



**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  
 12:00 pm - Baptism  
**Wednesday** 9:30 am - Mass  
**Thursday** 9:30 am - Mass - Augustine Zhao Rong  
**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  
**Principal:** Stephen Arthurson  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel School:** 9740 7344  
**Principal :** Julie Freeman  
**Holy Trinity School:** 8746 6464  
**Principal:** Krystine Hocking

**5 July 2026**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

**First Reading:** Zechariah 9:9-10  
**Psalm Response:** Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14  
**Second Reading:** Romans 8:9, 11-13  
**Gospel Acclamation:** See Matthew 11:25  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:25-30

**LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Addy **ADAM**, Florence **BELL**, 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:** Ernesto **MIER**

**Anniversaries:** Margaret **CALLEJA**, David **COYTE**, Austin & Leonie **D'MONTE**, Kenneth **DRISCOLL**, Carmen **FLORES**, Charles **FLORES**, Frank **FLORES** & Josip **NASTAV**.

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

**WELCOME TO THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION OF  
 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER  
 SUNDAY.**

As we gather in faith, we do so as a people shaped by story — by the Gospel, by culture, and by the journeys that have brought us to this moment. We gather in the presence of God, who walks with us always, and who calls us into unity as one people.

This year invites us into reflection. We mark 40 years since St Pope John Paul II spoke to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs, and we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC Week. These milestones are more than anniversaries — they are reminders of enduring faith, resilience, and our shared call to walk together.

At times, it is important to look back. Not to dwell in the past, but to recognise the path that has been travelled — to see the strength, the challenges, and the grace that have carried us forward. In this, we trust in God's providence, present in every step of our journey.

Our theme, Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!, speaks to this moment. It calls us to continue the journey with humility and hope - listening deeply, and walking side by side as one Body in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Across this land, the Church is enriched by the cultures and voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Their spirituality, connection to Country, and deep sense of community continue to shape and strengthen the life of the Church in Australia.

As St Pope John Paul II reminded us, the Church is enriched by the many cultures it embraces. This is not something we simply acknowledge — it is something we are called to live.

As always, today's Liturgy is an invitation to listen to, reflect, and to encounter Christ in one another. Wherever you are gathered — in Parish, school, or community — may this celebration be a moment of grace. May it renew our hearts, deepen our unity, and strengthen our commitment to walk together in faith. We thank you for being part of this journey.

**Words of Pope John Paul II. Alice Springs. 1986.**

*"The Church in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution ... and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."*

*"If you stay closely united, you are like a tree standing in the middle of a bush-fire sweeping through the timber. The leaves are scorched and the tough bark is scarred and burned; but inside the tree the sap is still flowing, and under the ground the roots are still strong. Like that tree you have endured the flames, and you still have the power to be reborn. The time for this rebirth is now!"*

**The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council.**

## 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 held on **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!

### 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.

### 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**

### 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.**

### AGED CARE PRESENTATION

All those interested in **aged care information**, a presentation and look around Cornish Grange - Sunbury. Lasts 90 minutes with afternoon tea. **On Tuesday 21st July at 2-00pm.** To book call Joe 0477 677 248. Limited number of spots available.

### 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.**

### FOR YOUR DIARY—Weekend of 11 & 12 July

This year the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel falls on Thursday, 16 July. We will anticipate our Parish feast day by celebrating it on the weekend of 11 & 12 July. This is also the date for the luncheon for our parish volunteers. A good way to celebrate our feast day.

We joyfully welcome Pippa & Hugo **BOSWELL** & Evie & Mia **ROGERS** who will be baptized in our Parish.



### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Over the next few weeks the parish office will be closed on a Tuesday in order for us to catch up on some work. We regret any inconvenience, but please leave a voice message or drop us an email and we will respond at our earliest convenience. Thank you for your understanding.

### LAP FUNDRAISING COLLECTION

Twice a year we have a collection to support the work of LAP (Lentera Anak Pelangi meaning "Children Shining like Rainbows") in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Our parish has championed for many years this initiative which supports children living with AIDS/HIV.

Attached to the bulletin is a summary of the programs launched by LAP to support HIV children and their families. Carmela Rigby, Luisa Hogan & Mick Hetherington will be speaking at the weekend Masses to provide some further detail. This week is an opportunity to support the LAP team either through the collection at all Masses or electronically using the pledge card attached to the bulletin.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please join us for morning tea after the 8:30 Mass.

**OLMC LAP Fundraising team.**

### MORNING TEA

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



### PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

**1. NAIDOC WEEK July 5-12th Celebrating 50 years** of the observance week for celebrating Australian indigenous people.

#### • **MASSES**

**July 5th.** To mark the 40th anniversary of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, and the start of NAIDOC Week, mass at St Patrick's Cathedral 11.00 am.

**July 12th** Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria warmly invites you the 2026 NAIDOC Mass at St Francis' Church in the city marking the end of NAIDOC Week at 11.00 am.

• **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.



**2. Need help entering or re-entering the work force?** Assistance is available with job searches, resumé writing, interview skills and so on.

• Contact Jacqui on (03) 5428 3799 Gisborne or enquiries@mrfec.net.au

• Flyer with cost and other details available from the Help Desk & the Notice Board in church foyer.



# TOGETHER, KEEP HOPE ALIVE

## STOP HIV TRANSMISSION



Lentera Anak Pelangi

### ABOUT LAP

Lentera Anak Pelangi (LAP) has been serving vulnerable children, teens, and families living with HIV since 2009. Currently, LAP is one of the very few remaining organizations that continues to stand and hold a key role in reducing morbidity, mortality, and HIV transmissions in Indonesia's resourced/limited setting, especially for women and children.

### LAP BENEFICIARY PROFILES

>300 Families since 2009	0-21+ Years Old	95% In Poverty	76% Orphans & Vulnerable	35.4% Living with Disabilities	2.04% Palliative
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### LAP PROGRAMS & SERVICES

#### HIV Care Education & Monitoring

LAP educates caregivers on how to care for children and teens, provides guidance, as well as monitors their health and medication adherence for better outcomes.

#### Nutrition & Medical Support

LAP prioritizes nutrition and medical support to the most vulnerable beneficiaries.

#### Psychosocial Support

Psychosocial and mental health support is crucial in keeping hope alive in midst of complex life challenges, stigma, & discrimination. LAP facilitates counseling & peer support groups for **children, adolescents, caregivers, & caregivers with special needs children.**

We are the first in Indonesia to offer **online consultation** to reach many more families in need.

#### Youth and Women Empowerment

Together with sponsors, LAP creates empowerment programs for youth and women through capacity buildings, life skills education and internships, so that they can improve their quality of life.

#### Advocacy & Research

LAP contributes to national and international HIV research. We educate public to increase awareness, advocate for the rights of children to reduce stigma and discrimination.

### HELP OUR PARISH SUPPORT LAP

Please Consider contributing to the fundraising collection  
at all Masses on 4th/5th July

OR

Contribute on a regular basis by completing the pledge card  
overleaf and returning it to the Parish Office  
Thank you for your support



Name(s): .....  
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Phone No: ..... Mobile No: ..... email: .....

I/ We Pledge: \$ [ ] per week [ ] per month [ ] per .....  
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# OLMC Overseas Humanitarian Project Pledge card

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*You can change your pledge or payment details at any time by contacting the Parish Office.*