



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

17 May 2026

The Ascension of the Lord - Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Psalm Response: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently deceased: Kya Eliana SANTOS & Lawrence MALLIA

Anniversaries: Uncle Norm HUNTER, Greta KENNA, Roy & Dot McGREGOR, Carmela MUNAFO & Catherine ZARB

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

Aligning our vision with Christ
Matthew 28:16-20

I once watched Andrew Manchini, an Australian who appeared on the TEDx Talk at Hobart High School when he discussed the significance of aligning one's corporate vision with one's personal vision.

He explains that effective vision statements will guide our decision-making, strategy, and alignment in business. He connects this concept to storytelling and encourages people to create their own vision statements to live impactful and meaningful lives.

As I reflect on this week's gospel, I was taken to that particular TEDx Talk. Jesus invited his disciples to see if they had a vision in their lives. He invited them not just to participate in Jesus' vision but to create their own vision, and to align it with his vision to make disciples of all nations.

Having a personal vision is important. A personal vision is crucial because it provides clarity, direction, and motivation to align actions with the long-term goals, meanings, and values. If we align our vision statement with Christ's vision, and together act on our vision statement effectively, everything in our communities and institutions becomes aligned, leading to a more cohesive and purpose-driven environment that reflects our shared values and goals.

Our vision helps inform the decisions we are making every day. We all know that it is not enough for us to take Christ to heart. We are called to action. We have to be another Christ for others. This is why we are called to be clear in our vision of life, align it with Christ, and share it with others. In moments when we say the creed or express our prayers to Christ, we actually accept Christ in our lives, his love, values, hopes, dreams, and expectations.

When Jesus said to the disciples to go and baptise people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Jesus actually asked his disciples to share with people worldwide.

And he wants his disciples to share with the world that he never comes alone, but as one of the Trinity. This perfect communal relationship of the Son with the Father and the Spirit is visionary and empowering for him and for his disciples to spread the good news of the kingdom of God.

As we celebrate the ascension of Jesus, we remember that he remains with us in the Spirit. It is in this spirit of Jesus that we are called to make the world a flourishing community centered in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We pray that we may always find ways to align our vision and mission in life with the vision and mission of Christ, a vision that is Trinitarian and community-oriented. In whatever we do, may we remember Jesus, and he will show us the right way. Amen.

Sam Kono CSsR

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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.

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 for 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!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

At all Masses this 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.

JOSEPHITE MEMORIAL GARDEN

To develop a memorial to the Srs. of St Joseph, the rose bed in front of the main doors of the church will be removed on 30 May and replaced with Mary Mackillop roses. Eventually to be accompanied by a plaque to honour their service. Please be careful as the rose bed is cordoned off while this work is in progress.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK (27 MAY – 3 JUNE)

On June 1, 10am to 1pm, Omnia Community Health and Hume City Council invite you to the Sunbury Rings Cultural Walking Tour, guided by the Wurundjeri Woivurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation. This is a unique opportunity to connect with Country, learn about a significant cultural site, and deepen our shared understanding of Aboriginal history and heritage. This is a free event, places are limited and registration is essential to attend. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sunbury-rings-cultural-walking-tour-tickets-1989358337339?aff=oddtcreator>. This site will also provide you with important information re conditions, facilities at the Rings, etc. A bus will depart from Omnia Community Health (via O'Shanassy St) at 9:40am sharp and expects to return to Omnia Community Health at approximately 12:20pm, where participants will be invited to stay for lunch and a reflective discussion following the experience.

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

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.

SUNBURY EVERGREENS SOCIAL AFTERNOON

on 26th May 2026 St Anne Hall 12-00pm. come join us and enjoy a cuppa and a chat and have a laugh or listen to a speaker and learn something new. Maybe join us for our monthly lunch or outings.

PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. **May Queen Social Gathering** and Fundraiser 6.30 pm Saturday May 23rd. Book your own tickets, table and choice of dinner menu through www.trybooking.com or Pay cash for tickets from the church foyer. GET TOGETHER for a fun night while contributing to the support of vulnerable people in Sunbury. Ticket Prices: Adults: \$25.00 Children (6 to 12 years): \$15.00 - Hurry; bookings close this weekend!
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. Are you interested in the **church newsletter**? If so, you can pick up a summary of parishioner views and PCT responses from the Help Desk in the church foyer.
4. **May 22 is the International Day of Biological Diversity** which recognises the great variety of Earth's ecosystems. In Laudato Si' Pope Francis reminded us '... all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures, are dependent on one another'.