



# 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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**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.

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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  
**Saturday: 1 Nov - 9:30am - Mass - All Saints' Day**

#### **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

**26 October 2025**

#### **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Times -Year C**

**First Reading:** Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18  
**Psalm Response:** Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7  
**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
**Gospel Acclamation** 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself,  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has  
entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 18:9-14

#### **LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Mary BORG, Jaclyn DEBENHAM,  
Jesulin CABRAL, Agatha CHAVES,  
Vivianne DELLER, Caleb FARIA,  
Charles FIGUERO, Samford FIGUERO,  
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 WILKENS, Daniel ZAMMIT

**Recently deceased:** Darryl CAMPBELL,  
Eileen (Aileen) JOHNSTON, & Jenny SIMPSON,

**Anniversaries:** Alfredo CORTEZ, Ron GORDON,  
Douglas JACOB, Henrika JANSEN & Wilma  
OYANGUREN

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

### **FOR ALL THE SAINTS FROM EARTH'S WIDE BOUNDS, FROM OCEAN'S FARTHEST COAST.**

As we approach November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints Day, it is good to know that the list of saints continues to grow. Last Sunday Pope Leo XIV proclaimed seven new saints.

Pope Leo said in his homily, “*Today we have before us seven witnesses, the new saints, who with God's grace, kept the lamp of faith burning. Indeed, they themselves became lamps capable of spreading the light of Christ. May their intercession assist us in our trials and their example inspire us in our shared vocation to holiness.*”

Significant for us here is Australia was the canonisation of the first saint from Papua New Guinea, St Peter ToRot. Papua New Guinea is, of course, our regional neighbour.

Missionaries played a strong role in the life of the Church in Oceania, and particularly in the life of Saint Peter ToRot. He was taught by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart which inspired his faith in the Gospel and led him to become a catechist in his community.

Peter was born on 5 March 1912 in then-German New Guinea. Both his parents had converted to Catholicism years before and he was taught the basics of our faith. He became a catechist in the local area in 1933 after studying for three years. He married in 1936 and had three children. When Japanese forces occupied the nation in 1942, they interned all the foreign missionaries, leaving Peter in charge of his local parish – to baptise, lead prayer, teach and defend the Catholic community and its faith. His courageous witness during these years led him to be imprisoned in a Japanese Prisoner of War Camp, where he would be killed by lethal injection in 1945.

Peter ToRot was not a bishop, priest, or religious. He was a lay catechist, a husband and father, someone who simply took his faith seriously. In a time of persecution, he stood firm, faithful to the Gospel he had embraced. His witness reminds us that holiness is not the privilege of a few; it is the call of every baptised person, male or female, young or old. Each of us, in our daily lives, in our families, workplaces, parishes, schools, and communities, is called to be a living witness to Christ.

The other newly canonized saints are:

St José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, known as “the doctor of the poor.”

St María del Carmen Rendiles Martínez, a religious sister born without her left arm who went on to found the Servants of Jesus in Caracas in 1965.

St Bartolo Longo, a 19th-century Italian lawyer who abandoned his Catholic faith before returning to the Church with zeal. After his conversion, Longo dedicated his life to promoting devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.

Martyr St Ignatius Maloyan, an Armenian Catholic archbishop who was executed during the Armenian genocide (1915-16) after refusing to convert to Islam.

St Vincenza Maria Poloni, who founded the Sisters of Mercy of Verona. She was tireless service to the poor, including at the risk of her life during the cholera epidemic of 1836

St Maria Troncatti, an Italian Salesian sister who spent 44 years as a missionary among the Indigenous Shuar people in Ecuador's Amazon rainforest.

These other new saints are not well known, but that simply reveals the extraordinary breadth and diversity of those called to life in Christ to the full. Let alone all the saints who have quietly and wonderfully lived out their life of faith but are remembered by few, if anyone, but are known to God. I am sure our Parish has its saints.

Don't forget Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, All Saints Day, Mass at 9.30am.

**Fr Denis Stanley PP**

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

**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

**ALL SAINTS' DAY - 1 NOVEMBER**

**ALL SOULS' DAY - 2 NOVEMBER**

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. **The Book of Remembrance** is available in the foyer for family members' names to be added and prayed for on 2 November. **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.

**EVERGREENS SENIORS SOCIAL AFTERNOON**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 12-00pm. At St Anne Hall behind the church. A nice cup of tea with biscuits supplied. The Evergreens is FREE for all Seniors, Come and join us for a chat and enjoy. We love to see you. Call Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248 for info and transport.

**PIETY STALL**

**Wearable Rosary beads, Bracelets and Rings.** Cards, Statues medals and Framed pictures **Many quality items at cost.**

**SEMINAR**

The "New Life in God's Spirit" Seminar will continue this Tuesday, 28 October at St. Anne's Church at 7.00 pm. This week's theme is "The Power of the Holy Spirit". All welcome. For further information please phone Elaine on 0418 322 596.

**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."

**ALTAR SERVERS' THANKYOU.**

This weekend we are recognising and saying thankyou for the service of our small, dedicated team of Servers. They all do a great job. We are also recognising the achievement of Patrick, Hannah, David, Jaden and Joseph with a certificate for over a years' service. David, Hannah and Denith are also being awarded our "Servers Cross" which is presented to servers who are in High School. Thankyou again to all the servers and their families."

**SUNBURY STREETLIFE FESTIVAL 2025**



Date: Sunday, 23rd November 2025



Location: O'Shanassy and Brook Street, Sunbury



Supporting: Local community and Kids Under Cover

**OCTOBER- MONTH OF THE HOLY**

**ROSARY**

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

**OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT  
LAP FUNDRAISING COLLECTION**

Just a gentle reminder – Our next fundraising collection will be at all Masses in two weeks on the 8th/9th November. Your contribution will again help the LAP team in Jakarta provide essential nutrition and other support to over 250 needy children living with HIV. The LAP team in Jakarta is celebrating their 16th anniversary, and your generous support and prayers have helped sustain their efforts for eleven of those years. We also look forward to sharing morning tea with you after the 8:30 Mass. **OLMC LAP Fundraising Team**

**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 fascinator 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.

**THE PCT WANT YOU**

**Applications are now welcomed for the Parish Coordinating Team** with a number of vacancies to be filled. The team wishes to represent our diverse parish, and your gifts will assist in identifying and responding to the needs of this special place. Application forms and an information sheet are available at the Help Desk and Parish Office and forms can be returned by email ([Sunbury@cam.org.au](mailto:Sunbury@cam.org.au)) or to the Parish Office in Riddell Rd.

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

There was overwhelming support from respondents for continuing the Parish newsletter and in its current form. We are considering some of the suggestions and will bring these to you shortly, some being enacted already. Positive responses included: *thanks for providing a paper and an online one - important for those without a computer; things we do well: Parish news, acknowledgement on the newsletter, great diversity in front page, comments and explanations; Pastoral and Social Communication is vital; I look forward to reading the newsletter, knowing what is going on in our church and how we can help support it; love it/fine as it is - I read it thoroughly weekly; the newsletter brings us the good news of our parish — shared by our priest and his team.*

**FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA**

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the Government's Bill would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide. The changes would also force medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide to provide patients with information about euthanasia and assisted suicide – as determined by the Government. The Pastoral Letter can be found online at: [bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill](http://bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill) and there are printed copies in the foyer of our Parish Church.