margaret MAGRI, Lawrence MALLIA, Sharon MAMO, Diana MASTRAMICO, Diane MOON, Daniel MATA, Tom MOWAT, Brian MUNDY, Willow O'CALLAGHAN, Emilia POTROVSKY, Alan POUNDER, Nilda POUNDER, Amanda REBELLO, Jenny SIMPSON, Derick STEWART, Marcus TAYLOR, Delicia VILLELA, Helen Warburton, Air WILKINSON, Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently deceased: Ruby JACOB

Anniversaries: Marjorie DALEY, Gerard DAVID, James Pelly & Pat TORR.

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

The wealth that matters

We often draw a careful line between our spiritual lives and the economic and political realities of everyday existence—as if God somehow stops paying attention when we open our laptops or balance our budgets. But Jesus, like the prophet Amos before him, finds the divine in spreadsheets and business dealings, in the messy intersection of faith and finance.

In this week's readings, we find ourselves once again in the company of an accomplished raconteur, listening to tales that are both wonderfully ordinary and mysteriously profound.

Jesus' parable of the dishonest steward is a perfect example of his storytelling genius. Here's a tale that would make any modern HR department break out in a cold sweat—a story about a manager who, facing termination, essentially cooks the books to secure his future. Yet somehow, this ethically questionable character becomes the hero of Jesus' parable.

Jesus doesn't traffic in simple moral platitudes. His stories make us wrestle with complexity, discovering that the kingdom of God operates by different rules than our world. The dishonest steward's cleverness becomes a metaphor for the kind of creative urgency we should bring to our spiritual lives. Amos understood this centuries earlier, railing against merchants who trampled the poor and made "the ephah [the measure or weight] small and the shekel [the money or payment] great"—an ancient form of "shrinkflation" that sounds remarkably familiar. The prophet saw clearly that there's no separating our relationship with God from our relationship with money, power, and each other. God, it seems, is indeed in the details of everyday life. The olive oil debts, the wheat measures, the awkward conversations between masters and servants—these aren't just narrative props. They're the very fabric of existence where the sacred and secular meet.

This brings us to the question of true wealth. The steward in Jesus' parable understands something profound: relationships matter more than balance sheets. When he reduces the debts, he's investing in human connections that will outlast his employment. The "friends" he makes through his generosity become his true treasure.

Paul's letter to Timothy echoes this theme—the love of money is the root of evil. Notice he doesn't say money itself is evil, just our relationship with it. True wealth isn't measured in dollars but in faithfulness, gentleness, and godliness. It is found in choosing relationships over riches, recognising that we are all stewards of the "things" that have been gifted to us by fate or fortune.

Jesus' storytelling continues to surprise us. Two thousand years later, we're still debating the finer points of the dishonest steward's actions, still discovering new layers of meaning in these ancient tales. That's the mark of a master storyteller—creating stories that remain alive, that continue to provoke and inspire long after the original audience has gone home.

In our own lives, we are called to be both storytellers and characters in the ongoing narrative of faith, finding God in the ordinary details and choosing the kind of wealth that truly matters.

Ian J Elmer
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SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) is the peak body for 40 Catholic social service and community organisations operating in Victoria. These organisations often work in and alongside Catholic health, education, parishes and other service providers, making a substantial contribution to the social fabric of Victoria, with particular concern for those who are disadvantaged, marginalised and doing it tough.

On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. We acknowledge with gratitude all of **Catholic Social Services Victoria's** 40 member organisations, their 7,000+ staff and 15,000+ volunteers and the important work that they do to serve over 300,000 people. At this challenging time of a cost of living and housing affordability crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. We can all play a role in building a more just and compassionate society

PIETY STALL

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

EVERGREENS SENIORS SOCIAL AFTERNOON

Tuesday **23rd September 2025 at 12-00pm**. At 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'd love to see you. **Call Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248 for info and transport.**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Marriage Encounter is a world-wide volunteer movement of married couples and priests who provide special weekends for couples and priests to nurture their sacraments. It is operating in around 100 countries throughout the world and has been active in Australia for over 50 years. Please check the website for more details and to book your special weekend: **October 10-12: St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.** Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: **Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au**
Website: wwme.org.au

menALIVE gathering – MAX2025

This annual gathering draws Catholic men from across Australia and New Zealand for a powerful weekend of faith, fellowship, and renewal. The theme for MAX2025 is "MOUNTAINS" – a strong image of the challenges men face, and the heights to which God calls us in life and faith. **10th–12th October 2025** in Melbourne. **Registrations close in 3 weeks.** All event details and registration links are here [menALIVE Victoria - MAX25](https://www.menalive.org.au/victoria-max25) or scan the QR Code to register.



**PARISH MEETING
REPORTING ON MAINTENANCE AUDIT
AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

As noted in an earlier parish bulletin, the Finance & Development Committee commissioned a maintenance audit on our two church buildings. A meeting on **Saturday, 11 October @ 3:30pm** in the Parish Centre will report on the findings of the audit and plans for the future. **A date for your diary.**

KAY'S FASHION PARADE

St Andrew's Uniting Church will be holding a fashion parade on **Wednesday, 15 October at 1:30pm at St Andrew's Uniting Church.**, corner of Brooke & Barkly Streets. \$10 admittance includes door prize and afternoon tea.

ALTAR SERVERS

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

We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: Tara **BONGIOVANNI**, James **CORI**, Rocco **FRANZE**, Liam **MAREK**, Zoe **MILES**, Noah **PIZZEY** & George **SNELL**.



**FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL ATTENTION.
CONFIRMATION**

Connor Vella from one of our Parish schools will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday at the 10:30am Mass. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

*** Engaging Your Faith online presentations**

From \$25 per session. For more information:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

*** Knox Public Lecture by Prof. Myriam Wijlens
Wednesday 15 October at 7.30pm.**

For more information:

ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture/

*** Online Information Session**

Monday 27 October at 7pm (AEDT)

Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session

For more information contact: ctc@ctc.edu.au

BINGO

Special upcoming event - **GRAND FINAL BINGO** Thursday **25th September 7.30 pm at Club Sunbury** (Bowling Club). Don your footy gear and come along for a fun night. \$2,000 guaranteed last game prize. No extra cost to you, just the chance to win!

Our weekly session continues every Thursday evening down at 7.30 pm, Club Sunbury, Riddell Rd. Get a few friends together and come along and give it a try whilst supporting your Parish - you might even go home a winner! **Enquiries to Gary Plummer 0419 301 760.**

THE PCT WANT YOU!

Positions have become vacant in the Parish Coordinating Team. The team asks you each to reflect on the gifts you could bring to this group which seeks to identify and respond to the needs of the people in the parish and beyond, and to involve the whole parish in the response to these needs as we live out our Parish Vision of "Christlike relationships of friendship and faith, valuing one another and sharing our gifts for the good of all".

**FROM YOUR PARISH COORDINATING TEAM
(PCT)**

1. **SEASON OF CREATION** We are in the Season of Creation until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. This week, what will I do to care for God's creation?

2. **Calling NEW PARISHIONERS:** Parish groups such as those below WELCOME YOU:

- * Youth Group
- * Vinnies - Society of St Vincent de Paul
- * Social Justice
- * Safeguarding
- * RCIA
- * Piety Shop
- * Music Ministry including children
- * Men Alive
- * Mass Welcoming Teams
- * Legion of Mary
- * Lectors & Communion Ministry
- * LAP (supporting youngsters with HIV in Jakarta),
- * Knights of the Southern Cross
- * Josephite Companions
- * Jill Gibbs Neighbourhood Garden
- * Visit the housebound
- * GUIH (Give Until It Hurts Charity)
- * Historical Society
- * Emmaus Group
- * Evergreens
- * Counters
- * Church Cleaning
- * Children's Liturgy and Osprey
- * Bingo
- * Altar Servers
- * Altar Care

As you leave Mass today, **why not fill out a simple application form** from the Help Desk nearest the front door?