



## 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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**Newsletters are available on the parish website**  
**Olmcsunbury.com**

Our parish is committed to the Safety, Wellbeing and Dignity of all, including children and vulnerable adults.

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<https://melbournecatholic.org>

### **LITURGY TIMES: AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH**

**Saturday** 5.30pm - Vigil Mass  
**Sunday** 8.30 am - Sunday Mass  
10:30 am - Sunday Mass  
12:00 pm - Baptism  
**Monday** 9.30am - Mass - St Lawrence  
**Wednesday** 9:30 am - Mass - St Frances De Chantal  
**Friday** 7.00pm - Vigil Mass for the Assumption

### **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

### **09 August 2026**

### **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

**First Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9.11-13 1-3

**Psalms Response:** Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

**Second Reading:** Romans 9:1-5

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I hope in the Lord,*

*I trust in his word.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Matthew 14:13-21

### **LET US PRAY FOR**

**Sick:** Addy ADAM, Florence BELL, Lloyd D'CRUS, Valerie D'Cruz, Muriel D'CRUZE, Jaclyn DEBENHAM, Barbara DONOHUE, Graeme EDMENDS, Caleb FARIA, Emmanuel GIALAMZE, Adele HUDSON, Briohny KERR, Diana MASTRAMICO, Anthony MEYERS, Edith McINELLY, Gayle MORISON, Brian MUNDY, Willow O'CALLAGHAN, Daisy ROMERO, Heemani SAINI & Jane ZAMMIT.

**Recently Deceased:** Paul HOCKING, Edna SAID

**Anniversaries:** Renato BUENCONSEJO, Vincent PARADISIO, Pat SMITH, Joseph Zahra

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

### **9 August 2026 19th Sunday Year A**

In June 2018, twelve boys and their coach found themselves trapped in a cave in northern Thailand. The flood waters were rising, and the water-filled tunnels of the cave were narrow and pitch dark.

Adding to the complexity of their rescue, the children and their coach could not swim. Australian anaesthetist and cave diver Richard Harris and his colleague Craig Challen were willing to take a leap of faith. They would anaesthetise them all to prevent panicking or drowning. This innovative strategy was crucial in the eventual success of the international rescue operation.

Likewise, the disciples' panic at the rising storm buffeting their boat must have been compounded by Jesus's sudden appearance as he walked across the water. Jesus's loving reassurance that he was not a ghost – "It is I, do not be afraid" – would have quelled their fears.

Peter's response may resonate with many of us: "Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you on the water." We trust in the Lord; yet need reassurance. Jesus's response fills Peter with peace and courage. He says simply to Peter, "Come."

Peter gets out of the boat and, quite miraculously, finds himself walking on the water towards Jesus. But, looking at the wind and the waves around him though, starts to sink. He cries out to the Lord and immediately Jesus reaches out and rescues him. In that moment, Peter's relief at Jesus' timely rescue must surely have been accompanied by the overwhelming realisation that Jesus' loving, tender presence would never have let him drown. Peter realises that he is deeply and tenderly loved, in spite of all his inadequacies.

Some years after the cave rescue, Richard Harris said in an interview that while growing up, he had a sense of struggling to find where he felt he belonged. Leaning into his sense of vulnerability, he discovered the camaraderie of companions who shared his passion for the outdoors. Their adventures in cave-diving helped them discover a newfound courage as they went beyond the limits imposed by their anxieties.

As Bishop Robert Prevost in Peru, Pope Leo exemplified a deep spirit of accompaniment with those in need. When covid-19 hit Peru, oxygen shortages and economic collapse led to widespread deaths. He organised for oxygen supplies to be distributed. Despite the exhausting logistics of this operation, he persisted in working in solidarity with everyone involved. Sometime after the covid pandemic, during the floods in the region, he was present with those struggling as he stood knee-deep in flood waters, assisting in relief operations.

Even at our most vulnerable moments, Jesus invites us to be courageous and audacious in trusting his steadfastness and his unfailing embrace of our frailties. Let us lean into the accompaniment of those who walk with us. Jesus looks steadfastly at us across the wind and water, and says, "Come".

Sophie Clements

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**CHANGE TO MASS SCHEDULE DURING AUGUST**

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

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

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

Fr Denis & Deacon Stephen will be away from the Parish from 11 August to the morning of 14 August 2026 at the annual Clergy Conference.

**PCT/ YOUTH GROUP**

It's never too late to join us. Use the QR code. Next meeting is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August in the Parish hall at 6.15 -7.40 pm.



**ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN - SUNDAYS OF 9 - 23 AUGUST**

**The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway.**

**We ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese.**

It covers three weekends:

**8-9 August** (Announcement Weekend):

**15-16 August** (Giving Weekend):

**22-23 August** (Follow up Weekend).

Remember, this one Campaign replaces many individual campaigns.

Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Priests Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants.

Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation.

**Or please prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift.** Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at [melbourne-catholic.org/archbishops-campaign](http://melbourne-catholic.org/archbishops-campaign) or via the QR codes on the campaign envelopes and posters.

**SIMPLICITY SEPTEMBER**

**This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters.**

Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for **Palms International Volunteering**, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering.

*Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific.* **02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567**

**[www.simplicityseptember.org.au](http://www.simplicityseptember.org.au)**

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK**

National Vocations Awareness Week - Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

**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.**



We joyfully welcome Sofia **AGNELLO** and Indy **GALEA** who will be baptized in our Parish.



**SHAPE THE FUTURE:**

**BE COUNTED AS CATHOLIC THIS CENSUS**

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

**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.**

**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

**Word of God 2027** orders for 2027 are being taken at the Religious Shop. Get your order in NOW.

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

**FIRST EUCHARIST SCHEDULE**

During July and August, the children of our 3 schools and the OSPREY program will be receiving their First Eucharist. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**POLICE CHECKS REQUIRED FOR PARISH KEY HOLDERS**

As part of the Archdiocese safeguarding requirements, all volunteers who have been issued keys to Parish buildings are required to complete a National Police Check.

This requirement applies to all registered key holders for St Anne's Church and the Parish Centre. It is an important step in helping ensure our Parish continues to provide a safe and welcoming environment for everyone

The Parish Office team will contact registered key holders directly with details about how to apply for a National Police Check.

If you hold keys to Parish buildings and have any questions, please contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060..

Whatever troubles may be before you accept them bravely remembering whom you are trying-to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only he can.

*Saint Mary MacKillop, (1842-1909)*

