



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 - St. Romuald

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

14 June 2026

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6
Psalms Response: Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3
Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11
Gospel Acclamation: Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

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

Recently deceased: Bok **DAVID**, Carmela **MUNAF0** & Kya Eliana **SANTOS**.

Anniversaries: Maria **CARDENAS**, Alice **GONSALVES**, Griffith **GONSALVES**, Harold **KERWICK**, Iris **KERWICK** & Paula **QUIMSON**

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

Being agents of Christ's healing

Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

Who is Jesus Christ for us? An older woman called Jesus her mate. A priest once said, 'When the chips are down, there's only Jesus and me. He's my rock.'

If we are going to be witness to the love of Christ, this is who we might hope to be for those we meet – mate, rock, friend, hope – and come to recognise Christ in their lives.

Is this what we're sent out to do? Is it what we were initiated into at our baptism? In the gospel, Jesus sees the crowd and is moved with compassion by their plight. He certainly doesn't ridicule them or turn away from them but is alive to their suffering. This is the rich harvest for which labourers are required, and it's this work which is at the heart of his mission.

He then summons twelve of the disciples and empowers them to join him in his work of presence and healing. Those who are entrusted with this mission are sent out as apostles. Perhaps we think that's not me and, if we consider the roll call of their names, we might notice they're quite a mixed lot, just like any parish community, and leave it at that.

But what if we're all entrusted with this mission too, sent out after Mass to present to others what we have received.

When Jesus sends them out, he instructs them to go to the Jewish community alone; though this is a beginning, because at the end of Matthew's Gospel he commissions the disciples to go out and proclaim his liberating presence to all nations. And the sign of this, of God's kingdom being close at hand, is the works that Jesus is doing, which now they are empowered to do.

We also are to be the agents of healing and service, helping those who are entombed to live; inviting into relationship those who are sidelined and cast out for whatever reason; disabling those voices which confine us, and enabling us all to live in a loving relationship with one another and God. These simple gifts are given to us by Jesus, so we might give them away to anyone who is in need. What we have been given freely, we are to give freely in turn; it's not a transaction, it is gift.

In the first reading the Israelites, if they hold fast to the covenant with God, are to be 'a kingdom of priests, a consecrated people,' ensuring God's ongoing love of and relationship with us. It's what they are entrusted to do, their mission.

In the second reading, Paul writes of God's great love for us. Now that our relationship with God is restored, 'through our Lord Jesus Christ,' God is with us, whatever happens.

To be the bearers of this love in a fractured world, this is our mission.

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PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE NOTICES

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets each week on **Wednesday at 10:30am** in St. Anne's Church. All welcome. For further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 0418 322 596.

SAVE THE DATE

An informal get-together lunch for all parish volunteers is being planned for **12 July 2026 at noon in the Parish Centre**. If you are a volunteer and have not received an invitation yet, please contact the Parish Office to register. Thank you!

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:** The car park behind the Church will be unavailable. **Option 1** - 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. **Option 2** - On **Sunday morning only**, Stewart's Lane school car park will be available. You will be able to walk through the school to St. Anne's church. Stewards will assist you.
- **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.

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.

FIRST EUCHARIST - PRAYER COMPANION

The young people of our parish are preparing for First Holy Communion, learning more about Jesus' love for them and his gift of the Eucharist to us. At all Sunday Masses we will pray for them and they will approach members of our community to share with them their Prayer Companion cards that they have made, to keep them in our prayers during the coming months. Through our prayer we can strengthen them on their journey.

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE PRESENTATION

Calvary aged care presentation has now been rebooked for **Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 12:00**. Posters in the foyer.

PARISH BINGO

Your Parish bingo session is bigger and better in 2026! Every Thursday evening, eyes down at 7.00 pm conducted at Sunbury Bowling Club, Riddell Rd. Guaranteed last game prize of \$1000 every week plus other game prizes of \$150, \$100 & \$60. Bingo lingo, Joker raffle, main raffle and lots of fun. The biggest and best Bingo in the district. Get a group of friends together and come along and give it a try. You will be made most welcome. Enquiries to Gary Plummer 0419 301 760.

2026 MAY MASS COUNT ROUNDUP

For your information and to satisfy your curiosity, the May Mass count yielded over four Sundays an average monthly Mass attendance of **667** people. I suggest that this was slightly elevated due to the presence on the 3rd Sunday of May of the Confirmation Candidates and their families from our Catechist programme and primary schools. The average monthly Mass attendance for **2025 was 622** and **2024 was 519**.

On the 3rd Sunday there were 461 women and 368 men present. On the 4th Sunday the age breakdown was 0-17 **99**; 18-29 **49**; 30-49 **122**; 50-69 **140**; 70+ **166**.

"Where two or three are gathered in my name I will be with them". Matthew 18:20

PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT) - WHAT WE DO.

Parish Planning 2024-26 was derived from parishioner suggestions to the Parish Assembly 2023

1. Welcome all to Mass particularly newcomers with an invitation to register contact details at the Help Desk, continue the campaign of talking to strangers before and after Mass and of getting to know names, organise and promote social activities including monthly morning teas, home and hospital visiting, help homeless and homed people to face all manner of hardship, and coordinate our many parish teams that work behind the scene to give existing, new or isolated parishioners wonderful opportunities to become more involved in parish life.
2. Seek opportunities to walk alongside the stranger, the lonely, the isolated, and explore the possibility of activities for different cultures.
3. Explore how access to our main forms of communication, the parish newsletter and the website, can be enhanced with improved technology.
4. Liaise with the Liturgy Team about times of the year to include ecospirituality suggestions in liturgy and homilies when appropriate, involve parishioners in making ecospirituality links with schools, highlight any sustainability work being undertaken in our schools, and promote sustainable alternatives to plastics and other non-recyclables.
5. Respond to Pope Francis' call to relate our faith more closely to gospel values by promoting or supporting small-group, faith discussions that deepen parishioners' appreciation of seasons and feast days, support devotional prayer services such as group rosaries, Stations of the Cross and Bible study, and strengthen relationships with other Sunbury Christians as we support each other at interfaith liturgies and outreach activities.
6. Reach out to all four Catholic schools in Sunbury with invitations to meet the church community in as many enjoyable ways as possible, both social and prayerful, to engender feelings of belonging.