



**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

**HOLY WEEK LITURGY TIMES**

Please also see reverse

**Monday** 9:30am - Mass  
**Tuesday** 10:00am - Chrism Mass at  
 St Patrick's Cathedral  
**Wednesday** 9:30am - Mass  
**Holy Thursday** 7:00pm - Mass  
**Good Friday** 9:00am - Way of the Cross - OLMC  
 10:00am - Ecumenical Good Friday  
 Service  
 3:00pm - Liturgy of the Lord's  
 Passion

**RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday** 10am - 10.30am St Anne's Church

**Parish Priest:** Rev Denis Stanley  
**Deacon:** Rev Stephen Fernandes

**29 March 2026**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Year A**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-7  
**Psalm Response:** Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11  
**Gospel:** Philippians 2:8-9

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ  
 Christ became obedient for us even to death  
 dying on the cross.*

*Therefore God raised him on high and gave him  
 a name above all names.*

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Edith **MCNENNY**, Jaclyn **DEBENHAM**,  
 Lloyd **D'CRUS**, Barbara **DONOHUE**, Caleb **ARIA**,  
 Adele **HUDSON**, Elaine **KING**, Lawrence **MALLIA**,  
 Diana **MASTRAMICO**, Brian **MUNDY**, Willow  
**O'CALLAGHAN**, Betty **OWEN**, Karen **RODRIGUES-**  
**DELLER**, Daisy **ROMERO**, Lee **TAYLOR**, Marcus  
**TAYLOR**, & Jane **ZAMMIT**

**Recently deceased:** Janice **ROBINS**, & Jean  
**SKILLECORN**

**Anniversaries:** Renata **BUENCONSEJO**, Gerard  
**DAVID**, Vincentzo **DAVID**, Austin **D'MONTE**, Leonie  
**D'MONTE**, Ita Mary **GIGGINS**, Sergio **HIPOLITO**,  
 Rogelio **RIVERA**, Zenaida **RIVERA**, David **SIMPSON**

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

**Jesus' Jerusalem is our Jerusalem**

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

The journey of Lent has prepared us to celebrate Palm Sunday and commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, his Passion and death. Are we ready to journey with Jesus Christ into Jerusalem and his Passion and are we ready to welcome Christ to journey with us in our life's journey?

The Passion of the Lord stands at the heart of our discipleship, revealing the depth of God's love for everyone through suffering freely embraced. The Passion is the deliberate and total self-giving of Jesus who longs to enter fully into our human condition to redeem it. It reveals God's desire to meet us in human form and to guide us with his Word, so we can enjoy eternal life in his Kingdom. The journey of the Passion begins in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus confronts what lies ahead. His anguish is real and profound, even to the point of sweating blood. Yet in this moment of deep distress, Christ shows perfect obedience: "Not my will, but yours be done." His surrender reveals that our redemption is born not of force, but of love, a love aligned with his Father's will.

The suffering—scourging, crowning with thorns, carrying his cross and the long walk to Calvary—parades the physical brutality of the Passion. Christ's body bears the consequences of human sin. Yet even in suffering, Jesus is all loving and merciful: he forgives his executioners, consoles the repentant thief, and entrusts his mother to the beloved disciple. The cross becomes not only an instrument of pain and death, but a throne of love and mercy.

At the moment of his death, when Jesus cries out and takes his last breath, the veil of the temple is torn, signifying a new reality. Through his sacrifice, the barrier between God and humanity is removed; we become closer to God, reconciled. The Passion reaches its fulfillment in total self-giving love—love that holds nothing back; welcomes everyone; and goes to the end.

The Lord's Passion invites us, his disciples, not merely to observe, but to actively participate and journey with Christ. It also calls each of us to carry our own cross as Christ did, to trust God in our suffering, and to respond to evil with forgiveness, mercy and hope. In contemplating the Passion, we learn that pain is not the final and last word. From Christ's wounds flow love, healing, reconciliation, the promise of resurrection and new life.

The Passion of the Lord assures us and the world that no suffering is meaningless when the Lord becomes our light and our life and when we are united with Christ. There is no darkness in our life that is beyond the reach of God's steadfast love and redeeming grace. What is asked of us is faithful discipleship, self-giving love and relationship with God. As we enter into this Holy Week, let us remember that we have Christ who longs to journey with us.

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**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.

**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.

**RELIGIOUS/PIETY STALL - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.**

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.

**RELIGIOUS ITEMS.**

Baby Items, Ceramics, Light up sphere, SOLD OUT Baptism book \$8. Wearable Rosary beads, Bracelets and Rings. Statues, Medals, Missals and Bibles From \$35. Quality at cost price. Please contact/TEXT Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. Please return your Project Compassion boxes before Easter. A basket is next to the lectern for this purpose.

**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 apart. For more info contact Gary Plummer on mobile 0419 301 760.

**REPAIRS TO ST ANNES CHURCH STEEPLE**

With great excitement we report a major step in responding to our Building Audit is scheduled for the week of 13 April. Our Project Manager Tony Tanti has worked to find and engage a Contractor to carry out the work. There may be some restrictions with access to the rear carpark during the work. We are looking forward to a much-improved external appearance of the centre piece of our Parish Precinct.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 3 April 2026. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in area such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Recent years have been and continue to be extremely difficult for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and visitors. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.7 million through the Good Friday Collection, a wonderful effort that went a long way to assist eh Church of the Holy Land. But this year, the Holy land continues facing an income shortfall in funds due to ongoing effects of the Pandemic, and the conflicts in Gaza & Iran, all of which discourage or totally prevent pilgrims coming to the Holy Land. And so, we urge Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

The next meeting for the Knights of the Southern Cross will be held on Wednesday 1 April in the Parish Centre starting at 7.30pm.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE: SAVE THE DATE!**

The OLMC Together Again Social Committee is organising a Karaoke / May Queen Dinner Dance Night on Saturday, **30th May** at St Anne's Parish Hall. Volunteers are required to help with planning and organising this special event. If you are able to support, please text Garnet on 0411 286 428 to register. We look forward to your support and to working together to make this a wonderful parish event!

**MEN ALIVE GATHERING**

A place where faith, friendship and fellowship lead to fraternity. Men of all age groups are welcome to join a growing brotherhood where we support one another and journey together with purpose. **Location:** 37 Macedon Street, Sunbury VIC 3429 **When?** Saturdays - Fortnightly: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM—More Information: please contact Trevor: 0434 581 902

**PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)**

**Newest member:** At their monthly meeting on March 18th, PCT members welcomed the recommendation of the Appointments Committee to accept Lorna Jacob as the newest volunteer to join the team. Lorna's deep faith, and her interest in liturgy and parish work with youth were at the heart of her application as was her knowledge of working collaboratively. Members will join in welcoming Lorna to the next meeting on April 15th.

**Do you know your PCT?**

Members work together with parishioners and parish groups to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ. Photographs of all nine members of the PCT will be on display in St Anne's foyer shortly.

**There's a One-off Change to our April Morning Tea Date**

We will gather for morning tea after 8.30 mass on Sunday 19th April; not the first Sunday of the month as we usually do. Apologies to all for any inconvenience.