



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 - Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Thursday 9:30 am - Mass - Peter Chrysologus

Friday 9:30 am - Mass - Ignatius of Loyola

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

26 July 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

Psalm Response: Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

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 13:44-52

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**, Anthony **MEYERS**, Edith **McINELLY**, Gayle **MORISON**, Brian **MUNDY**, Willow **O'CALLAGHAN**, Daisy **ROMERO**, Heemani **SAINI** & Jane **ZAMMIT**.

Recently Deceased: John Williams

Anniversaries: David **COYTE**, John **COYTE**, John **KILKENNY**

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

Religious affiliation in the August 2026 Census:

Thoughts for you and your family

The National Census will take place on **11 August**. Australians are under no obligation to identify with a religion in the Census. However, there are a number of good reasons why we should answer the Census honestly and confidently with regards to our faith.

The Census data helps in shaping public policy, government funding and the delivery of community services, including education, healthcare, aged care and settlement support for all Australians.

It's not just a form, the Census also helps tell the story of who we are as a nation; religion remains an important part of the Australian story. For many people, faith is not merely something they do on a weekend, it shapes their values, their sense of meaning, family traditions and identity and ways they contribute to the community.

We don't have to be a regular worshipper to have a religious identity. Many people still feel connected to their faith even if they practice it only occasionally. Religion helps to shape our life, family, culture and beliefs and that deserves to be acknowledged when we complete the census. Even when people go through seasons when they are less active, they often remain deeply connected to the tradition.

The Census is Australia's most important national dataset, and its value depends on people accurately reflecting who they are. It helps ensure governments and policymakers have a genuine understanding of the people, values and communities that make up our nation.

Those whose lives have been shaped by faith, whether spiritually, culturally or socially, should feel confident acknowledging that part of their identity on Census night.

Denis Stanley PP

PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE NOTICES

CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE DURING AUGUST

Saturday, 8 August 2026 - Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass at 9:30am

There will be **no Reconciliation** at 10am that morning.

Monday, 10 August 2026 - Mass at 9:30am

Wednesday, 12 August 2026 - Mass at 9:30am

Thursday, 13 August 2026 - No Mass at 9:30am

Friday, 14 August - Feast of the Assumption - Vigil Mass at 7pm

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 \$1,000 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.

CONFIRMATION

Please keep Lucas Stevens in your prayers as he is Confirmed at 10:30am Mass this Sunday.

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT – THANK YOU!

A total of \$9,000 will be sent up to the LAP team in Jakarta to assist them in their ongoing care for the HIV AIDS children. Thank you again for your prayers and financial support.

SUNDAY JULY 26TH

THE FEAST OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE

In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke record a family history of Jesus, tracing his ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names "Joachim" and "Anne" come from a source written more than a century after Jesus died.

The heroism and holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. We see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, Mary is steeped in the religious traditions of her people.

The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past. Joachim and Anne represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain hidden from view.

This is the "feast of grandparents." It reminds grandparents of their ministry to establish a tone for generations to come: They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience, and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.

FUNDRAISING TEAM.

Prayer Night/Praise and Worship at St Anne's Church will be held on 2 August 2026 from 6:15pm to 7:10pm in St Anne's Church. We will look forward to seeing you there

We joyfully welcome Ilaria **COSTANZO**, Sophie **KENNEDY**, Ariana **PARADISO** & Elsa **WALKER** who will be baptized in our Parish.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

CONTINUING MAINTENANCE ON ST ANNE'S CHURCH.

After the repair of the steeple and the concrete crossover, we are beginning, in line with the Maintenance Review on our two churches, exploratory plumbing works on the northwest corner of St Anne's church. Advice received has established that this needs to be done to establish if there have been leaks that have contributed to the subsidence of the church building. If so, they will be repaired first and monitored for around 6 months before moving on to work that will lift and stabilize the church building. If the plumbing is not leaking, we can move to lifting and stabilizing. We are also working to remove refuse from gutters and unblock down pipes at OLMC as we plan the next steps.

Thanks to all for your patience, concern, and support with the work of the Maintenance Review. Our aim is to make sure that St Anne's is safe, attractive and suitable to be the centre of our mission for a growing Sunbury, now and in the years to come. **Fr Denis Stanley**

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.**

PIETY STALL - CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Piety Stall is looking for volunteers for Saturday. If you can spare 15 minutes after Mass, please contact Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248 for more information

SUNBURY EVERGREENS SOCIAL AFTERNOON

Tuesday, 28 July 2026 St Anne's 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.**

"Keep up your courage, we do not live here forever"

Saint Mary MacKillop, 1877



MORNING TEA

The Parish Coordinating Team (PCT) will be hosting morning Tea after the 8:30am Mass next weekend, 2 August. Please stop for a chat & a cuppa!



PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

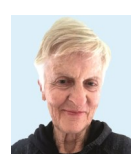
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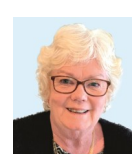
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