



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 - Anniversary of the
consecration of St Anne's
Church
Thursday 9:30 am - Mass - Feast of Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
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

12 July 2026

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

First Reading: 1 Kings 18:20-39
Psalm Response: Luke 1:46-55
Second Reading: Galatians 4: 4-7

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is Mary, virgin and mother, who bore
the Word of God and pondered it in her heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 19: 25-27

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Anniversaries: Agustin **ANDRES**, John **McGOV-**
ERN, Carmelina **MUNAFO** & Charlie **ZEPARA**

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

Our Parish Feast Day –

A Reflection on our name and why it matters.

*What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name
would smell as sweet.* This is a well-known line from William Shake-
spear's play, "*Romeo and Juliet*". Juliet argues that it does not
matter that Romeo, her beloved, is from her family's deadly rival,
the house of Montague. People use the line to suggest that that the
names of things do not affect what they really are. Here I have to
disagree with the great English playwright, Shakespeare. Names are
important and can have a strong connection with what they mean.
Take for example the title of our Parish.

Our Parish is not called, "*The Riddell Road Catholic Church*", alt-
hough this might be helpful for couriers delivering parcels! No, our
Parish has been officially gifted the title, "*Our Lady of Mount Car-
mel*". Giving a name to a new Parish or choosing another name is a
formal process in the church. Names are not drawn out of a hat by
the Bishop. Some thought and consultation must be given and yes,
the Bishop has the final say. Once they are given they are fiercely
held onto by parishioners who identify themselves with that name.
Who first suggested the name, "*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*", we do
not know, however we do know that it was confirmed by Bishop
Goold, the first Bishop of Melbourne, in 1875. When he returned to
Melbourne after opening and blessing Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Church, he noted in his diary, "*the church shall be named after our
Blessed mother of Mt Carmel.*"

Every Sunday we pray in the Creed, "*we believe in the communion of
saints*", that is, we believe we live our lives of faith connected – in
communion with - the reality of the men and women of faith who
have gone before us. This connection is important for us and can't
be ignored. Every time we refer to our Parish we must name the
name of Mary, the Mother of the Lord. We remind ourselves that
our faith is not an idea or a theory but is linked to the lived reality of
people who gave their lives to live the Gospel. And the way they
lived their lives of faith cannot leave us unmoved.

The gospel for today's Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel invites us
to turn our eyes to another mountain, the hill of Calvary, and reflect
on the presence of Mary standing there as she watched her son on
the Cross. Beside the Cross, Mary and John, becomes symbols of
faith. Jesus unites them to each other - "*Mother, here is your son;
Son, here is your mother*". A new family is formed, the family of the
Church - and Mary, within the Church, is the Church's mother – our
Parish's mother.

*Mother of God, we fly to you, our shade and shelter on our pilgrim's
way. Look kindly on our prayers, and turn not from us in our time of
need. But free us from the dangers that beset us O radiant and holy
virgin.*

Fr Denis Stanley PP

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.**

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 books, 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 - 45 Cornish street, Sunbury which will last for 90 minutes with afternoon tea. **On Tuesday 21st July at 11-00 am** Please call Joe 0477 677 248. Limited number places available. **Please note the CHANGE of TIME.**

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.

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.

THANK YOU!

The concrete crossover will be declared officially open on Sunday, 12 July 2026. Thank you to our traffic wardens last weekend for keeping us safe while the cross over was setting.

We joyfully welcome Amirah **FENTON**, Audrey & Charlotte **LEMMER** Katie & Lucas **MORRIS**, Zachary **SAMPSON** & Hamish **SCIESINSKI** who will be baptized in our Parish.



IS THERE DIVERSITY IN CHAPLAINCY? WEBINAR

"IS THERE DIVERSITY IN CHAPLAINCY?" DISCOVER MORE ... A webinar in two parts 23 July & 30 July 7.00-8.30pm. During these two webinars, experienced Chaplains will explore their varied roles and discuss the broad scope of their ministry. Organised by The Association of Pastoral Ministry Leaders Melbourne (APMLM) and Garratt's Publishing. Registration details available at www.garrattpublishing.com.au/event/is-there-diversity-in-chaplaincy-webinar-series/

On behalf of the APMLM Leadership Team

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT – THANK YOU!

Due to the wonderful generosity of our parishioners, a total of \$3,000 was raised for LAP at last weekend's collection at our Masses.

These funds (plus those accrued from the regular, generous pledge-givers) will be urgently sent up to the LAP team in Jakarta to assist them in their ongoing care for the HIV AIDS children.

If you were away last weekend and would like to contribute, please feel free to use the pledge cards located in the church foyer or contact the Parish office who would be pleased to help you set up a once-off or regular contribution to support the children living with HIV AIDS.

Thank you again for your prayers and financial support – and to those generous people who set and served the morning tea and cleaned up afterwards.

Parish LAP Fundraising Team.

PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. Changing of the Guard This week, the Sunbury Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, a.k.a Vinnies, farewelled outgoing President Anne Smith. Available 24/7 over her term from 2023-26, Anne worked unstintingly on getting to know and support the people who call for help and the people who make up the organisation. She eased the team into big changes to financial accounting. Christmas gift-giving organisation was her speciality, and on her watch, Mini Vinnies has returned to at least one primary school. Together with John Stafford and Tony Proctor, Anne was also instrumental in helping a group of people re-start a Vinnies conference in Gisborne which is now flourishing. Over a special lunch meeting members celebrated and thanked Anne for her four years of generous service. Voting for the new president followed. Members elected Adrian Purcell to the job with congratulations and best wishes for the next four years at the helm.

2. NAIDOC ends this weekend. The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria warmly invites you the 2026 NAIDOC Mass at 11 am in St Francis' Church in the city. This will conclude on a high note our celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC Week.

3. Morning Tea Last weekend we appreciated not only the LAP Team speakers updating our understanding of how Sunbury donations are helping in new and different ways young HIV victims in Jakarta, but we appreciated also the wonderful gathering over a cuppa after the 8.30 mass. Please note; the PCT will host the August morning tea, and the Legion of Mary will host in September.