



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 5:30 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 8.30 am - Sunday Mass
 10:30 am - Sunday Mass
 11:45 am - Baptism
Wednesday 9:30 am - Mass
Thursday 9:30 am - Mass
Friday 9:30 am - 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

10 May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17

Psalm Response: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
 And my Father will love them and we will come to
 them.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Addy **ADAM**, Jaclyn **DEBENHAM**, Lloyd **D'CRUS**, Barbara **DONOHUE**, Caleb **FARIA**, Adele **HUDSON**, Briohny **KERR**, 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: Johan **DEN BRINKER**, William Frances **GLARE**, Mick **SHANNON**, Stipan **PERKOVIC**.

Anniversaries: Mia **HOGAN**, Lorna **HONNER**, David **ROMEO**, Kya Eliana **SANTOS**, Warren **SAUNDES** & Henry **SIMMONS**

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

The Spirit, an advocate for our faith

John 14:15-21

This week's readings prepare us for Ascension Sunday next week, as they instruct Christians on how to live in the world while we wait for Christ's return. Although Jesus' defeat of death has forever transformed what it means to be human, we live in this waiting period where salvation has already been won for us but is not yet fulfilled.

Jesus comforts all Christians by promising us that, although we cannot see him face to face, we will know that "I am in my Father, and you are in me and I in you." And in this week's readings, we see that Jesus will fulfil this promise by sending the Holy Spirit. The coming of the Holy Spirit inaugurates a new way of living for Christians that Paul elsewhere describes as the 'new life in the Spirit'. The first reading reveals the joy that this new way of living can bring. Reading from Acts, we see the power of the Holy Spirit setting the people of Samaria free from suffering and disease and coming to dwell with them permanently.

And as Peter tells us in the second reading, the new life in the Spirit continues even through trials when we need to persevere in our faith. When proclaiming Christ is received with rejection rather than joy, the Holy Spirit is still just as present as ever. Indeed, the Holy Spirit will help us respond to the world with "gentleness and reverence."

The coming of the Holy Spirit is Jesus' promise to all of us who have faith in him. The word that Jesus uses here for the Holy Spirit, *paraclete* (in Greek), means advocate, defender or consoler and is often used to describe a helper or witness in a court of law. Just as Peter tells his readers to be ready for whenever they are called to make a defence for themselves, Jesus promises a defender who will always be with them.

The Holy Spirit is an advocate and witness for our faith. The Holy Spirit also testifies to Christ's saving work in our lives, including times of doubts, trials and shortcomings. In a world that sometimes seems devoid of God's presence and action, the Holy Spirit dwells within us to help us "sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts." The Holy Spirit also provides the grace to help us trust and persevere when it is difficult to keep his commandments. And, when we listen, we are reminded that our new life with God is better than anything the world can offer us.

When the world rejects Christ and his good news, we have the Holy Spirit to help us follow Christ, loving as he loved, suffering as he suffered, and living in unity with the Father as he has made possible. And when we do this, God himself, in the fully divine person of the Holy Spirit, advocates for us, defends us and comforts us.

Joseph Doyle

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MAY MASS COUNT

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. Luke 2:1

As the Holy Family had to travel to Bethlehem for the Census of the Emperor, so every year we have a Mass Count. This year our Parish Mass count is part of a Nationwide census. It will be held during all Sunday Masses in May. The National Mass count explores more deeply the numbers of those attending Mass and so requires more detail. On the 3rd Sunday of May there will be a count of men and woman and on the 4th Sunday by age groups – we have a simple way of doing this. Attendance at Mass is not only about numbers but also the depth of minds and hands transformed by grace. Remember that were only 12 at the Last Supper.

PARISH KEYS – ACTION REQUIRED

If you hold a key to the Church or Parish Centre, Archdiocesan safeguarding regulations require you to complete a National Police Check. If you no longer require your key, please return it to the Parish Office by **Friday 15 May 2026**. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE– SAVE THE DATE

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 in the foyer.

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.

PRAYING THE ROSARY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

Before the Liturgy on Sundays **during May** the Rosary will be prayed, commencing at **5:00 PM on Saturdays and at 10:00 AM**. With Mary, the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus, Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of His holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday, 17 May at 2pm at the Sunbury Baptist Church, 207 Gap Road, Sunbury. *"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" Ephesians 4:4*. All are welcome!

CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL

The situation in Lebanon remains extremely fragile, and civilians urgently need humanitarian support. More than 2,000 people have been killed and over 1.1 million people displaced nationwide, including more than 390,000 children. Our partners Caritas Lebanon continue to deliver emergency food, water, shelter and health support across the country, maintaining humanitarian convoys to hard-to-reach areas in southern Lebanon. Stand with the people of Lebanon today. Learn more or make a donation today at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon

Pray with great and
humble faith
Mary MacKillop



SAVE THE DATE

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

PIETY STALL

NEW ITEMS: 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.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Piety Stall is looking for volunteers. If you can spare 20 minutes after Mass, please contact Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248 for more information.

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

At all Masses next weekend, Parish Confirmation candidates are invited to be present for a prayerful preparation for their confirmation the following Sunday, 24 May—Pentecost Sunday at Salesian College stadium.

PALMS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

Palms International Volunteering special session where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications.

May Session: Live from Timor Leste! Scan here

Date: Thursday 21 May 2026

Time: 4 pm – 5:30 pm AEST

T: 02 9560 5333 E: palms@palms.org.au

PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. **May Queen Dinner Dance Saturday May 23rd.**

Book your own tickets, table and choice of menu through www.trybooking.com or

Pay cash for tickets from the church foyer.

As the Parish Coordinating Team, we would love you to GET TOGETHER with other parishioners who attend other masses, while contributing, of course, to the support of vulnerable people in Sunbury.

Ticket Prices: Adults: \$25.00 Children (6 to 12 years): \$15.00 for a night of fun - Karaoke. Dinner. Dancing. Raffles. Prizes for best dressed queen (and other royalty).

2. **Legion of Mary invites all parishioners** to join them in praying the Rosary following mass on Friday mornings for the next eight weeks; a perfect opportunity to pray for peace.

3. **Thank you, Mary**, for sharing what you and the RCIA Team do to welcome new members into the church. And the morning tea you put on was DELICIOUS!

4. **Mothers' Day** On behalf of the parish, the PCT hopes and prays that all mothers are greatly honoured this weekend. May it be a restful, restorative time for mums and all who mother our children.

