



**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** 4:45pm - Stations of the Cross  
 5:30pm - Vigil Mass  
**Sunday** 8.30am - Sunday Mass  
 10:30am - Sunday Mass  
 11:45am - Baptism  
**Wednesday** 9:30am - Mass - St. Casimir  
**Funeral** 1:00pm - Peter O'Connor  
**Thursday** 9:30am - Mass  
**Friday** 9:30am - Mass  
**Funeral** 11:00am - Sebastiana (Nella) Tartaglia

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

**1 March 2026**

**Second Sunday of Lent - Year A**

**First Reading:** Genesis 12:1-4  
**Psalm Response:** Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22  
**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:8-10  
**Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 17:5

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
 this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Edith BAERA, Jaclyn DEBENHAM, Lloyd D'CRUS, Barbara DONOHUE, Caleb FARIA, Darcy FISHER, Elaine KING, Lawrence MALLIA, Diana MASTRAMICO, Moya MINTER, Brian MUNDY, Willow O'CALLAGHAN, Betty OWEN. Karen RODRIGUES-DELLER, Lee TAYLOR, Marcus TAYLOR, & Jane ZAMMIT

**Recently deceased:** Peter O'CONNOR

**Anniversaries:** Gerard DAVID, Austin D'MONTE, Leonie D'MONTE, Edward SMITH, Olive SMITH, & Richmond VILLERAN.

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

The unseen face of God

Matthew 17:1-9

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for God's glory, 'kabod', signifies the glorious manifestation of his presence. When this happens, the normally unseen and imperfectly known God makes himself known to his people in a visible and tangible way.

For example, in Exodus, the 'kabod' of God goes before his people in visible pillars of cloud and fire. This glorious appearance of God's presence and power leads the Israelites out of Egypt and it descends on Mt Sinai to give Moses the Ten Commandments. However, when Moses asks to see God's glory up close, God responds, "No one shall see my face and live."

When God reveals himself in the Old Testament, there was always some kind of separation or distance between his supremely holy presence and his people. Although God goes before his people and dwells with them, no one is permitted to see him face-to-face. To take another Old Testament example, Elijah responds to the passing presence of God on Mt Horeb (in 2 Kings) by covering his face. This separation recognised the gulf that still existed between God and humanity because of sin.

But in this week's gospel, Moses and Elijah appear at the top of a mountain, Mt Tabor, and commune face-to-face with the one true God. Jesus' identity is revealed; he is the 'kabod' of God, the same saving presence of God that spoke from the fiery cloud in Exodus.

However, this revelation of Jesus' divinity will only make sense after his death and resurrection. As much as the transfiguration reveals the truth about who Jesus is, Easter reveals so much more.

On Mt Tabor, Jesus is revealed in his divine glory, clothed in white and shining like the sun. On Golgotha, he is seen in tortured and shamed, stripped of his clothes.

On Mt Tabor, Jesus is surrounded by two of Israel's greatest heroes, representing God's communication and enduring presence with his people; on Golgotha, he is flanked by two criminals, representing the depth of sin and suffering in the human condition. Peter is awestruck and wants to stay on Mt Tabor, while he cowers in fear and doesn't approach Golgotha.

But, at both, the glory of God is unveiled for the whole world, and Jesus is revealed as the one true Son of God. At the transfiguration, a voice from heaven declares that "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour," at Golgotha, the truth of Jesus' divinity is proclaimed by a Roman centurion, one of his crucifiers.

As St Paul says in this week's Second Reading, we are reconciled to God because "he abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News."

And, just as Moses and Elijah saw in the transfiguration, through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have now seen, in him, the 'kabod' of God face-to-face.

Joseph Doyle

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be held every Saturday during Lent at 4:45pm before the Vigil Mass.

**PARISH BINGO**

Your Parish Bingo session "Major Bingo" now has EFT available for purchase of your bingo books. Come along any **Thursday night - eyes down at 7.30 pm Sunbury Bowling club**, Riddell Rd. Last game guaranteed \$1000 prize along with other game prizes of \$150, \$100 and \$60. Plus Major raffle, Joker raffle and bingo pull aparts. For more info contact Gary Plummer on mobile 0419 301 760.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

The World Day of Prayer will be held on **4 March 2026 at 7:30pm at the Lutheran Church**, 57 Brook St, Sunbury. The service this year will be prepared by the women of Nigeria.

**EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

Meets **each week on Wednesday evenings at St. Anne's Church at 7.00pm**. All welcome. For further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 0418 322 596.

**OLMC SUNBURY MENALIVE PROGRAM**

The next gathering is on **6 March 2026 10—11:30am at St Joseph's Convent, Sunbury**. Refreshments provided. Please register with Trevor at 0434 581 902.

**TAIZE PRAYER**

An experience of personal prayer and reflection through scripture, song, meditation and silence. During Lent you are invited to experience 45 minutes of Taize Prayer on **Thursday March 12 & 26<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm at St Anne's church** followed by a cuppa All are welcome. Enquires Lyn 0417503325

**CITIZENS ADVOCACY**

Have planned an information session to support ageing parents of an adult with intellectual disability. The meeting will be held at the **Hume Global Learning Centre, Sunday March 22 at 1pm**. Brochures with all information are found at our Welcome Desk. Any questions call CA 9744 7378 or David 0408178614

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**

Will meet at **10.30am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the Church Meeting Room**.

**THANK YOU & SUPPORT**

Thanks everyone for your prayers over the past 8 months. Brian's Eggs are back. If you would like to put in an order by Wednesday we can bring them to 8:30 mass. Please collect outside at the car. Please text 0400341240. Brian

**Walk with Mary on 15th March 2026.**

Prayers and Mass at St Patrick Cathedral starts 2-00pm. **SLOW Walk** with Mary's statue from St Patrick Cathedral along Collins Street to St Paul Anglican Cathedral for final prayers. Police in attendance blocking roads and directing traffic. Posters in Foyer. Always better in a group. Info 0477 677 248

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

We joyfully welcome Kai **BACIC**, Louis **KLUKOWSKI** & Archie **SPITERI** who will be baptized in our parish



**FOR YOUR INTEREST : FR. GREG BOYLE - DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE.**

Fr Greg Boyle SJ founded Home Boy Industries. he speaks of the innate goodness in every person and helping each other recognise our deep goodness and that we are utterly loved. He is being interviewed by a person who acknowledges his skepticism, but this man is moved deeply.

Please search YouTube: Fr. Greg Boyle dealing with difficult people **OR**

<https://youtu.be/sNHOa1gS-vI?si=HABwN18uDT0oCO7h>

**THE AMBULANCE VICTORIA VISIT**

Presentation was very well attended Thank You all.

**JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS**

Josephite Companions next meeting **St Anne's Church Meeting Room 1.00pm Wed 4 March**. All welcome

**OSPREY**

Confirmation Session 1 will be held on **4 March 2026**. Please contact the Parish Office for details and registration.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS & 2026 PATRICK ORATION**

**Date: 17 March Time: 6.00pm**

**Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.**

Mass will be celebrated at 6.00pm with the Oration to follow at 7:15pm. The Cathedral's doors will be open from 5.00pm. As the Patrick Oration will be broadcast live, please ensure you are seated by 7.15pm. The Oration will introduce Light into the City, the Archbishop's vision for the renewal of the Cathedral and its surrounds and a deepening of the connection between faith, culture and community.

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FAITH**

16th Peter Barcham Lecture 2026. The Very Rev. Fr Chris Dimolianis will be giving a lecture at the **Gisborne Uniting Church, 23 Brantome Street, Gisborne on 16 March at 10.00am**. Entry is free and morning tea will be provided. Please contact Neil on 0408 378 722. Details on the Notice Board.

**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

The **Knights of the Southern Cross** is a national association of Catholic men in Australia, founded in 1919. The Order is committed to charitable endeavours, providing support for seminarians, advocating social justice, and sustaining a presence within parishes across all Australian states.

In 2025, the Victorian branch of the Knights contributed \$80,000 to support the education of seminarians, our future priests. Membership is open to practising Catholic men aged 18 or older who demonstrate dedication to serving both the Church and the wider community.

**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS - NEXT MEETING**

next meeting on Wednesday, 4 March at 7:30pm in St Anne's Church.

**MORNING TEA**

The Knights of the Southern Cross will be hosting morning tea after 8:30am Mass. Please stay for a chat and a cuppa!

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

**History Room:** will be open this weekend after the 5.30pm Saturday evening Mass and between the 8.30am and 10.39 Masses on Sunday. You are invited to visit, particularly during the morning tea on Sunday