



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
Thursday	9:30am - Mass
Friday	9.30am - Mass - Holy Name of Mary

RECONCILIATION

NO RECONCILIATION ON SATURDAY, 13 SEPT

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

7 September 2025

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18
Psalms Response: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v.1
Second Reading: Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 118:135

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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, Sharon MAMO, Diana MASTRAMICO, Diane MOON, Tom MOWAT, Brian MUNDY, Willow O'CALLAGHAN, Emilia POTROVSKY, Amanda REBELLO, Jenny SIMPSON, Derick STEWART, Marcus TAYLOR, Delicia VILLELA, Helen WARBURTON, Air WILKINSON, Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently deceased: Veronica D'ROZARIO

Anniversaries: Reuel OLINARES, Amedeo POLIDORO, Bill STAWICKI & Emanuel ZAMMIT

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

Carrying the cross for Jesus

The good news revealed by Jesus includes many demanding and sometimes scandalous teachings. As the writer of today's first reading discerns, we probably would not have come to the same conclusions as God if we were in charge. When it comes to living how God wants us to, "who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom, and sent your holy spirit from above?"

To be a Christian is to believe that God has shown us who he is and what he wants from us, even if that means embracing what the rest of the world derides as shameful foolishness.

The second reading presents a perfect example of the wisdom of God colliding with the wisdom of the age. Paul, writing from prison, exhorts a fellow Christian, Philemon, to welcome and free his runaway slave, Onesimus. This was a powerfully countercultural appeal in a status-obsessed Greco-Roman society where slavery was as common as owning cars is today.

Runaway slaves could expect severe punishment or execution if they were caught. The culture was so dependent on the practice that society stood against any show of leniency to slaves. But Paul doesn't just ask Philemon to receive Onesimus back as his slave. He encourages Philemon to free the runaway slave and embrace him as a brother.

The wisdom of God teaches that baptism into Christ establishes an identity that is apart from and superior to all other kinds of social and cultural affiliations. Paul is encouraging Philemon to reject the entire social and moral order that his world was built upon, in order to testify to the love and wisdom of God.

In this week's gospel, Jesus takes it one rather startling step further and explains that following him requires a willingness to hate even our own relatives. Here Jesus is using a Jewish idiom that uses hyperbole to indicate a clear preference and priority. This is, after all, the same Jesus who commands us to love our enemies, let alone our own flesh and blood.

But the point still stands: God takes priority, even over every other good thing in our lives. Jesus is saying that to follow him means not letting rejection by or condemnation from the world, or even from our own loved ones, stop us from following him.

There will be times in our lives when we face difficult consequences for living the way God wants us to, whether it's because we're standing up to the social and moral injustices of our time or because we prioritise God over other things, activities and people. This is why Jesus said, "Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

If we believe that Jesus is who he says he is, the one who 'straightens our paths' and 'saves us by his wisdom', then let us join him on the road to Calvary and choose his ways over the ways of the world.

Joseph Doyle
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Please note: There will be no Reconciliation on Saturday, 13 September

A BLESSING FOR FATHERS

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

7-13 SEPTEMBER:

Safeguarding Reporting child abuse and safety-related misconduct.

Any person (such as a child, young person, adult, priest, employee or volunteer) can make a report in relation to current or historical child abuse or child safety-related misconduct.

All clergy, employees and volunteers are required to make a report if they have formed a 'reasonable belief' that a child or young person has experienced abuse, is experiencing abuse or is at risk of harm from child safety-related misconduct.

Safeguarding Officer Deon Armstrong - 0423 952 094

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 & 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting - Tuesday, 23 September 2025 beginning 19:00-20:00. Location via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. **Express your interest by email**
Deacon Kevin Pattison: Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND- 7 SEPTEMBER:

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. Donations are Tax-deductible and donations go to the Archbishop's fund which supports various causes.

EVERGREENS SENIORS

are going to the Beach Boys concert in Moonee Ponds on **9th September** by Public Bus from train station meeting at 9-30am. Concert starts at 11-00am

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—6:15pm on 7 September** in St Anne's Church. Any questions, please **contact** Liam Daniels - 0488541844

MORNING TEA

The OLMC Youth Group will be hosting morning tea after 8:30am Mass this weekend. Please stop for a chat and a cuppa!



We joyfully welcome the following children who will be baptized in our parish: Tara **BONGIOVANNI**, Georgie & Jack **CARISS**, James **CORI**, Gisele **FARRUGIA**, Vader **MOTTS** and Isabelle & Ivy **ROBERTS**



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. \$2000 guaranteed last game prize. No extra cost to you, just the chance to win! Our weekly session continues every Thursday eyes 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.

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.**

THE PCT WANT YOU!

Applications will be coming up to fill vacancies 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 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. 15th September is the **CLOSING DATE** for the offer of a **50% parish subsidy on tickets for young pilgrims to attend the AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL**. AYF is being held right here in Melbourne from Sunday 30th Nov to Tuesday 2nd, Dec, 9 am to 9 pm, at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. 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. Expressions of interest can be directed to the Parish Office at sunbury@cam.org.au. Have you thought about **helping a young pilgrim attend by DONATING** towards the cost of this pilgrimage? Expressions of interest can be directed to the Parish Office at sunbury@cam.org.au.

2. ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING? JOIN A PARISH GROUP and Watch your Faith Grow! Keen to hear from you are: * Altar Servers * Bingo * Evergreens * Men Alive * LAP supporting HIV youngsters in Jakarta * GUIH (Give Until It Hurts Charity)

* Josephite Companions * Legion of Mary

* Vinnies - Sunbury Conference of Society of St Vincent de Paul - to name a few.

Leaving Mass today, why not **fill out a simple application form** from the **Help Desk nearest the front door** and drop it into the orange box? A complete list of parish groups is there.

3. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT—PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please collect a special **Continuous Improvement form** after Mass today. Have your say on the newsletter of the future. This may be nothing to change, adding or discarding sections, or no newsletter at all. The form can be emailed sunbury@cam.org.au to the parish with the subject 'Newsletter' or placed in the box in the foyer or in the post box outside the parish office. Thanks from the PCT to those who have already completed a form.