



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 - Sts. George & Adalbert
Friday 9:30am - Mass— St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10am - 10.30am St Anne's Church

Parish Priest: Rev Denis Stanley
Deacon: Rev Stephen Fernandes

Safeguarding Officer: Deon Armstrong
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Principal: Stephen Arthurson

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School: 9740 7344
Principal : Julie Freeman

Holy Trinity School: 8746 6464
Principal: Krystine Hocking

19 April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter - Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

Psalms Response: Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Acclamation: See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;
Make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: 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: John ABRAHAM

Anniversaries: Francisco CARLETTI, Marisa CARLETTI, Tom REDDAN & Rose REDDAN

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

God's love shines brightly
Luke 24:13-35

Let's take a few moments to imagine ourselves living in Jesus' time: knowing him, following him, loving him. There was something unimaginably wonderful about being in his presence, listening to his teaching and learning from him.

No one was excluded from his company and conversation. Everyone was welcome, even those who had previously been shunned or excluded or abandoned by the community, such as the tax collectors, the sick or disabled, or the no-hopers. It was so very good to be with him.

Jesus somehow opened up a new way of seeing the world, of relating to others and, most surprisingly of all, of relating to God. Through him, his followers came to understand that God was not to be feared but to be loved. God was not one who kept a record of all our sins and failings, ready to punish us and exact retribution. Rather, God loves us with steadfast love and boundless mercy, never forsaking us, and inviting us to enter into an ever deeper relationship with him.

But it all came to a devastating end when this innocent and profoundly good man, Jesus, was arrested, sentenced to death for no good reason, tortured and crucified. Crucifixion was such a horrible way to die, slow and painful, a horrid and humiliating spectacle.

Imagine then how those two disciples felt as they headed away from Jerusalem, where that ghastly death had been inflicted. They were frightened. After all, might they, as his followers, now be arrested and executed? And they were sad and confused. How could it all have come to such a terrible end? His death felt like the death of the light, the life and the love – the death of everything – that he had opened up for them.

It is to two disciples in that very state of sadness, fear and confusion that Jesus appears, though they don't recognise him. He walks with them, and they talk about it all as they walk. It is when they stop for the night and have a meal together that, in the breaking of the bread, they recognise him at last. It is the Lord! Imagine that! Imagine their joy and how their hearts burned to be in his presence again. Wouldn't they want him to stay and never to leave them again?

That's the story of the two disciples on the way from Jerusalem to Emmaus after the crucifixion. It's one of several stories of the appearances of Jesus to various disciples after his resurrection. It is their testimony, passed on through the centuries, which inspires and instructs us about Jesus and his teachings about God and the meaning of life that he opened up and revealed for the whole world.

While we didn't live then and know Jesus as those first disciples did, we are also invited to enter into as deep and loving relationship with him. Let our hearts burn too.

Anne Hunt

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ANZAC DAY

PAUSE, PERSONAL PRAYER 4 PEACE ... Anzac Day (25 April) is a very important day in our Australian history. This year it falls as all sorts of turmoil and uncertainty rages around our world. You are invited to drop into St Anne's Church anytime between 11am and 1pm (25 April) to **Pause** and offer your **Personal Prayer** for **Peace**. No structure ... just a chance to sit and offer your personal prayers that we will love one another as Jesus loves us"

LOOK UP!

When you leave the church today look up at the spire and cross that crowns our Parish Church of St Anne's. It is now strengthened, renewed and beautified. One of the first major initiatives in our Maintenance Review. While in possession of a "cherry picker" a new LED light was also installed to more efficiently light the car park. Thanks to our builders, Tony Tanti who managed the project and the Finance Committee who started and supported the work.

Our next focus will be investigating the cause of the subsidence of the western corner of the church. Once the cause has been established we will engage a builder for the work to underpin the building.

A smaller, but significant part of the Maintenance Review, the replacing of broken and chipped tiles around the ramp and bell tower at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, was carried out during the week. Once again thanks to Ray Mallia and Tony Tanti. **Fr Denis Stanley, PP**

SUNBURY EVERGREENS

Social afternoon on 28th April 2026 St Anne Hall 12-00pm. come join us and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Maybe join us for our monthly lunch or outings.

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. Please call 0477 677 248 more information and posters soon.

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

NEWS from LAP in JAKARTA

Over the past twelve years your contributions have supported the LAP team in Indonesia caring for poverty-stricken children living with HIV AIDS. We have recently received from LAP their budget for this year which aims to allocate the donations from OLMC to three main initiatives: *Nutrition and Medical support for children (50%) * Enable Case Managers to visit children at home or accompany them on hospital visits (25%) *Conduct support group activities for adolescents to build their resilience to the stigma associated with their health condition (25%).

The team in Jakarta wanted us to know how grateful they are for your support as we prepare for our next fundraising collection in July. **THANK YOU! Parish LAP Fundraising Team**

We joyfully welcome Kohwa **HAYWARD**, Luci **MONTEITH**, Daisy **TADIC** & Skyla & Indy **TYQUIN**, who will be baptized in our parish.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Please keep Elizabeth Offer in your prayers as she is Confirmed and receives First Holy Communion at 8:30am Mass this Sunday.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY—26 APRIL

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week

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.**

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

Thanks to the speakers last Sunday, John & Sheila, Pat & Richard, just a reminder of the Marriage Encounter weekends being 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.

SAVE THE DATE

An informal get-together for all parish volunteers is being planned for 12 July 2026. Details to follow. Please save the date

MORNING TEA

Morning Tea is being hosted after the 8:30am Mass by the MenAlive Group. Please stop for a chat and a cuppa!

PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. Advance Notice: May Queen Dinner Dance

Tickets for the annual Dinner Dance will be available for purchase in the church foyer from next weekend, 25th-26th April. Adults: \$25.00. Children (6 to 12 years): \$15.00. Grab your tickets early and join fellow parishioners for an unforgettable evening! Volunteers needed. Please text Garnet on 0411 286 428.

2. Parish Groups

Vinnies – Sunbury Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. A notice has been placed on the door behind the notifications desk in the foyer. It has a QR code relating only to the Sunbury Conference. If you would like to help with the work that Vinnies does through donating, you can use the QR code and follow the prompts.

Marriage Encounter "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Thank you, John and Sheila, Father Denis, Elaine and Norbert for hosting and introducing us to the visiting couple, Richard and Patricia from Marriage Encounter last weekend. The more welcoming we are as individuals, the more vibrant and joyful our parish becomes.