



**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

Vigil 5.30pm - Mass
Sunday 8.30am - Mass
10:30am - Mass
12:00pm - Baptism
Monday: 11:00am - Funeral - Lynne Simpson
Wednesday 9:30am - Mass - St Jerome
Thursday 9:30am - Mass - Therese of the Child
Jesus
Friday 9:30am - Mass - Guardian Angels
11:00 am - Funeral - Anthony Myers

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

27 September 2026

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm Response: Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Allelulia, Allelulia

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me
Allelulia, Allelulia

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Addy ADAM, Florence BELL, Lloyd D'CRUS,
Valerie D'Cruz, Muriel D'CRUZE, Rose DELEMA-
PERIES, Graeme EDMENDS, Caleb FARIA,
Lizanne FRANCIS, Teresa FOSCHIA, Adele HUD-
SON, Diana MASTRAMICO, Edith McINELLY, Gayle
MORISON, Brian MUNDY, Willow O'CALLAGHAN,
Daisy ROMERO & Heemani SAINI

Recently deceased: Lynne SIMPSON, Anthony
(Tony) MYERS

Anniversaries: Michael DARMANIN, Tommy
FINN, Ron GEYER, James PELLY & Alice RIBEY-
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Parish Vision: Christlike relationships of friendship and faith, valuing one another
and

Rewarding the repentant heart

This week's Second Reading contains a very early Christian hymn and quotes from the prophet Isaiah, which proclaims that "all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld should bend the knee" to God (Is. 45:23). But St Paul instead writes: "at the name of Jesus." Here, St Paul attributes eternal and divine kingship to Jesus. He explains that Jesus was divine from the beginning, but "did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave."

Jesus had been claiming this authority since he began his ministry. In the gospel, which follows the cleansing of the money changers from the Temple, Jesus continues to challenge the chief priests over who is best placed to represent God in the world.

The Jewish leaders claimed to be the mouthpieces of God and models of the kind of life that God wanted from his people. But, as Jesus had been demonstrating since he arrived in Jerusalem, the chief priests had become corrupt, abusing their positions. By contrast, as we hear in the Second Reading, Jesus is about to display what the self-sacrificing love of God really looks like by "accepting death, death on a cross."

Jesus' parable – about the father who asks his two sons to work in his vineyard – is significant because it evokes an Old Testament image of Israel as a vineyard lovingly created by God that produces rotten fruit (Isaiah 5). Although Israel, particularly its religious leaders, have been chosen to be an instrument through which God blesses the whole world (see Genesis 12), they have not led lives that reflect who God is. They have signed up to God's service but haven't delivered.

But, as Jesus explains, those with clearly flawed lives are more likely to acknowledge their failings, turn away from how they were living, and be fruitful for God.

Rewarding the repentant heart was God's plan from the start. As God says through the prophet Ezekiel in the First Reading, "When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live."

In comparison to John the Baptist, whom Jesus described as "a pattern of true righteousness," none of us look particularly good. Yet it was the tax collectors and sinners who were more likely to listen and be changed by Jesus than those who seemed blameless.

Let us allow Jesus to challenge us when we, like the second son in the parable, have said "Yes" but have then gone off and done otherwise. Let us hear and respond to God's call and go out and work in the vineyard, as a member of Christ's Body, which he gave up for love of the world.

Let us pray with the Psalm: "Lord, make me know your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God, my saviour."

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From Your Parish Coordinating Team (PCT)

Season of Creation Sept 1st to October 4th: is concluding soon on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. It is an ecumenical initiative observed by Christian communities worldwide to renew their relationship with God and all creation.

Theme and biblical basis: The official theme for 2026 is "living water, inspired by Ezekiel 47:9, 12, which describes water flowing from God's sanctuary, bringing life to barren lands, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision calls Christians to immerse themselves in Christ's life-giving water and actively participate in the renewal of creation.

Key Focus areas

- **ecological restoration:** water as a symbol of healing for degraded ecological systems,
- **climate justice:** attention to communities most affected by water scarcity and pollution,
- **spiritual renewal:** connection between faith, baptism and transformation,
- **human responsibility:** stewardship of natural resources , especially water.

Be a little bit better every day: *we might not be able to fix the planet overnight, but we can make it better than yesterday.*

The OLMC Youth Group

presents: AN EVENING WITH JESUS

You are invited to join us for an evening of prayer and music Sunday 11th October | 5.30pm to 6.15pm | St Anne's church. Bring along family and friends. Tea and snacks provided.

PIETY STALL

New items, Crucifixes, 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.

PARISH BINGO

Our weekly session continues every Thursday evening, eyes down at 7 pm in the Sunbury Bowling Club. Come down to the bowling club any Thursday evening to book your seat.

Major Bingo Bonanza - Saturday 24th October. Game prizes of \$5000, \$2000, \$1000, \$300, \$250, \$150 & \$120. Booking essential. Tickets at \$100 - lay by available. Come down to the bowling club any Thursday evening to book your seat.

Enquiries: Gary Plummer - 0419 301 760 .

Children's liturgy

Our small group of volunteers are looking for others who would like to assist with children's liturgy. We would like to encourage anyone who could assist for a few weeks in a school term to join us in spreading Christ's message in a relaxed, informal but faithful way. Please inform the parish office of your interest with contact details and one of our volunteers will contact you. WWCC and Police checks are mandatory. We can assist if required.

BIG BAND SPRING DANCE

The band is hosting a Spring Dance on Saturday 24 October, at the Sunbury Memorial Hall from 6:30pm onwards. The event includes award of their annual scholarship program. The scholarship is awarded to 3 musicians in Melton, Hume and Macedon Council areas and contributes toward their music tuition. Tickets are \$30 per person. Scan the QR Code or see the flyer on the Notice Board for further details.



Morning Tea - Next Weekend

The Legion of Mary will be hosting morning tea after 8:30am Mass next weekend. Please stop for a chat & a cuppa



We joyfully welcome Charlotte **HOARE**, Xander & Myles **EGAN** & Paxton **JILLA** & who will be baptized in our parish.



TAP & GO Terminals

Many people are now using our Tap & Go terminals to contribute financially to our parish. The parish is very grateful for your contributions. Our Parish Finance Committee has decided that all Tap & Go contributions will now be credited only to the church account, which will assist with the day by day running of our parish.

If you would like to continue to contribute to the Presbytery account, you may do so via the first collection or by direct debit.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Strong marriages don't just happen by accident. They are built in quiet daily choices. If you are ready to strengthen your marriage (Not some day but now) Apply for a World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend today. This experience has helped thousands of couples to grow closer to each other and to God. Your marriage deserves this weekend to reconnect, discover and renew your love. Book your weekend today:

Phone Carmen & Colin D'rosario on 0417 157 889.

Next weekend is on 6th-8th November. Visit Web site: www.me.org.au

LEGION OF MARY

* Please join the Legion of Mary in **celebrating at all weekend Masses on 3/4 Oct.** Following the Sun. 8.30am Mass is morning tea in the Church foyer. We look forward to meeting you and briefly outlining the community services we provide.

* The Legion of Mary invites parishioners to their **annual Outdoor Rosary Rally** at The Nook, Vaughan St. on Sat. 10 Oct. from 12-1pm. All welcome

ST ANNE'S CHURCH REPAIRS – UPDATE.

On 30 September and 1 October our plumbing contractor will be working at the Northwestern end of the church to reline the sewerage pipes, repair broken storm water drains and improve drainage to repair the leaks.

The plan is then to allow the foundations to dry out before work is undertaken to restore the church footings.

The toilets in the church will not be available during this period but parishioners have the facility to use the toilets in the Parish Centre, which will be open.

St Vincent de Paul—Call for new members

At the three Parish Masses this weekend, Adrian Purcell from the local SVP Conference will speak briefly about the work of the Conference and invite parishioners to consider joining the Conference in their work of reaching out to those in need in our community. Please listen and consider carefully. For anyone interested in joining the St Vincent de Paul Society, please reach out to Adrian Purcell - Ph: 0478 219 817 or

Email: adpurcell5@outlook.com Or: sunbury.conf.pres@svdpvic.org.au If you wish to donate white goods, furniture or bedding, please reach out to Adrian for assistance.

ALTAR SERVERS

'My children do not get anything from coming to Mass!!' ALTAR SERVERS do because they help with the celebration. Young people 10 years and older who have received first Eucharist are welcome to join the team. Enquiries to 0417332186

Sunbury Evergreens social afternoon

29th September 2026 in St Anne's Hall at 12pm. 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 outing.