



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

12 April 2026

Second Sunday of Easter Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47
Psalm Response: Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel Acclamation: John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

Happy those who have seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-31

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently deceased: Jean SKILLECORN

Anniversaries: Brenda McMAHON & Timoteo SAN PEDRO

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

Jesus' promise to us
John 20:19-31

Everything depends on the Resurrection, which is why there is no other Feast in the Church's calendar which is celebrated with such solemnity. Each day of the Octave is treated as another Easter Day.

In the early Church, the Octave Day provided the new converts from the previous weekend with the occasion to join the community for the celebration of the Eucharist, still in their white baptismal robes. Hence, the old title 'Sunday in White' (Dominica in Albis). You can picture the kind of community they were joining when you hear it described in the Acts of the Apostles: how they shared everything in common and met in one another's homes for the Breaking of Bread, the Eucharist.

Down through the centuries there have been many attempts to reignite the fervour and commitment of those early Christian communities. The different religious congregations of men and women, as well as some remarkable lay movements provide plentiful examples. It is fascinating to note how often they in turn needed renewing and calling back to the original vision of their founders and their 'primitive' rules.

As we reflect on the difficulties we face to live simply in our more complicated and ever-increasingly technological world, it might be consoling to realise that for all the first fervour of the early communities, the apostles themselves took time to adjust and understand what Christ was asking of them. At the Last Supper He had tried to prepare them for his own passion and death, as well as for the sufferings they would have to endure.

It is not unreasonable to conclude that when Thomas questioned the Lord about where he was going and how to get there, he was speaking for the rest of the apostles and, indeed, for all of us. As we see in this week's gospel passage Thomas was not with the others when Christ appeared on Easter night and refused to accept their testimony. Hence, he is always labelled the 'Doubting Thomas' and the significance of what happened a week later when the Lord appeared again and invited him to see for himself the scars on his body.

If we were to return to the Last Supper and that moment when Thomas questioned Jesus, we would see he was not the only one with questions. Philip asked Jesus to show them his Father and "then they would be satisfied." How often do we think to ourselves: why doesn't the Lord make it clearer for us?

Faith is God's gift and we need to be humble enough to receive it. When we do, then despite all the doubts and anxieties that beset us, we begin to see the power of Christ's love shining through, recognising that it does overcome all the evil and death itself. We trust that he has gone to prepare a place for us and we begin to recognise those moments when he is quietly reminding us of his promise to be with us always.

Timothy J Buckley CSsR
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PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE NOTICES

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.

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 ASAP. **A basket is next to the lectern for this purpose.**

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.

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE.

Calvary Goonawarra - Residential Aged Care is Presenting a Talk around navigating aged care and what the new changes entail. Parishioners are invited to attend this informative session, on Tuesday **26th May 2026 in St Anne Hall** at 12.00 noon. If you are interested in attending Please call 0477 677 248 more information and posters soon.

PIETY STALL

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

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: SAVE THE DATE!

The OLMC Together Again Social Committee is organising a Karaoke / May Queen Dinner Dance Night on **Saturday, 23rd 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 working together to make this a wonderful parish event!

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 the new time of 7.00 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.

COBMINED CHURCHES OF SUNBURY - AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Combined Churches of Sunbury Inc will be held on Tuesday April 21 at 7:30pm in the auditorium of St. Mary's Anglican Church, 7-19 O'Shanassy St. Sunbury. All welcome. Enquiries: Gwen Hutcheson 0412 547 643

We joyfully welcome Lincoln **DEAN**, Rosie **GRAY-LAND**, Percy & Billy **JOHNSON** & Leon **BONGIOVANNI-KUMAR** who will be baptized in our parish.



ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

Please keep George Ooi & Elizabeth Offer in your prayers as they are received into full communion with the Catholic Church over the neXt two weekends.

EASTER BOUNTY

Many thanks to the parishioners who kindly shared with me an array of Easter gifts. Each and all were very much appreciated. The biscuits, chocolates and a bottle of wine will be great to share with others. **Fr Denis Stanley**

FASHION SHOW

Kay from Kay's Fashions will be visiting St Andrew's Uniting Church, Corner of Brook & Barkley Streets, Sunbury on 6 May at 1.30PM. A donation of \$10 is requested upon entering the hall which goes towards fundraising.

REFRESH YOUR MARRIAGE

Marriage Encounter is a worldwide marriage enrichment programme that has been in Australia for the past 35 years. The weekend is a time or you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship in a very positive way. Enhance your marriage by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Weekends will be held on 24-26 April & 6-8 November, Live-in-Weekend, St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. 26-28 June Live-out-Weekend, St Dominic's Parish & School, Melton. Please contact Mercy & James Bvirakare on 0409 183 676 for further details. **Sheila & John Stafford, 5.30pm Mass speakers & Pat & Richard Lin, 8.30am & 10.30am Mass speakers.**

MEN ALIVE GATHERING

On Sunday 19th April MenAlive volunteers will be hosting morning tea after 8:30AM Mass and registering new participants on that weekend after every weekend mass. Meetings are held fortnightly from 10-11:30am at 37 Macdon Street, Sunbury. Contact Trevor: 0434 581 902

MORNING TEA - NEXT SUNDAY

Morning Tea will be hosted next weekend after the 8:30am Mass by the MenAlive Group. Please stop for a chat and a cuppa!

PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. Newsletter We are currently trying to determine how many, if any, parishioners would like to receive a digital copy of the newsletter each week. If you are interested, please send an email to pjsharma@bigpond.com marking the subject **NEWSLETTER** and include your name in the message. This will give the PCT your permission for the newsletter to be sent to you if we go ahead with this option.

2. The Social Committee is calling volunteers old and new to meet on Monday **13th April at 7 pm in St Anne's Church Chapel** to begin planning a Karaoke/May Queen Dinner Dance night the following month on 23 May. Please contact Garnet on 0411 286 428 if you would like to help make this a wonderful parish event.