



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
Monday Funeral: 2:00pm - Elaine King
Wednesday 9:30 am - Mass - Nativity of St John
Thursday 9:30 am - Mass
Friday 9:30 am - Mass
 Funeral:11:00am - Carmelina Munafo

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

21 June 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm Response: Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35.
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15
Gospel Acclamation: John 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently deceased: Elaine **KING**, Carmelina **MUNAFO**.

Anniversaries: Mario **CHRUL**, Rodney **D'MONTE**, Eric **D'MONTE**, Margot **RILEY** & Paula **QUIMSON**

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

Be not afraid
Matthew 10: 26-33

In this week's gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples about their mission. He warns them of the persecutions and trials that they will face. Just as he, Jesus, faced opposition and rejection; so, will they. So too did the prophets, including Jeremiah, of whom we read in the first reading.

Jesus urges his disciples, soon to be his missionaries, to take up their mission to proclaim the good news of the gospel. No matter the opposition and suffering they might face, he exhorts them: "Do not be afraid."

But, knowing that they will suffer on account of their faith in him, he offers them consolation. He reassures them that they are precious in God's eyes: "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows."

Moreover, he promises them that "Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven." We too, his disciples today, will face difficulties and challenges, perhaps derision, rejection and suffering, because of our faith in Jesus. There will be times of discomfort or perhaps embarrassment, when others deride or disparage us for our faith.

But, like the disciples then, we are to live our Christian faith confidently and fearlessly, working for justice and for peace, standing up for the least among us, doing what we can to help build a better world, unafraid to profess our faith and to demonstrate it in action.

As an Australian politician once noted, life wasn't meant to be easy. Living our faith, following our Lord Jesus with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength was never going to be easy. Our faith makes demands of us!

Let us examine our consciences in light of the gospel. Do we keep very private our commitment as Christians, keeping it out of view of neighbours, work colleagues, even friends? Do we shy away from professing our faith in Jesus, keeping it hidden? Do we speak up when values or opinions which are alien to our faith are promoted in our hearing? Do we let fear of disparagement or rejection stop us from saying what we believe to be true or from doing what we know to be right?

For most of us, it is not in a public forum, but rather in ordinary day to day interactions and conversations that situations arise to challenge us to speak of our faith and the values that inform our opinions and choices.

It is also what we do and how we conduct ourselves that professes what we believe.

Let it always be with courtesy and respect for others. As the Apostle Peter teaches us: "Always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience" (1 Pet 3:15-16).

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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!

**RIDDELL ROAD CROSSOVER UPGRADE:
PARKING ARRANGEMENTS**

Parking arrangements

Please note that the crossover from Riddell Road to St Anne's Church **car park will be closed from Monday 29 June 2026 to Friday 10 July 2026** while upgrade works are completed. During this time, please use the crossover in front of the Parish Office to access the service road. Parking will be available in front of the church, the Parish Office, the vacant block, and the community garden.

Sunday Mass arrangements

We are grateful to St Anne's School for kindly making its **Stewarts Lane carpark available for the 8.30 am and 10.30 am Masses on Sunday 5 July**, when higher traffic levels are expected.

Volunteers needed

To help keep parishioners and visitors safe, and to support the security of St Anne's School, we are seeking at least two **volunteers for each Sunday Mass on 5 July** to open and close the gates and guide traffic and pedestrians. If you are able to assist at either Mass, **please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060.**

Thank you for helping keep our parish community safe and welcoming.

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.**

We joyfully welcome Lincoln **ABDILLA**, Siena **CO-NIDI**, Maya & Summer **DORIC**, Martina **NOGUEIRA** & Brooks **VITI** who will be baptized in our parish.



May the spirit of unity and love reign amongst us.

Mary MacKillop -
12 September 1884



SUNBURY EVERGREENS SOCIAL AFTERNOON

Tuesday, 23 June 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

RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE PRESENTATION

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

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**

LAP FUNDRAISING COLLECTION

Just a gentle reminder – Our next fundraising collection will be at all Masses in two weeks on the 4th/5th July. Your contribution will again help the LAP team in Jakarta provide essential nutrition and other support to over 139 children living with HIV and 65 (mainly female) caregivers.

The LAP team in Jakarta has recently celebrated their 16th anniversary, and your generous support and prayers have helped sustain their efforts for twelve of those years.

Thank you again, we also look forward to sharing morning tea with you after the 8:30 Mass.

OLMC LAP Fundraising Team

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.

PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

Friendly Reminders

1. The Help Desk in the church foyer has been split into two. Check them out. You'll find Continuous Improvement Forms there. We welcome written suggestions and/or any issues you may have which you can pop into the Orange Box or email to the parish office sunbury@cam.org.au It's not possible to respond to your unsigned suggestions/issues.

2. Funeral Notices. The PCT has arranged with Fr Denis to fill an important information gap. With the offer of publishing funeral times in the church newsletter, bereaved families now have an opportunity, if they so wish, to make funeral times available to parishioners.