



**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.

Email: Sunbury@cam.org.au
https://melbournecatholic.org

LITURGY TIMES AT ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Vigil 5.30pm - Mass
Sunday 8.30am - Mass
10:30am - Mass
12:00pm - Baptism
Monday 9:30am - Mass - All Souls' Day
Wednesday 9:30am - Mass - Charles Borromeo
Thursday 9:30am - Mass
Friday 9:30am - 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

1 November 2026

All Saints

First Reading: Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14
Psalm Response: Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel Acclamation Matthew 11:28

Allelulia, Allelulia

Come to me, all you that labour and are
burdened, and I will give you rest,
says the Lord.

Allelulia, Allelulia

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Addy **ADAM**, Florence **BELL**, Antoinette **BORG**,
Lloyd **D'CRUS**, Valerie **D'CRUZ**, Muriel **D'CRUZE**, Rose
DELEMA-PERIES, Caleb **FARIA**, Enzo **FLOREANI**, Lizanne
FRANCIS, Teresa **FOSCHIA**, Adele **HUDSON**, Diana
MASTRAMICO, Edith **McINELLY**, Gayle **MORISON**, Brian
MUNDY, Sarah **O'BRIEN**, Daisy **ROMERO** & Heemani
SAINI

Recently deceased: Romualdo **VERGARA**

Anniversaries: John & Patricia **ANDERSON**, John
ARTHURSON, Beryl **COMRIE**, Douglas **DUGGAN**,
Skye **KAVANAGH** & Leslie & Joan **TAYLOR**.

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

We remember the holy

In 2018, Pope Francis wrote an Apostolic Exhortation called "Rejoice and be Glad" (Gaudete et Exsultate) in which reminded us that holiness is not for special people or a particular vocation but a universal call to all believers.

On the feast of All Saints, we celebrate the lives of all who have demonstrated holiness in their lives. Some of them are canonised saints, but many are ordinary people, our next-door neighbours, parents who raised their children with love, women and men who worked hard to support their families, elderly religious, those who lived by their principles in a variety of workplaces, the sick and the retired. Holiness often grows through small gestures and faithful commitment.

Francis offers a substantive reflection on the Beatitudes which are the subject of this week's gospel. We learn that, when Jesus saw the crowds he went up a mountain, his disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. We are familiar with the text but let us take a moment to reflect. Each of the beatitudes begins with the term "Blessed" which is a translation of a Greek word meaning 'those who receive God's favour'.

However, each of these blessings is contrary to normal human expectations. Being poor in spirit is not an endorsement of poverty, but an attitude of being dependent on God rather than human resources. 'Mourning' is not a sought-after state, but those of us who mourn lost loved ones can develop a compassionate listening to others who have experienced loss. 'Meekness' is not a contemporary virtue, but rather an attitude of humility in those who are self-assured and have no desire to control others.

'Those who hunger and thirst for justice' are those who take seriously the statement of the 1971 Synod of Bishops who reminded us that "justice is a constitutive dimension of the gospel."

It is not an optional extra but fundamental to the Good News. The 'merciful' are those who have in their own lives experienced setbacks and failures but have learned to walk quietly and patiently with other vulnerable people. The 'clean of heart' are those who see the good of others and see their gifts instead of their limitations. The 'peacemakers' are critically important in a broken world where reconciliation and healing are essential for the renewal of our world.

The final Blessing is for those who are persecuted and bad-mouthed because of their belief in Jesus. Current statistics tell us that 388 million Christians in our contemporary world are persecuted because of their belief. Their commitment should encourage all of us to renew our commitment and our solidarity with those who experience such difficulties. Let us ponder those who have gone before us who have lived their commitment to Christ faithfully in the ordinariness of their lives, as we also remember that we are all called to be members of the communion of saints.

Michael A Kelly CSsR © Majellan Media 2026

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**PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE NOTICES
FROM YOUR PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)**

1. **First Aid.** Last weekend, 13 parishioners successfully updated their CPR and defibrillator training with Andrew Wilson from Emergency Solutions.

In future, the PCT aims to ensure that renewal of this training happens every 12 months, while the renewal of the full First Aid qualification will be organised every 3 years.

Attendees are able to collect their certificates from last Saturday's CPR training from the office during office hours.

2. **Carols from Many Lands** is only 4 weeks away on Saturday Nov 28th.

Registration and second rehearsal this Sat, 31st October after 5.30 Mass in St Anne's Church.

Future rehearsals will be held in St Anne's Church on Nov 14th, and Nov 21st after 5.30 Mass.

PIETY STALL

New items, Bibles Crucifixes, Light up Religious scenes, Baby Items, Ceramics, Baptism book \$8. Wearable Rosary beads, Brace-lets and Rings. Statues, Medals, Missals and Bibles From \$35. Quality at cost price. Please contact or TEXT Joe Spiteri on 0477 677 248

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

On 7 November at 4:45pm in St Anne's Church

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

LOOKING FOR FLEXIBLE WORK AND A CHANCE TO SUPPORT PERSECUTE CHRISTIANS?

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia is seeking a Diocesan Outreach Assistant to give short presentations at weekend Masses across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This part-time role involves sharing stories of the suffering Church and helping build prayerful support within parish communities.

If you are comfortable speaking in front of others and have a heart for this mission, we would love to hear from you.

For details: www.aidtochurch.org/work

CHRISTMAS AT RUPERTSWOOD

Organised by the Combined Churches of Sunbury
Saturday 12th December 2026. Christmas Carols start at 6pm. Free children's activities start at 5.30 pm.

We are asking for volunteers from all the Churches and Community Organisations of Sunbury to assist us this year.

Details on how to register to volunteer are on the flyer on the Notice Board

PARISH BINGO

Weekly session every **Thursday!** Eyes down 7pm at Sunbury Bowling Club. Get a group of friends together and come along and join in the fun. Contact: Gary Plummer 0419 301 760.

MASS SCHEDULE—1ST & 2ND NOVEMBER

Sunday, 1 November: All Saint's Day

Blessing of the graves: 1:30pm –Sunbury Cemetery
3:00pm - Bulla Cemetery

Monday, 2 November: All Souls' Day

9:30am - Mass for All Souls in St Anne's Church.

ALTAR SERVERS

Develop their self-confidence, presentation and leadership appearing in public. Join the team ... enquiries Michael 0417332186



THE RED NOVEMBER INITIATIVE.

Parishioners are invited on Friday, 13th November 9.30am for Mass to pray, support and act in solidarity with persecuted and suffering Christians around world.

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets each week on **Wednesday at 7pm** in St. Anne's Church. All welcome. For further info/transport **please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 0418 322 596**

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS

Give a meaningful Christmas card that helps create lasting change for vulnerable communities around the world. Whether you're shopping for family, friends or colleagues, you'll find a gift that continues to make a real difference long after Christmas Day. Each Global Gift card you buy helps make the world a little better every day. Your gift can change lives by putting food on a family's table or helping a young girl stay in school. Give a gift this Christmas that reflects the true spirit of giving and makes a lasting impact. Browse the full range of Global Gifts: <https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts>. More details on Notice Board.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a special collection next weekend for the Overseas Humanitarian Project.

**OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT 7TH/8TH
NOVEMBER**

Twice a year we have a collection to support the work of LAP (Lentera Anak Pelangi) meaning "Children Shining like Rainbows") in Jakarta, Indonesia.

For over 16 years LAP has developed and launched many innovative programs to support HIV children and their families and our parish has championed these initiatives over the past twelve years.

Next weekend is an opportunity to support the LAP team either through the collection at all Masses or electronically using the pledge card available in the church foyer.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please join us for morning tea after the 8:30 Mass next weekend

OLMC LAP Fundraising team.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Every married couple and priest deserves to experience this very special weekend. Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We have just one weekend remaining for 2026 - don't miss this opportunity to nurture your most precious relationship. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: November 6-8th, 2026 St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au or Website: wwme.org.au

MORNING TEA - NEXT WEEKEND

Morning Tea will be hosted after 8:30am Mass next weekend by the Overseas Humanitarian Project (LAP) to coincide with the special collection.

