



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

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Principal: Krystine Hocking

7 June 2026

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year A

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16
Psalm Response: Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Gospel Acclamation: John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
 whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:51-58

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Addy **ADAM**, Jaclyn **DEBENHAM**, Lloyd **D'CRUS**, Barbara **DONOHUE**, Caleb **FARIA**, Adele **HUDSON**, Briohny **KERR**, Elaine **KING**, Joan **KOREN**, Diana **MASTRAMICO**, Edith **McINELLY**, Carmela **MUNAFO**, Brian **MUNDY**, Willow **O'CALLAGHAN**, , Karen **RODRIGUES-DELLER**, Daisy **ROMERO** & Jane **ZAMMIT**.

Recently deceased: Lal **PERERA**

Anniversaries: Fr. John **GALLIVAN**, Ronaldo **ORDONEZ** & Paula **QUIMSON**

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

Partaking in the living bread

The Eucharist not only keeps alive the memory of what Christ has done by giving his life for us. More profoundly, the Eucharist manifests the ever-present experience of what Christ and the Spirit continue to do for us throughout our lives.

This week's first reading (Deuteronomy) connects the celebration of the Eucharist to the Exodus event of Israel's liberation from slavery in Egypt. Again, the Israelites do not just remember what God has done for them in the past – liberating them, and feeding them in the desert with "manna from heaven" – but celebrating the way God continues to be with them throughout all of life's trials, tribulations, hopes and joys. Everything we have – food, shelter, love, friendship and personal talents – are gifts given to us by God to share with others.

In St Paul's Letter to the people of Corinth, we are told the gifts of bread and wine are the very body and blood of Christ enabling us to be in communion with the Trinitarian God. Moreover, Paul's emphasis on "one loaf" means, in the words of the hymn, "we though many are truly one."

Hence the importance of the sign of peace we offer to one another each time we celebrate the Eucharist. In the gospel, we hear Jesus speak of the "living bread that comes down from heaven."

Pope Francis told us that "the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but medicine and nourishment for the weak!" In saying this he is not suggesting we should go to the Eucharist without thoughtfulness, prayer and presence of mind; but he is also reminding us that all of us, without exception, come to the Eucharist as sinners in need of God's healing grace and mercy.

Pope Francis also provides guidelines for how the Eucharist should make a real difference in our lives and relationships with others. First, he says, we need to relate to people, sharing in their joys, hopes, sorrows and sufferings. Furthermore, this should enable us to reach out to the poor, sick and marginalised people, seeing in them the face of Christ.

Second, experiencing God's forgiveness in the Eucharist should enable us to see ourselves as "forgiven sinners" who are empowered to reach out in forgiveness to others. In this way the Eucharist enables us to overcome pride and division.

Third, the Eucharist should enable us to become active disciples of Jesus Christ. While we Christians do not claim to be better than others, we nonetheless recognise our particular mission is to make Christ known and loved through a spirit of prayer, action and care for all our brothers and sisters, most especially those in need.

In the words of Anglo-Catholic poet TS Eliot, Christ is "the still point of the turning world." It is especially through our celebration of the Eucharist that our distracted, busy, turning worlds are stilled by the overpowering, silent mystery that camouflages the saving, liberating, loving presence of Christ in the broken bread and sweetened wine. For He is indeed truly present among us as the very life of the world.

Gerard Hall SM

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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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - VINNIES' WINTER APPEAL

Special collection **this weekend** for St Vincent de Paul - Winter Appeal. Please donate generously.

MORNING TEA

The Sunbury Conference of St Vincent de Paul, is holding their annual Winter Appeal this weekend. In conjunction with this they are hosting Morning Tea after the 8.30 Mass this Sunday. Please come along and learn how the people in our community and those who are not coping with everyday living are helped by Vinnies. Tony Proctor, John Stafford and Anne Smith will speak at the 5:30pm, 8.30am & 10:30am Masses respectively.

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.

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 will 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.

OUR 2025 THANKSGIVING RENEWAL CAMPAIGN

Last year we undertook a Thanksgiving Renewal Campaign to support our Parish finances. Our financial position after a year is:

- * A comparison of the contributions to the Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections over the twelve months following the campaign versus the previous twelve months shows a very generous increase of between 25% and 31% in both.
- * There was a distinct change from contributing via cash to direct debits – a move that both reduced the cost and increased the security of collecting and delivering the cash to the bank.
- * Through the generosity of our parishioners, we are now able to undertake the significant maintenance work in both churches. Thank you for your wonderful support.

We joyfully welcome Sophia **DALLI**, Quinn **MULCAHY** & Heidi & Lachlan **ROSSER** who will be baptized in our parish.



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.

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.

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE PRESENTATION

Due to an infection at Calvary aged care the presentation on 26 May was cancelled. We have now rebooked for **Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 12-00**. Inconvenience is regretted. Posters in the Foyer, spot the locals.

JOSEPHITE MEMORIAL GARDEN - THANK YOU

A big thank you to Jo Wiegerink and the MenAlive group for digging out and disposing of the old roses from the front of the church. We will look forward to the new Mary Mackillop roses being planted in the beds in due course.

PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. Ongoing National Reconciliation

Following last week's (excellent) Sunbury Rings Walk to raise awareness of local cultural heritage and pre-colonial history, sponsors Omnia (Community Health) and Hume Council, are recommending some helpful resources and ideas for one ACTION that we might take to promote national reconciliation - **Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage** Aboriginal Corporation-education and tours. **Koorie Heritage Trust**-supports exhibitions, events and cultural walking tours **Reconciliation Victoria** – information on reconciliation and its history. Useful data for ideas may also be found on the Australian Reconciliation Barometer

To RAP or not to RAP? That is the question. Over 3,000 Australian organisations, including the Catholic archdioceses of Sydney and Brisbane, and the Society of St Vincent de Paul have each committed to drawing up a Reconciliation Action Plan to improve relationships with concrete ACTIONS.

2. Youth Group is restarting! Use the QR code here to register OR the QR code on the colorful registration poster in the church foyer, designed by Salesian students. More parishioner volunteer help out would be greatly appreciated.



3. Rosary - Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to join them in praying the Rosary following mass on Friday mornings. Let's pray for peace in the world