



**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

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

11 January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord - Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

Psalm Response: Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel Acclamation See Mark 9:8

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Edith BAERA, Mary BORG, Jaclyn DEBENHAM, Jesulin CABRAL, Agatha CHAVES, Vivianne DELLER, Caleb FARIA, Charles FIGUEREDO, Samford FIGUEREDO, Darcy FISHER, Sr. Cesar GABALES, Charles HABER, Fr. Tony KERIN, Hilda KOVIANIC, Dolores KRUSZYNKI, Bernie LEONARD, Margaret MAGRI, Lawrence MALLIA, Sharon MAMO, Diana MASTRAMICO, Daniel MATA, Moya MINTER, Brian MUNDY, Willow O'CALLAGHAN, Steve OWEN, Emilia POTROVSKY, Andy POUNDER, Amanda REBELLO, Karen RODRIGUEZ-DELLER, Juan Carlos RODRIGUEZ-DELLER, Alan STEWART, Lee TAYLOR, Marcus TAYLOR, Delicia VILLELA, Air WILKENSON, Geoff WOODS & Daniel ZAMMIT

Recently deceased: David COYTE, Severino FLORES, Jack MEVISSEN, Danny SMITH

Anniversaries: Mary CLARKE, Jean DORNEY, Mary KLOSS & Margaret McMAHON

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

Bringing joy to others

Father Anthony had a reputation of being a 'giant' among the Redemptorists and in the Church. He was a highly respected missionary priest, preacher, confessor, teacher, author, and spiritual director.

My experience of Anthony was not as a 'giant'. I never saw him stand. I never saw him walk. I never saw him celebrate Mass. I never heard him preach. My experience of Anthony was as a beloved confrere, confined to bed battling Parkinson's disease and suffering greatly from its effects.

One memory of Anthony will always remain with me. I was saying goodbye to him one day before going away for work. He said to me, Thank you for spending time with me, otherwise I would be here shaking alone." Anthony was referring to the constant tremors that racked his body, particularly his hands and arms.

This simple encounter with Anthony was a turning point for me; a valuable life lesson. His words really struck a chord and they roused me from my slumber. His words challenged me to be more attentive to people and their needs and to appreciate what's really important and of value in life. Anthony's powerful statement taught me that I don't have to do very much to bring a little happiness, love, joy and companionship into someone's life.

I left Anthony's room that day filled with new understanding and insight; sent out to live differently and to relate to people around me with renewed purpose.

Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River is a major turning point in his life. After decades of silent obscurity in Nazareth, Jesus is overwhelmed by an experience of being the Son of God: "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased". Through these words, Jesus profoundly experiences that he is loved and delighted in by his Father and he's never the same again. He doesn't look back. Gone are his days of plying the carpenter's trade.

Now Jesus sets out on his mission to preach, teach and heal. He generously shares with everyone, the love and intimacy he experienced at his baptism, because God says to every person: You are my beloved son or daughter.

He reveals God's love to the whole world. Jesus is also ready to challenge his contemporaries by taking the side of the poor against their oppressors; helping people reclaim their God-given humanity and dignity. Everything Jesus says and does during his public ministry comes from his intimate communion with his Father, so clearly demonstrated at his baptism.

You are my beloved. Today, God says this to each one of us, with immense love and delight. May these words be a turning point in our lives that lead us closer to God and each other.

**David J Hore CSsR
@ Majellan Media 2026**

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PARISH BINGO

Our Parish Bingo session (Major Bingo) is back for 2026 - bigger and better than ever. Every Thursday evening, eyes down at 7.30 pm conducted at Sunbury Bowling Club, Riddell Rd. Guaranteed last game prize of \$1000 every week plus other game prizes of \$150, \$100 & \$60. Bingo lingo Joker raffle., main raffle and lots of fun. The biggest and best Bingo in the district. Get a group of friends together and come along and give it a try. You will be made most welcome. Enquiries to Gary Plummer 0419 301 760.

PIETY STALL

We are taking orders for the Lenten books - **Lent with the Saints: Meditations and Prayers. \$6. Lent**

starts 18th February 2026. This little companion to private reflection will offer ready sustenance to those setting out on the joyful road to Easter. 2026 Columban calendars \$11. Wearable Rosary beads, Bracelets and Rings. Statues, Medals, Missals and Bibles \$35. Many NEW items. Quality at cost price. Always happy to order what we do not have in stock. If you made inquiries without leaving your phone number? Please contact/TEXT Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248.

EVERGREENS

Lunch at Itahlia 13th January 2026 at 12-00pm Please contact/TEXT Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248. For booking.

THANK YOU!

I have often heard people comment disdainfully that hot cross buns are in the shops the day after Christmas and so they are. I have seen them with my own eyes! Even as we move into the Liturgical Year with the Sundays of Ordinary Time and Lent on the horizon, the Christian community does not leave the Lord's birth behind. The wonder of Emmanuel – God with us – is our daily bread. How could it be otherwise?

So, it's not too late to thank all those in our Parish who helped us to celebrate the Lord's Nativity, especially the Parish Liturgy Group, who invited Readers and Special Ministers to serve at all the Liturgies, the altar Servers, florist, church cleaners, collectors, welcomers, the Crib builder who made shepherds and wise men mystically appear, musicians and singers, sacristans, all those who helped set up the extra chairs & the Parish Secretaries. Together with anyone who I have forgotten to mention or who had a bright idea to share – like putting out Children's Liturgy of the Word colouring in sheets and pencils for children. Thanks to all who by your presence and participation welcomed many visitors. If any Christmas visitors do return it will be because they were touched in some way by our worship and welcome. We must do our best to remember that we are servants and instruments of God's welcome.

Fr Denis Stanley - Parish Priest

We joyfully welcome Lucas **BLAKE** & Iyla **GALEA** who will be baptized in our parish.



REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF)

Jessica was one of 3 Young people from our Parish attended the Festival, which ran from Sunday, 30 November to Tuesday, 2 December last year. As promised, she has now provided a write up on her experience for our information.

Attending the recent youth festival in Melbourne was an uplifting experience and great time for reflection. The understanding of what it means to let Jesus guide our lives is something that stuck with me. I'd like to share a simple analogy I picked up over this experience.

Life can be seen as being on a long road trip that we travel with our GPS on. Sometimes when driving we may decide to take an early turn for a quick drive through coffee or a pit stop for some food before carrying on our journey. Or maybe if you are anything like me, you may accidentally take a couple of wrong exits on the highway. For a moment, when this happens our GPS maps buffer and we don't really know where we are going anymore. We may feel uncertain and a little lost, sometimes a slight sense of panic since we are no longer in control.

However, eventually the GPS redirects us, maybe taking us through a more scenic route where we can enjoy amazing views on our drive or helping us avoid some unexpected traffic, possibly even an accident. The route may change but the destination remains the same.

In the same way everything happens for a reason in our life, Jesus has our journey mapped out and he redirects us when we are unsure and feeling lost. This experience taught me that every perceived wrong turn or delay has a purpose and His guidance will always lead us exactly where we need to be.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

PARISH TOUR BOOKLET

The OLMC Historical Committee members have put together a small booklet which takes us on a journey around the district and places that have formed part of our parish history over the years. The booklet is available as a fitting end to this Anniversary year. Copies will continue to be available at the help desk .

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

