



**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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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
Tuesday 11:00am - Funeral - Ian Burnside
Wednesday 9:30am - Mass & Exposition
Our Lady Rosary
Thursday 9:30am - Mass
Friday 9:30am - Mass - Denis & Companions

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

04 October 2026

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm Response: Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7
Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel Acclamation See John 15:15

Allelulia, Allelulia

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I
have made known to you everything I
have learnt from my Father.

Allelulia, Allelulia

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

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 HUDSON,
Diana MASTRAMICO, Edith McINELLY, Gayle MORI-
SON, Brian MUNDY, Willow O'CALLAGHAN, Daisy
ROMERO & Heemani SAINI

Recently deceased: Ian BURNSIDE, Donald HALL,
Lilly Mary MENDONCA & Dawn STEVENS

Anniversaries: Vincenzo BRULLO, David COYTE,
Jennifer RILEY, Megan SHIELDS & Linda WARREN.

Parish Vision: Christlike relationships of friendship and faith, valuing one another
and

No anger, just love

In this week's gospel, Jesus chastises the Chosen People's religious
leaders of his day, putting a very sobering message before them.

In the parable, he tells of a landowner who leases his vineyard into
the care of tenants. When the harvest had come, he sent his serv-
ants to the tenants to claim his due as the landowner. To the land-
owner's dismay, the murderous tenants kill the servants. The land-
lord then sends more servants only to have the tenants kill them
too.

Finally, the landowner sends his son and heir, thinking that the ten-
ants would surely respect his son, respond appropriately to him, and
pay what is due to the son to bring back to the landowner. But the
tenants kill the landlord's son, thinking that they would then claim
for themselves the inheritance that would have gone to the son.

Jesus, the master teacher, then asks the leaders who are listening to
him what they think the landowner will then do. They reply that, of
course, the landowner would severely punish the tenants, take the
vineyard from them and lease it to new tenants.

We may well be shocked that the father, knowing that many of his
servants had already been killed by the tenants, would send his son.
But, despite that violent history, he trusts that his son would be safe,
and so the son goes without arms, defences or protection, only to
be killed.

In Matthew's hand, the parable becomes a story of salvation history.
It speaks to us about God's dealings with his Chosen People, Israel.
The vineyard is Israel (a familiar image in the Old Testament) and the
tenants are the religious leaders of Israel. The servants sent by the
landowner are the prophets God sent to Israel, many of whom suf-
fered greatly, some even death. Eventually God did send his only Son
and Jesus is rejected and killed. God then extends the Kingdom to
the whole world; Gentiles and Jews.

So, what does this parable, focussed as it is on the failures of Israel's
religious leaders, mean for us today? It tells us that, no matter the
failings or abuses of the leaders of God's people, God's Kingdom will
prevail and will be fruitful. Also, that it embraces all humankind, not
just a select few, but in fact all creation. It tells us that God's love will
not be thwarted, no matter the misuse of privilege, authority and
power.

And the cornerstone of the Kingdom is Jesus, the Son, the one who
was rejected. Our task, our mission, is to be faithful to Jesus' teach-
ing and fruitful in bringing about the Kingdom in our world, through
works of justice, peace, and reconciliation, in love of neighbour, and
in care and compassion for the poor, the lonely, and the marginal-
ised. The letter to the Philippians assures us: Do not worry about
anything. Keep on doing the things of the Kingdom ... and the God of
peace will be with us.

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

1. **The Season of Creation** draws to a close on the Jubilee Feast of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October. But the work is not finished and we will continue to respond to the *cry of the poor and the cry of the earth*.

Recently Pope Leo XIV introduced a special Mass to mark the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, written by the late *Pope Francis*, and the 800th anniversary of *The Canticle of the Creatures by Saint Francis*. The Mass for the Care of Creation is a chance to deepen our ecological commitment through prayer and worship. With the support of Pope Leo XIV, the Vatican hopes this Mass will soon become a regular part of Creation Day celebrations around the world.

2. Heads Up for all interested parish choir groups and soloists. Shortly, PCT's Social Committee will be arranging rehearsals in St Anne's Church to prepare for the **'Evening of Carols from Many Lands'**, set for **7 pm Sunday, 28th November**.

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.

HUME CITY COUNCIL SENIORS FESTIVAL EVENTS

Seniors Movie Matinee on Thursday 15th October 1.00pm-3.00pm at Sunbury Library. Free event but bookings required. Singing in the rain with Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds original. Popcorn and coffee served.

Live Music: at Artrise on Jackson hill Thursday 22 October 10:30 AM - 11:40 am. \$15 tickets. Relive the music of the 1940s & 50s in this tribute to the 'Forces Sweetheart' Dame Vera Lynn. **Please ring Joe Spiteri (Evergreens) on 0477 677 248 for tickets or call Hume City Council direct As soon As Possible**

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 .

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

The Legion of Mary will be hosting morning tea this weekend after 8:30am Mass



We joyfully welcome Noah **NEWTON** who will be baptized in our parish.



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.**

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

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 to 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. St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Visit Web site: wwme.org.au

MENALIVE SUNBURY – Come & See!

All men, especially **young adults and fathers**, are warmly invited to MenAlive on **Saturday, 10 October 2026, 10 am–1 pm**, at 37 Macedon Street, Sunbury, for faith, fellowship, friendship, and a BBQ. Come and see what MenAlive is about, meet new friends and register your interest in a possible **new fortnightly weekday group**. **Bring a friend!** Enquiries: **0434 581 902 / 0436 389 647.**

2026 KNOX PUBLIC LECTURE

Thursday 22 October at 7:00 pm

"Synodality: Global and Local"

Presented by Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD Archbishop of Adelaide

Booking: Scan the QR code or go to [2026 Knox Lecture](http://2026KnoxLecture)

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LEGION OF MARY

* Please join the Legion of Mary in **celebrating at all weekend Masses**. Following the Sun. 8.30am Mass there will be morning tea in the Church foyer. Jim Reilly, Cath Reilly & Katherine Dodd will be speaking at all Masses this weekend. 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