



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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Olmcsunbury.com

Our parish is committed to the Safety, Wellbeing and Dignity of all, including children and vulnerable adults.

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<https://melbournecatholic.org>

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 - Charles Lwanga & companions
Thursday 9:30 am - Mass
Friday 9:30 am - Mass - Boniface

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

31 May 2026

The Most Holy Trinity - Year A

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9
Psalm Response: Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 Gospel Acclamation: See Apocalypse 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
 to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 3:16-18

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

Recently deceased: Jozo **BACAK**, Neale **DANIHER** & Kya Eliana **SANTOS**.

Anniversaries: Rosa **CACCAMO**, Charles **CALLEJA**, Roland **D'CRUZE**, Dominic **FOSCHIA**, Fr Brian **McMAHON**, Vincenza **PRASAD** & Paula **QUIMSON**.

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

Overcoming the fear
John 3:16-18



The feast of the Holy Trinity is a wonderful celebration of the three persons of the Trinity. Indeed, St Therese of Lisieux saw the Trinity as the essence of God's divine loving presence which draws us into life with God.

Each of the three persons of the Trinity inspires us to love – a love which generates new life, incarnates in the fullest expression of humanity, and invites us to be open to ongoing conversion. Nevertheless, each person of the Trinity is not a discrete entity or number in a celestial mathematical equation. Each person of the Trinity is intimately part of each other, for they are interconnected and intertwined by loving relationship.

God is our creator, our Alpha and Omega, lovingly cradling the beginning and end of all life in his hands. God the Father embodies love as source of life. Indeed, "in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

Jesus, Son of God, is Love incarnate. Jesus epitomised the words of St Irenaeus: Gloria enim Dei vivens homo – the glory of God is man fully alive. Jesus' intimate communion with his Father and the Holy Spirit enabled him to live a life of utter self-giving love and service.

It was Jesus's loving presence which enabled his disciples to overcome fear. To the anxious disciple, Peter, he said lovingly: "Come," encouraging Peter to step out of the boat and come across the water to Jesus.

At his last meal with his closest friends, Jesus reminded them to "love one another as I have loved you." In a post resurrection appearance, Jesus showed his wounded hands and side to his disciples. He understood their uncertainties and blessed them with his peace. "Peace be with you." His example was a love which embodied communion and solidarity with humanity and which ultimately gave birth to new life.

The Holy Spirit's coming at Pentecost fulfilled Jesus's promise to his disciples of the gift of the Comforter. The spirit "who will teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance" (John 14:6) is given to us too and helps each one of us to remain open to an ongoing process of conversion. The Spirit nourishes creation and continues to help us birth new life throughout our lives.

In the renowned Holy Trinity icon, iconographer Andrei Rublev depicts three figures – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – seated in communion around a table sharing a meal. The scene expresses profound hospitality and loving relationship.

With all of God's children, we pray on this feast of the Holy Trinity for the "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit" (2 Corinthians 13:11-13) to inspire us to persist in faith, hope, courage and love.

Sophie Clements
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EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP will be meeting at St. Anne's Church after the 9.30 Mass on Wednesday morning instead of the evening. All welcome, including children. For further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 0418 322 596.

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The Knights of the Southern Cross will meet at 10am on Friday, 5 June in the Parish Centre. All are welcome

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION - VINNIES' WINTER APPEAL

Special collection **next weekend** for St Vincent de Paul, Winter Appeal. Please donate generously.

MORNING TEA

"Next weekend, the Sunbury Conference of St Vincent de Paul, will be holding their annual Winter Appeal. In conjunction with this we will be hosting Morning Tea after the 8.30 Mass. We invite all to come along and learn how we help out the people in our community who are not coping with everyday living. "

NEWS FROM LAP IN JAKARTA:

The LAP Team in Jakarta is now running regular support groups for up to 40 mothers of children living with HIV-AIDS to equip them with the skills that will assist them in their role as the primary care-giver and the tools to improve their own quality of life. This initiative is in response to the Indonesian government and international agencies reducing their funding of HIV services, thus placing additional demands on mothers as the primary care-giver for their HIV-AIDS children. Mothers are at the heart of HIV care in their families and play a crucial role in providing nutritional support, ensuring anti-retroviral medication is taken and building resilience in their children. Please continue to support the LAP team with your prayers, our next fundraising collection will be held on the weekend of 4th/5th of July

Thank you, Parish LAP Fundraising team



We joyfully welcome Quinn & Elsie **HEARPS** & Olivia Garcia **GUNTHER** who will be baptized in our parish.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026

"The silence of the bush taught you a quietness of soul that put you in touch with another world, the world of God's Spirit." - St. Pope John Paul II in his address to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples – Alice Springs 1986
We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep Spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this Country. We commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Are we **'All In'** for **Reconciliation Week** 27th May-3rd June? This is a nation-wide call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day.

Reconciliation isn't just about one week of the year. For ideas on how to make it everybody's business, every day, please visit:

www.reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week/

RCIA: A JOURNEY TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH

An important green twig of growth for all Parishes is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This group, led by a small team of Parishioners, journeys with those who have been drawn to explore the Catholic faith. This is a privileged, exciting and humbling ministry. It is wonderfully mysterious how people contact the Parish about beginning this journey. It is not something that we can control or organize. People are drawn to this and the RCIA Team respond to help them. It is the work of the Holy Spirit. To prepare for Easter 2027 the RCIA Team will be hosting an introductory meeting on 7.30pm Wednesday 22nd July in the St Anne's Church Meeting Room, for anyone who is interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith. Share this with anyone you think is interested and help the Holy Spirit to do the Spirit's work. Contact the Office by phone or email.

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

JOSEPHITE COMPANIONS

Josephite Companions meeting Wednesday 3 June at 1.00pm, St Anne's Church Meeting Room. All welcome

PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. Pray the Rosary – Here are two parish opportunities to pray for peace:

*The 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 5.30 and 10.30 masses.

2. Catholic Earthcare from 'Hope to Action'. This week, one action could be to support and pray for those affected by poverty (unsustainable rents, homelessness in Sunbury), or environmental harm (in Tuvalu) or war (in Lebanon) or HIV-affected young people (in Jakarta) ...



OUR FINANCES FOR THE PERIOD 1ST JAN - 31 MARCH 2026

PRESBYTERY (1st) COLLECTION		THANKSGIVING (2nd) COLLECTION	
Supports our Parish clergy and contributes to the Archdiocese's fund for poorer parishes and retired priests		Enables us to provide liturgies and pastoral support across the parish, as well as maintaining parish facilities	
Total weekly contribution (average)	\$2,799	Average weekly parish costs	\$5,341
Less contribution to Priests' Remuneration Fund	-\$840	Average weekly collection amount	\$4,146
Net available to support our Parish clergy	\$1,959	Less Archdiocesan Levies	-\$712
		Net Available to support our Parish	\$3,434

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Our parish is supported by the generosity of our Parishioners (together with contributions from our great Bingo Team).
The Parish does not receive any grants

Comments on Contributions for the period 1 Jan - 31 March 2026.

Presbytery Collection:

Contributions up by 22% versus the average across full year 2025, and up 40% on the 2019 (Pre-Covid) average.

Tap and Give:

Total contributions increased by \$130 to \$788 per week compared to the average across full year 2025.

Thanksgiving Collection:

Contributions up 1.6% compared to average across full year 2025, and up 12% on the 2019 (Pre-Covid) average.

Parish costs up 5% compared to the average across full year 2025 and down 31% on the 2019 (Pre-Covid) average

- increase due to renovation of the steeple at St Anne's church, lighting upgrades to the disabled parking area and other recent maintenance needs.

Other (additional) Income:

- Bingo continues to contribute significant income across the quarter.

- Parish centre hire and offerings from baptisms etc. also contributed \$1,038 per week.

Credit Card or Direct Deposit Contributions:

The Parish encourages credit card or direct deposit contributions as the preferred method of donating.

Could you please contact the Parish Office if you would like to change your contributions to card or direct deposit.

Thank you.

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UPGRADE OF THE CROSSOVER FROM RIDDELL ROAD TO ST ANNE'S CHURCH

During the June–July school holidays, work will take place to upgrade the crossover from Riddell Road to St Anne's car park, replacing it with a concrete crossover.

- **Dates:** Monday 29 June to Friday 10 July.
- **What's happening:** the crossover will be excavated, foundations and reinforcement prepared, and a new concrete surface installed and left to cure.
- **Access change:** the driveway entry to the church car park will be closed during this period.
- **Where to park:** Enter via the office crossover to park on the access road at the front of the church/office, on the vacant block, or near the community garden. St Anne's School Car park would be available for the Sunday Masses.
- **Please allow extra time** and be patient when finding a parking space. Thank you for your understanding—this upgrade will be worth the temporary inconvenience.
- **Working together:** The cost of this project will be shared equally between the Parish and St Anne's School, and it is a positive example of how we can work together as a Catholic community.

THANK YOU - MAY QUEEN DINNER DANCE!

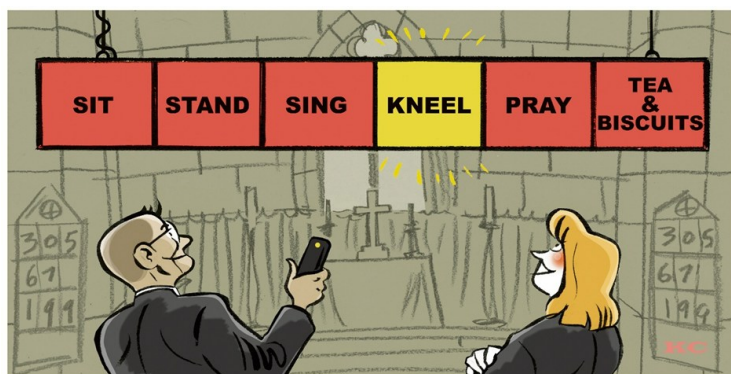
On behalf of our Parish, we would like to extend our thanks to the organisers & volunteers who assisted with the May Queen dinner dance on Saturday, 23 May. Funds collected on the day will go towards supporting GUIH (Give until it Hurts) and the Sunbury Winter Shelter programs.

THANK YOU - COUNTERS!

Our thankful gratitude to our counters who assisted with the collection of data for the May Mass Count exercise. The final overall summary will be shared with the congregation once that information is received from the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference who initiated this national Mass Count.

THANK YOU TO OUR AV OPERATORS!

A big thank you to our AV Operators who guide us through our responses during the weekend Masses. I dare say we would be lost without you!



THANK YOU

The family of Lawrence Emmanuel Mallia wishes to thank everyone who helped and participated in any way in the celebration of Lawrence's life.

Pray with great and
humble faith -
Mary MacKillop
2 June 1880



LIGHT INTO THE CITY

Over the next four years, the "Light into the City" campaign will unfold to renovate St Patrick's Cathedral and its prescinct. After more than a century, St Patrick's now requires significant restoration and renewal. There is much work ahead in this significant undertaking for our Archdiocese. Firstly, there is some urgency for remedial and restoration works on the historic structures of the site to make them safe and enduring. Flowing from that, the Cathedral precinct's current form cannot adequately support the growing expressions of faith, culture and community that it is being called to. Public amenities (such as accessible toilets), parish and community gathering spaces, and dedicated locations for outreach, healing, and faith formation need to be addressed for our responsible stewardship of this spiritual treasure.

St Patrick's was, and remains, a work of love and hope. It is also an investment not only in bricks and mortar but in the life and heart of our people, and their place in the story of this city. This is a life-giving project that will involve us all - Including all Parishes.

MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2026

Sunday 7 June 2026, 2pm

Begins at St Patrick's Cathedral

Concludes at Federation Square

The procession will begin with a gathering at St Patrick's Cathedral at 2pm, walk through the streets of Melbourne's CBD, and conclude at Federation Square. Please note that Mass will not be part of the official proceedings. Details & QR code on flyer on the Notice Board.

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE PRESENTATION

Due to an infection at Calvary aged care the presentation had to be cancelled on 26 May morning. We have now re-booked for **Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 12-00**. Sorry for the inconvenience but it is for everyone's safety that it had to be done.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Online Information Session. Explore Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry-related courses: Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST). Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session.

SALESIAN COLLEGE SUNBURY YEAR 7 2028 APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN.

Discover a place where students are encouraged to grow, explore their potential, and strive for life.

Applications close 14 August 2026, with interviews in early September and offers released mid-October. Take the next step—book a tour or begin your enrolment application today.

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