



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](http://olmcsunbury.com)
[Olmcsunbury.com](http://olmcsunbury.com)**

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

Email: Sunbury@cam.org.au

W: <https://melbournecatholic.org>

LITURGY TIMES: AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday 5.30pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 8.30 am Mass

10:30 am - Mass

12:00 pm - Baptism

Wednesday 9:30 am - Mass - St John Eudes

Thursday 9:30 am - Mass - St Bernard

Friday 9:30 am - St Pius

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

16 August 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Psalm Response: Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Monica ALLEN, Jane ATCHISON, Renato BUENCONSEJO, David COYTE, Tim FAHEY, Warren SAUNDERS & Fely VILLAFUERTE

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

16 August 2026 20th Sunday Year A

Matthew 15:21-28

Boundaries – geographical, cultural, religious and gender – are crossed in today's gospel. In fact, it's one of the few stories in Matthew's Gospel that takes place outside Jewish territory. Matthew understands the ministry of Jesus being directed firstly to the house of Israel. Only when the good news of the Kingdom of God has been offered to them, will it be offered to "all nations". (Matt 28:19)

Jesus enters the pagan regions of Tyre and Sidon. Both towns were located on the coast north of Israel, and were historically hostile to the Israelites. It's here, in foreign territory, that Jesus is boldly confronted by a Canaanite woman; a descendant of one of Israel's ancient enemies. She symbolises all those who are regarded as 'unclean' by Jesus' own people.

As a mother, she is 'beside herself' with worry and fear for her precious daughter, whom she says is "tormented by a demon". There is no doubt that they would have been subjected to exclusion, suspicion and rejection, based on the false understanding of the time, that such an affliction was a result of sin.

Despite the fact that she is a woman, and an 'outsider', out of desperation and driven by a strong and unrelenting mother's love for her child in need, she calls out to Jesus, declaring him to be, "Lord, Son of David" – a remarkable confession of faith for a non-Jew. Perhaps surprisingly to us, Jesus initially remains silent; seemingly ignoring the woman and excluding her from his ministry. The disciples are impatient and don't want to get involved with her, and they ask Jesus to "send her away".

By way of a further rebuke, Jesus declares that his mission is only to "the house of Israel". But the woman is not deterred. Her daughter's life is at stake, and she draws on deep courage and raw nerve to plead with Jesus a second time: "Lord, help me". Jesus' reply seems insensitive: "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs".

This seeming harsh 'put down' of the woman, strengthens her resolve further, and she seizes her opportunity with both hands to challenge Jesus on 'who' are to be the recipients of his ministry. Pet dogs are allowed to eat the crumbs that fall from table, and she is simply asking for one such crumb for her daughter and herself.

The Canaanite woman's single-mindedness, tenacity and persistence, lead Jesus to praise her great faith, and heal her daughter. In doing so, Jesus moves into new territory of understanding himself and his mission. He demonstrates who he really is – the Saviour; and he acknowledges their rightful place among the saved.

The encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman reveals the unconditional and unrestricted mercy of Jesus, the power of faith and the promise of salvation for all who believe.

PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE NOTICES

PARISH COORDINATING TEAM

1. YOUTH GROUP

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



**2. OUR COMMITMENT TO CONTINUOUS
IMPROVEMENT.**

To all parishioners especially newly-arrived parishioners. Have
you any **SUGGESTIONS** as to how parish events and groups
may be improved? Alternatively, do you have concerning
ISSUES about the parish been bothering you?

The PCT responds immediately to a concern or suggestion,
informing the respondent that either we have acted directly or
have passed the item on to the group or individual most qualified
to deal with it.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT FORMS may be found on the
HELP DESK in the church foyer. Pop completed forms into the
Help Desk orange box or email them to the parish office at
sunbury@cam.org.au

Please note: We can only respond to forms with a name and
contact address included.

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 2 more weekends:

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
melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR
codes on the campaign envelopes and posters.

LOST & FOUND

A small brown pouch containing Rosary beads was lost at a 1st
Eucharist Mass in the past few weeks. If found, please hand in
at the Office. They are of great sentimental value to the owner

May the spirit of unity and love reign
amongst us.
Mary MacKillop - 12 September 1884



We joyfully welcome Stevie **CRAIG**, Layla **CRAIG**,
Indy **GALEA**, Piper **MAGUIRE**, Scarlett **RILEY**, and
Parker **RILEY** who will be baptized in our Parish.



EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets each week on **Wednesday at 10:30am** in St. Anne's Church.
All welcome. For further info/transport **please con-tact Lambert &
Elaine van der Weerden on 0418 322 596.**

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.

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

