



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
 11:00am - Funeral - Martin Mullins
Friday 9:30 am - Mass - St Thomas, Apostle

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

28 June 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16
Psalm Response: Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2
Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4. 8-11
Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

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**, Heemani **SAINI** & Jane **ZAMMIT**.

Recently deceased: Martin **MULLINS** & Francis **RYAN**

Anniversaries: Paolo **DARMANIN**, Paul **HOGAN**, Irene **KILKENNY**, Len **PLUNKETT** & Shannon **PLUNKETT**.

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

A life of sacrificial love
Matthew 10:37-42

More than being just a moral teacher or guide, Jesus came to establish a complete transformation of what it means to be human and to live a fully human life.

When St Paul proclaims that we are now “dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus,” he highlights how Jesus’ submission to and defeat of death has changed the whole human situation. Jesus was the perfect and obedient representative of all humanity.

Through our faith that he is who he says he is, the eternal communion with the Father that belongs by nature to Jesus as the incarnate Son belongs to us through participation in him.

As St Paul explains, “When we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.” This new life in Christ is one in which sin and death no longer have dominion in the human experience. Paul exhorts us: “You too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin and alive for God in Christ Jesus.”

In his instructions to the Twelve in this week’s gospel, Jesus teaches, “Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.” Part of ‘losing our lives’ for Jesus means extending the self-giving, compassionate and merciful love we have received from him to others, especially the poor.

And ‘losing our lives’ can mean suffering. As Christians, we must be prepared to accept suffering, not out of a masochistic sense that suffering is good or that we deserve it, but as a response made in love to give up anything and everything that impedes or undermines the life and love to which Christ calls us.

As Jesus teaches in this week’s gospel, this can sometimes mean prioritising him and the demands of discipleship over the demands of family. Consider St Francis of Assisi as an example. St Francis, in defiance of his enraged father, left his affluent home and the life his family had planned for him to live a life of radical poverty, humility, and dedication to serving the poor, in imitation of the life, poverty, and love of Jesus. St Francis is renowned as *Il Poverello* (Italian for “the little poor man” or “the little poor one”), and as a “little Christ.”

‘Losing our lives’ for Jesus does not necessarily mean we will be called to Jesus’ level of self-sacrifice or that of the Christian martyrs. Still, our hearts need to be oriented towards this calling and open to its demands, painful and costly though that may sometimes be. But Jesus is very clear in calling us – indeed challenging us – to live the life of freedom and self-giving love for which we were created.

Challenging and demanding though it is, each and every one of us is called to be a “little Christ.”

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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 - Sat 4 & Sun 5 July

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 Angus CAREW & Lyla CHILD who will be baptized in our Parish.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend of 11 & 12 July

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Details to follow.

ALTAR SERVERS

Congratulations and welcome to Nathan our newest member of our Altar Server Team. New members always welcome ... Michael 0417332186

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 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 Gary Plummer 0419 301 760.

LAP FUNDRAISING COLLECTION

LAP has now expanded its services to support young people and help prevent mother-to-child HIV transmission. Recently a young HIV woman married and became pregnant. With support from LAP she diligently adhered to her antiretroviral treatment throughout her pregnancy to minimize the risk of HIV transmission to her child.

She has now given birth and is awaiting an Early Infant Diagnosis test for her newborn in the hope of a negative HIV result. Please keep this young mother and her baby in your prayers as she awaits the results.

Our next LAP fundraising collection will be at all Masses next week and we also look forward to sharing morning tea with you after the 8:30 Mass.

Thank you for your support, **OLMC LAP Fundraising Team.**

MORNING TEA - NEXT WEEKEND

Morning Tea will be hosted next weekend after the 8:30am Mass by the LAP Team to coincide with the Special Collection.



PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. Celebrating 50 years of NAIDOC* Week July 5-12th

• **MASS. Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria** warmly invites you to the 2026 NAIDOC Mass at St Francis' Church. Marking the end of NAIDOC Week (5-12 July), the Mass is an opportunity to come together and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

• **FREE COMMUNITY EVENT** Sunbury Aboriginal Corporation, Hume Council and Omnia invite you to a free community event to learn about First People's cultures, histories and resilience. Take part in celebrations of the oldest continuous living cultures on earth. ARTRISE Building 5, 95-125 Circular Drive, Sunbury, on Tues 7th July 11 am-1pm. Phone 0406 174 764 or register here using the QR code.

