



**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  
**Tuesday** 10:00am - Funeral - Orazio Salvatore  
**Wednesday** 9:30am - Mass - St Teresa of Avila  
**Thursday** 9:30am - Mass - St Hedwig &  
St Margaret Mary Alacoque  
**Friday** 9:30am - Mass - St Ignatius of Antioch

**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

**12 October 2025**

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Times -Year C**

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 5:14-17  
**Psalms Response:** Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2  
**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 2:8-13  
**Gospel Acclamation** 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, Alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you in  
Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19

**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,  
Jenny SIMPSON, Derick STEWART, Marcus  
TAYLOR, Delicia VILLELA, Helen WARBURTON,  
Air WILKENS, Daniel ZAMMIT

**Recently deceased:** Denis PRICE & Orazio SALVA-  
TORE

**Anniversaries:** Austin & Leonie D' MONTE, Diamond  
JACOB, Josephine MERCEICA & Mary WICKS.

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

## It is a question of manners

How often have you encouraged your young children to say 'thank you' after they are given something? Saying 'thank you' is a common courtesy that is used almost without thinking. Yet it's much more than a courtesy.

When you give your children food or a gift, or do something for them, you do so without question because you love and care for them. Your giving is an expression of your relationship with them.

So too for saying 'thank you'. It is the relationship that is most important. Saying thanks is a personal acknowledgment of what you have done for them, sometimes with considerable effort on your part. Saying 'thank you' implies that I am not taking for granted what you have done for me. It can be very annoying if we feel others are taking for granted what we do for them.

Even Jesus may have been annoyed with the nine lepers who did not return to say thank you for being cured. The word translated as 'lepers' does not refer to the disease that is known today as leprosy. It did not exist at that time in Palestine. But the disfiguring skin disease suffered by these 10 people meant they were isolated from their families and communities and could not even approach Jesus. How distressing this must have been for all concerned.

Jesus sent all 10 lepers to the Jewish priests, because only after the priests had formally verified they were cured would they be able to return to their homes and families. Soon after setting off to see the priests, they realise they've been cured, but it is only the Samaritan who returns to thank Jesus. This Samaritan must have been doubly isolated, suffering from this disease – being ritually unclean – and belonging to a heretical religion and tribe. Jews were not supposed to have any contact with Samaritans because they had separated from the Jewish people and established their own temple worship.

How excited and overcome with emotion was this Samaritan, 'praising God at the top of his voice' and throwing himself at the feet of Jesus. The other nine disappeared, but the Samaritan enters into an intense personal relationship with Jesus. Being cured is really a springboard into a deeper relationship.

St Luke is telling us something significant. It is the most excluded and marginalised of the group who responds to Jesus, while the other nine, Jesus' own co-religionists, have taken the gift but ignored the giver. By thanking God and falling to the ground before Jesus, the Samaritan is relating with God on an entirely new level. He is not only cured but, as Jesus remarks, it is his faith that has saved him.

For us too, saying thanks to God for all the gifts of life and love around us will surely enrich our relationship with God.

Bruce Duncan CSsR  
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**ALL SAINTS' DAY - 1 NOVEMBER**

**ALL SOULS' DAY - 2 NOVEMBER**

*The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them. Come, let us spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to pray for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness.*

**St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) Sermon 2.**

This year the Sundays in Ordinary times will be interrupted by the celebration of **All Souls' day** which falls on **Sunday, 2 November**. All the Parish Masses that week-end will be offered for all the faithful departed according to the long established tradition. **All Saints' day** is a major church festival and we will offer **Mass at 9:30am on Saturday morning, 1 November**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will follow after Mass. **The Book of Remembrance** is available in the foyer for family members' names to be added and prayed for on 2 November.

### **SEMINAR**

A "New Life in God's Spirit" Seminar will be held in St. Anne's Church each Tuesday evening at 7.00 pm commencing on **October 14th for 6 weeks**. This seminar is designed to help the participants experience God's love in a direct and personal way. For further information and registration contact Elaine van der Weerden 0418 322 596.

### **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. Any questions, please **contact** Liam Daniels -0488541844

### **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.

### **MELBOURNE CATHOLIC DIGEST**

Copies of this month's edition are available at the information desk.

### **CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

2025 Catholic Theological College Knox Annual Lecture by Professor Myriam Wijlens on "*Co-Responsible Leadership and Governance in the Vineyard of the Lord: Theological Foundation and Canonical Opportunities*" is on **Wednesday, 15 October at 7.30 pm**.

It will be held in the Knox Room at Catholic Theological College. Admission is free, but bookings are essential - <https://events.humanitix.com/2025-knox-public-lecture>.

**The RSVP deadline has been extended to Thursday, 9 October**, so there's still time to register.

We joyfully welcome Ashton **RILEY** who will be baptized in our parish.



### **OCTOBER- MONTH OF THE HOLY**

#### **ROSARY**

The Holy Rosary will be recited at 5pm and 10am on Sundays during the month of October.

October is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**, a prayer honouring the **Blessed Virgin Mary** and seeking her intercession. This devotion expresses gratitude for the protection Mary offers to the Church and to all who call upon her. The **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary** is celebrated on **October 7th**.

The Rosary is deeply rooted in the **Sacred Scripture**. For example, **Our Father**: The prayer Jesus taught and the **Hail Mary**: Combines the angel's greeting and Elizabeth's words followed by a petition for Mary's intercession.

**The Mysteries of the Holy Rosary**: Each decade of the Rosary invites us to meditate on key events in the life of our Lord Jesus and our Blessed Mother Mary: **Joyful Mysteries** – The Incarnation and early life of Jesus. **Luminous Mysteries** – The public ministry of Jesus. **Sorrowful Mysteries** – The Passion and death of Jesus. **Glorious Mysteries** – The Resurrection, Ascension, and the glory of Heaven.

Let this October be a time of grace and renewal. **Pray the Rosary daily** and allow Mother Mary to lead you closer to her Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. **Pope Leo** says, "I invite everyone to pray the Rosary every day during the coming month — for peace — personally, with your families and in your communities."

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

Applications will be called for shortly. In the meantime, please reflect on the gifts you could bring to this group. It seeks to identify the pastoral needs of 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)**

**WISHING** parishioners from the northern hemisphere a very happy Mid-Autumn Harvest Festival - Tết Trung Thu - Zhōngqiū Jié - Tsukimi - Chuseok.

**From CAM (Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne)** "You are warmly invited to a celebration of our faith through music and cultural diversity. This free concert honours the spiritual foundations and cultural heritages of our Archdiocesan family, celebrating our lives as people of faith in a vibrant, multicultural city." **from Archbishop Comensoli**. Free concert Sunday 12 October 2.30 – 4.00 pm St Patrick's Cathedral.