



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
Tuesday: 11:00 am - Funeral - Betty Owen
Wednesday 9:30 am - Mass - St Augustine of Canterbury.
Thursday 9:30 am - Mass
Funeral 11:00am - Lawrence Mallia
Friday 9:30 am - Mass - Paul VI, Pope

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

24 May 2026

Pentecost Sunday - Year A

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Psalm Response: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
 and Kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23

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**, Carmela **MUNAF0**, Brian **MUNDY**, Willow **O'CALLAGHAN**, , Karen **RODRIGUES-DELLER**, Daisy **ROMERO** & Jane **ZAMMIT**

Recently deceased: Vince **COLBERT**, Lawrence **MALLIA**, Betty **OWEN**, Kya Eliana **SANTOS** & May **SCIBERRAS**

Anniversaries: Robert & Lilian **ANDERSON**, Fr. Thomas **CONSIDINE**, Fr Philip **CROSBIE**, Irene **HAMILTON**, Shawn **TAYLOR** & Mary **TRIPODI**

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

Every day is a Pentecost

John 20:19-23

At Pentecost, Jesus' confused disciples were gathered and locked in a room. Fear and suspicion filled the air. There was more perspiration than inspiration! The disciples were afraid that they would suffer the same fate as their Master. They listened and waited for the mob to arrive. They hoped that no one would discover their hiding place.

In contrast, there's the powerful image of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is not halted by locked doors or locked hearts. The Spirit is not excluded from the vulnerable parts of people's lives. When the Spirit came upon the disciples, it wasn't like a gentle breeze, but more like a cyclonic wind that flattens everything in its path.

The Spirit fires the disheartened disciples with new energy, enthusiasm and authority. The divine wind swept them off their feet, and drove them out of hiding. The divine fire set them ablaze with zeal for God's Kingdom and empowered them for their mission. They go out into the world, and fearlessly proclaim the gospel with its message of peace and forgiveness.

At first the crowd is confused, "because each one heard the disciples speaking in his own language". Something had happened to change the disciples' outlook and behaviour. The crowd's second reaction is amazement: "are not all these people who are speaking Galileans." Yet everyone understood what the disciples were saying.

When that happened, there was communion, whereas before there had been misunderstanding and division. The disciples 'broke through' to people, and spoke a deeper and more personal language that's actually in all of us, and which so rarely gets spoken. It's a language in search of meaning and understanding. It's music in search of a melody. It's words in search of a story. It's a blank canvas in search of beauty and creativity. It's the language of the Holy Spirit.

The blaze that began at Pentecost has continued across the centuries, growing, spreading, scorching. At times, humanity has tried to avoid or escape it; and tried to ignore the beauty and disturbance of the Spirit's power and energy. We've tried to tame or dilute it into a cosy, domesticated faith, rather than subject ourselves to the Spirit's transforming and purifying fire.

But, try as we might, the Spirit blows where it will. The Spirit cannot be captured or contained; it's not conservative or liberal, it's not 'us or them.' The Spirit is free. The Spirit is everywhere, and is especially alive in us; sending us out into the world like the disciples and empowering us to bring peace and forgiveness wherever life takes us.

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David J Hore CSsR © Majellan Media 2026

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.

MAY 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. This Sunday age groups will be counted— we have a simple way of doing this.

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.

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.

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 on Sunday.** 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.

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 **Saturday, 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. *If you would like one of the rose bushes that are being removed please come along on the morning of Saturday 30th May to take one home.*

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

PENTECOST CONFIRMATIONS

Please keep the children of our Parish and their families in your prayers, as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation this afternoon at Salesian College Stadium.

Also, please keep Jack Hill in your prayers as he is Confirmed and receives First Holy Communion at 10:30am Mass this Sunday.

OSPREY - FIRST RECONCILIATION

The information session will be held at **6:30pm on Monday, 1 June in the Parish Centre.** Please contact the Parish Office for details.

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.

PIETY STALL

Crucifix in resin, 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

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

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 Woi-wurrung 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.

PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. **Laudato Si' Week: 17-24th May 2026** (From Hope to Action) – the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*. The week gives us an opportunity to renew our commitment to respond to the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor and this year we are encouraged to tap into the ecological wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Australia and Indigenous Peoples everywhere.

The week leads into National Reconciliation Week, 27 May-3rd June, a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme underlying both weeks is taking action. If you are looking for action, you might consider using the QR code below to watch an 8-minutes film from Caritas Australia. It shows how to address in practical ways the cries of the Earth and the cries of the poor.

2. **Rosary** - Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to join them in praying the Rosary following mass on **Friday mornings.** Rosary in the month of **May will be recited before 5.30pm and 10.30am Masses.**

3. **Youth Group** is restarting! To register, use the QR code on the colourful registration poster in the church foyer, designed by Salesian students.

