



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

Monday 11:00am Funeral Maurie SAUNDERS

Wednesday 9:30am - Mass St Cyril of Jerusalem

Thursday 9:30am - Mass Feast of St Joseph

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

15 March 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

Psalms Response: Ps 22 The Lord is my Shepherd

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord: anyone
who follows me will have the light of life.

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LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Edith BAERA, Jaclyn DEBENHAM,
Lloyd D'CRUS, Barbara DONOHUE,
Caleb FARIA, Adele HUDSON, Elaine KING,
Lawrence MALLIA, Diana MASTRAMICO,
Brian MUNDY, Eileen NEAL, Willow O'CALLA-
GHAN, Betty OWEN. Karen RODRIGUES-
DELLER, Lee TAYLOR, Marcus TAYLOR, &
Jane ZAMMIT

Recently deceased: Margaret TAPP

Anniversaries: Marie MAHONY, Pauline
McCALLUM

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

Learning to see as God sees.

John 9:1-41

When Jesus says he is the light of the world what do we make of it? Have we ever experienced this light? Or do we live somewhere between the darkness and the promise of it, perhaps too caught up in the light of our phones to see the people around us?

In the gospel Jesus sees a man born blind, and the disciples ask whether it was his sin or his parents that caused it? Neither he replies. Beyond the social shaming Jesus sees the man himself, one in whom we'll behold the glory of God.

Our coming to sight doesn't always happen instantly, as the man reveals, but step by step. It begins when Jesus sees him and the man goes and bathes in the pool as Jesus had said; trusting in him he receives his sight. However, now he's doubted by his friends, abandoned by his parents, and three times he's questioned by the Pharisees, who determine Jesus is a sinner, until finally they drive the man out of the synagogue – and through it all he holds his nerve and simply tells them what he knows, what Jesus has done: he bears extraordinary witness to him.

Hearing what's happened Jesus comes looking for him and invites him to take a further step into the light. When he says yes, and worships him, he affirms that it's Jesus alone who gives real meaning to our lives, that he is our life. In doing so the man reveals what we long for but are often uncertain about. Are we able to see him in those we are close to, or in the dark moments of our lives, let alone in the outcast and the stranger?

As one young man did when he began leaving food with homeless people in a nearby street, until one evening one of them said to him, 'talk to us, don't just feed us like dogs'. He then realised they were human too; that they had something to give him, and it changed his life: in their company he came to know Jesus.

Finally, Jesus speaks with the Pharisees of his coming into the world to enable us to choose. Do we begin to open our lives to his light – to the glory of God – or hold fast to what we've known, blinded by our reluctance to see? Jesus doesn't condemn the Pharisees but reveals to them their blindness, as he does with us.

The first two readings speak of a God who 'looks at the heart' not simply our self-presentation. This is what informs God's way in directing Samuel's choice of a king. And like the prophet, we have to learn to see as God sees. While Paul speaks of discovering 'what the Lord wants of you' by facing into the darkneses of our lives and letting them be illuminated by the light of Christ. As those about to be baptised at Easter reveal to us, this transformation is at the heart of Lent.

Damian Coleridge

PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE NOTICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) MARCH 28/29TH

5.30pm Vigil Mass and **8.30am & 10.30am** Sunday Mass.

We begin the Liturgy outside the Church for the Blessing of Palms and the Gospel of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Monday of Holy Week 30th March

9.30am Mass. St Anne's Church.

Tuesday of Holy Week 31st March

No Mass at St Anne's Church.

Chrism Mass. St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. 10.00am

Wednesday of Holy Week April 1st

9.30am Mass. St Anne's Church

Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 2nd April

7.00pm Mass. St Anne's Church.

Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3rd April

9.00am Way of the Cross. Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church grounds, Macedon Street.

10.00am Ecumenical **Good Friday Service**. Combined Churches of Sunbury. St Anne's Church, Riddell Road.

3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. St Anne's Church.

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection 4th April

7.00pm St Anne's Church.

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection 5th April

8.30am & 10.30am Mass. St Anne's Church.

PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY:

When we gather on Palm Sunday everyone is welcome to bring a sprig or branch of greenery from home to be blessed. If you have plenty to share, please bring them on Palm Sunday. If you have large palm fronds at home to decorate the Church they would be much appreciated. Many thanks



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.

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 26th, 7.30pm at St Anne's church** followed by a cuppa. All are welcome. Enquires Lyn 0417 503 325

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

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

Thursday 9:30am mass, adoration, rosary and benediction. All parishioners welcome

We joyfully welcome Paige & Aurora **BELLALMO** & Noah **GERACI** who will be baptized in our parish



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.

CAR PARKING

We are blessed with ample parking facilities in front of St Anne's Church, on the side driveway and behind the church. Please do not park on the grass area immediately inside our driveway boundary Thank you

OSPREY

Bookings for First Eucharist are now able to be made online via Trybooking. <https://www.trybooking.com/DEUJB>

NEWS FROM LAP IN JAKARTA

In a recent update from the LAP team that support children living with HIV AIDS, the team has identified an adjustment to their strategy.

Of the 139 children currently in their care, 85% are now in their teenage years or beyond.

As a result, the team is providing additional character-building and resilience training for these adolescents as they face the challenge of disclosing their HIV status and trying to find employment.

Please continue to support the LAP team with your prayers. Our next fundraising collection is scheduled for July.

Parish LAP Fundraising Team

THE RELIGIOUS SHOP/PIETY STALL.

We are looking for Volunteers to help in the shop 10 minutes after Mass. Training is available support provided. We are short at the 5-30 pm. Mass Saturday. PLEASE HELP. Call Joe on 0477677248 for a tour before you make up your mind.

EVERGREENS

Social afternoon to be held in St Anne's Hall 24th March 12.00pm. For More information call Joe Spiteri 0477 677 248.Thank you.

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 0400 341 240. Brian

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.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS & ORATION

17 March 2026 Mass at 6.00pm & Oration 7:15pm St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.