



**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.



**Parish Office:** 101 Riddell Road Sunbury 3429 **T:** 9744 1060 **Office Hours:** Mon - Thur 9am -1pm Fri 9am - 5pm **After Hours:** 9740 6503

**Newsletters are available on the parish website**  
**Olmcsunbury.com**

Our parish is committed to the Safety,  
Wellbeing and Dignity of all, including children and  
vulnerable adults.

**Email:** Sunbury@cam.org.au

**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  
**Funeral** 2:00pm - Eileen (Aileen) Johnston  
**Friday** 9:30am - Mass  
**Funeral** 11:00am - Darryl Campbell

**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

**2 November 2025**

**The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed**  
**(All Souls' Day)**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 3:1-9  
**Psalm Response:** Ps 26  
**Second Reading:** Romans 8:31-35. 37-39  
**Gospel Acclamation** John 3:16

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave his only  
Son, that all who believe in him might have  
eternal life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 23:33. 39-43

**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, Lawrence MALLIA, Sharon MAMO,  
Diana MASTRAMICO, Diane MOON, Daniel MATA,  
Tom MOWAT, Brian MUNDY, Willow O'CALLAGHAN,  
Emilia POTROVSKY, Amanda REBELLO,  
Alan STEWART, Lee TAYLOR, Marcus TAYLOR,  
Delicia VILLELA, Air WILKINSON, Daniel ZAMMIT

**Anniversaries:** John ARTHURSON, Douglas  
DUGGAN, Griffith & Alice GONSALVEZ,  
Skye KAVANAGH, Harold & Iris KERWICK &  
Mae MICALLEF

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

***O Lord, for your faithful people life is changed, not ended.***  
***The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed***

Death is one of the toughest areas about being a disciple of Jesus,  
yet also the most wonderful. How can our beloved ones, so filled  
with the spark of life, so suddenly be gone from us?

Eternal life? Let us face it, the culture of our Western world is filled  
with doubt, uncertainty and even unbelief about eternal life. Some  
people say there is no such thing. As a popular song once put it, "*If  
that's all there is, then let's keep dancing.*" And as the 19th century  
philosopher Nietzsche wrote, "*God is dead and we have killed him.*"

But the hymn, '*Day is Done, but Love Unfailing*', sung at evening  
time, when darkness falls, is addressed confidently to God:

*'Eyes will close, but you unsleeping watch by our side;  
death may come, in love's safe keeping still we abide.  
God of love, all evil quelling, sin forgiving, fear dispelling,  
stay with them, their hearts indwelling, this eventide.'*

But what grounds our hope that those we pray for today are in  
Love's safe keeping: that our loved ones *will* be radiantly beautiful  
once more? The victory of Jesus Christ over death: nothing more,  
nothing less. God's creative power triumphed over the grave and we  
believe that those we love even now are sharing in the benefits of  
that triumph.

*For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince,  
nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or  
depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the  
love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord. St Paul to the*  
**Romans 8:39**

Love undergirds everything, even death. Listen to one of the priest's  
opening prayers this Sunday of All Souls.

*As our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened,  
so may our hope for resurrection for your departed servants also find  
new strength.*

To put it another way, we tie life after death, our hope, tightly and  
irrevocably to the resurrection of Jesus. We are an Easter people.

Every "fresh surprise of love" in our lives is Christ-given. If Christ  
was love enough to last through death, then let us adhere to that  
love, even as we suffer or die. It is within us, no matter how many  
losses we have. No matter how harsh the world may act, still, in the  
depth of each and every person, there dwells the source of life, the  
place of home where God resides.

So, how can a friend or family member be filled with the spark of life  
and then have it suddenly go out? By being welcomed directly into  
the arms of God even as Jesus himself was when he died. God  
helps us to full, complete readiness for his arms, something we have  
traditionally called purgatory. It can be compared to loving parents  
helping their child to grow.

To speak of eternal life" is nothing less and nothing more than love.  
And God is love.

**Fr Denis Stanley PP**

## **PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE**

### **ALL SOULS' DAY - SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER**

#### **Liturgy and Blessing of Graves**

2.00pm: Sunbury Cemetery,

3.00pm: Bulla Cemetery

Wednesday, 12 November - Mass for  
deceased Parishioners. 7:30pm  
at St Anne's Church

### **NOTICES**

#### **ALL SAINTS' DAY - 1 NOVEMBER**

#### **ALL SOULS' DAY - 2 NOVEMBER**

This year our Sundays in Ordinary Time will be interrupted by the celebration of **All Souls' Day** which falls on **Sunday, 2 November**. All the Parish Masses this weekend will be offered for all the faithful departed according to the long established tradition. **The Book of Remembrance** is available in the foyer for family members' names to be added and prayed for at all Masses during November. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will follow after Mass.

#### **LEGION OF MARY**

Mass for deceased Legionaries - **Wednesday, 05 November at 9:30am** at St Anne's Church.

#### **HELP NEEDED PLEASE**

One of the items from our Churches' Audit revealed an urgent need to replace tiles and remove sharp edges from the ramp at OLMC church. Do you have expertise and **experience in tiling and masonry** and would you be willing to help us please? Contact Glenn on 0419104523

#### **HELP PLEASE**

*Do you have experience installing decals on Glass?* Another of the items from our audit is the need to improve safety in St Anne's. We have purchased decals for the glass and need the support of someone who has experience, a "good eye", a spirit level and some time to install them. Your support will be greatly appreciated. If you can help ... please contact the Parish Office on 97441060."

#### **SUNBURY STREETLIFE FESTIVAL 2025**

- 📅 Date: Sunday, 23rd November 2025
- 📍 Location: O'Shanassy and Brook Street, Sunbury
- 💖 Supporting: Local community and Kids Under Cover
- 🌐 More info: <https://sunburystreetlife.org.au/>

#### **PARISH BINGO**

Our weekly Parish bingo session - "Major Bingo" continues every Thursday evening, eyes down at 7.30 pm at Sunbury Bowling Club, Riddell Rd.

#### **Special upcoming event - Oaks Day Bingo**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. Don your fascinators get a few friends together and come along for a fun night. Fashion parade, prizes and plenty of opportunities to win. You will be made most welcome. Enquiries to Gary Plummer 0419 301 760.

#### **OLMC YOUTH GROUP**

**Sunday, 02 November** - Prayer Night at 6:15 pm in St Anne's Church. Any questions, please contact Liam Daniels -0488541844

We joyfully welcome Summer & Aura **JAMES**, Milania **MASSARA** & Matilda **MICALLEF** who will be baptized in our parish.



#### **THANK YOU & GOD BLESS**

Our gratitude and thanks to all those who led the recitation of the Holy Rosary before the weekend Masses during the month of October. God Bless!

#### **CHRISTMAS AT RUPERTSWOOD**

**Saturday, 13 December from 5-8:30pm**. Organised by the Combined Churches of Sunbury. If you have the time and capacity to help with the event, please reach out to the Parish Office at [sunbury@cam.org.au](mailto:sunbury@cam.org.au). A list of ways you can assist is on the notice board

#### **OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT LAP FUNDRAISING COLLECTION**

The special collection next weekend will be for the LAP Team who care for children living with HIV/AIDS in the very poorest slum areas of Jakarta in Indonesia. If you are unable to attend Mass on that weekend and would like to assist LAP with their work you can make a donation directly to the parish account established specifically for contributions to LAP. Just contact the Parish Office who will be pleased to help you set this up.

For all those attending 8:30 Mass, we invite you to join us for Morning Tea after Mass. Thank you for your wonderful generosity over the past twelve years.

#### **OLMC LAP Fundraising Team**

#### **MORNING TEA**

Will be hosted by the LAP Team next weekend after 8:30am Mass. Please stop for a chat and a cuppa and snacks!

#### **PIETY STALL**

**Wearable Rosary beads, Bracelets and Rings.**

Cards, statues, medals and framed pictures. **Many quality items at cost.**

#### **NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT—SEMINAR**

The "New Life in God's Spirit" Seminar **will NOT be held this Tuesday (Melbourn Cup holiday)**. We will resume on Tuesday November 11th at St. Anne's Church at 7.00 pm. The topic for November 11 will be "The Spiritual Gifts or Charisms". All welcome. For further information please phone Elaine on 0418 322 596.

#### **THE PCT WANT YOU**

**Applications are now welcomed for the Parish Coordinating Team.** If the team is to represent our **diverse parish**, we would ask you to prayerfully consider how **your gifts** would assist with this representation. Application forms and information sheets which are available at the Help Desk and Parish Office can be returned by email to [sunbury@cam.org.au](mailto:sunbury@cam.org.au) or to the Parish Office, 101 Riddell Rd.

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

On **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025**, the Parish Coordinating Team is planning to hold an **evening of carol singing with a difference – carols in the many languages** that reflect the rich and varied cultural traditions of Sunbury parishioners. We welcome carols from any group – a choir, trio, duo or even solo singer or musician. All participants have plenty of time to join in, for voices and instruments to warm up and for practices to begin. Please note, this event is not a competition. In the spirit of Christmas, enjoyable participation, rather than perfection, is the aim. More details to follow. Please confirm participation with the Parish Office on 9744 1060.