



**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
Wednesday 9:30am - Mass - Callistus I
Thursday 9:30am - Mass - Teresa of Jesus (Avila)
Friday 9:30am - Mass - Hedwig & Margaret
Mary Alacoque.

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

11 October 2026

Twenty –Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
Psalms Response: Ps 22. R. v.6
Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
Gospel Acclamation See Ephesians 1:17-18

Allelulia, Allelulia

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
Enlighten the eyes of our heart
That we might see how great is the hope to
which we are called.

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Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

LET US PRAY FOR

Sick: Addy ADAM, Florence BELL, Antoinette BORG,
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

Anniversaries: Renato BUENSCONSEJO, Diamond
JACOB & MICHAEL PRATT

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

A feast not going to plan

The image of the abundant, fulfilling feast is used throughout the scriptures to explain God's promise of eternal life. On the mountain of the Lord, as the prophet Isaiah says in today's first reading, God will "provide for all peoples a feast of juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines."

This metaphor of the abundant feast is used to describe the promise of God that he will "destroy the veil" between himself and humanity, "wipe away the tears from every face" and "destroy death forever".

In this week's gospel, Jesus uses this imagery of Isaiah and ties the prophet's promises into his own mission. Jesus' parable reveals how the great reunion between God and humanity, where God will provide for his people and defeat death forever as foretold by the prophets, is exactly what is being through Jesus' death and resurrection at Calvary. Hearing about Christ's coming, death and resurrection is like receiving an invitation to a great wedding banquet, where the banquet represents eternal life with God.

And as Isaiah says, this provision is for "all peoples." However, as Jesus goes on to say, "many are invited" to this heavenly banquet "but few are chosen."

There are people who reject the invitation to the eternal life that God has planned for us. As Jesus' parable explains, people often dismiss God's messengers without hearing what they have to say. Some have other business they consider more important. Others react aggressively to the message. Some receive the message and come to the party, see everything that God has provided, but reject the way that has been prepared.

This invitation to eternal life that is being offered is more than just being assured of going to a nice place after we die. It is not about our souls receiving psychological enlightenment or a prize for good behaviour. Eternal life, as Jesus says elsewhere in the gospels, is to know God, to know his goodness in the depths of our being, and to know Jesus Christ, and his message of salvation.

In the life to come, we will be restored to communion with God and participation in his very nature. Eternal life, therefore, involves stepping into a new way of living. Not just accepting the invitation but living in the new life of love and holiness that we were created for.

What God wants more than anything else is that his children freely choose the life that he has on offer. And so, while we walk on this earth, the invitations are constantly issued to those of us willing to hear. Unlike the man who rejects to wear the wedding garment in this parable, which symbolises living the love and justice that God has created us for, we can respond differently to the king's gentle question: "My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?"

The gospel reminds us to keep accepting Jesus' invitations. The eternal life he is calling us to be part of is the one we have been created for.

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

1. The free 1 hour refresher training (following the 2025 CPR and defibrillator course) is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th, at 10am in St Anne's Hall. Please let the Parish Office know if you are attending. If you did not attend and would like to take advantage of free spots leave your name and contact details at the Parish Office.

2. The PCT would like to **thank the Legion of Mary** and its helpers for a delicious and successful morning tea last Sunday.

3. **Carols from Many Lands. 7.00pm Saturday, 28th November**. The PCT's **SOCIAL COMMITTEE** has great pleasure in inviting all parish-group choirs and soloists to register their commitment to making this year's Carols From Many Lands a memorable Christmas gathering for all, for both new parishioners and old. Singers are requested to register the following **DETAILS** with the parish office ASAP at:

Sunbury@cam.org.au or on 9744 1060

* Group name and contact *Name of carol(s) * Language

*Lyrics and English translation * Number of singers

REHEARSALS will be held in ST Anne's Church on **October 17th, October 31st, November 14th, and November 21st after the 5.30 Mass.**

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**

PARISH BINGO

Our weekly session continues **every Thursday evening**, eyes down at 7 pm in the Sunbury Bowling Club.

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 .

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Special collection this weekend will go towards the Propagation of the Faith. This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI 1226-2026

St Francis of Assisi died during the night of 3 October 1226. His feast day is celebrated on October 4th each year. This year is therefore the 800th anniversary of his death. *"To live well means learning, day after day, to die to ourselves so that we may belong ever more fully to Christ ... The things we owned, our achievements, the image we projected of ourselves' will not matter in the end, the cardinal said. 'Love will remain. Christ will remain. Francis dies poor, but he dies rich in the only wealth that never dies: the Lord."* Francis, pray to God for us.

We joyfully welcome Xavier & Cleo **AUVA'A** Eleanor & Amelia **KENNEDY CRUZ**, Chloe **FALZON** who will be baptized in our parish.



REMEMBRANCE BOOK FOR NOVEMBER

The Book of Remembrance is available in the foyer for family members' names to be added and prayed for during November.

PILGRIM RELIC - ST. CARLO ACUTIS

10 & 11 October at St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, 28 College Street Caroline Springs, Victoria. Details on the Notice Board. Also - **7:30pm Saturday - 8:30am Sunday** - All night Vigil & veneration of the Major Pilgrim Relic of St Carlo Acutis.

LEGION OF MARY FOLLOW UP SESSION

Following the success of the morning tea hosted by the Legion of Mary on Sunday 4th October, we will hold an Info. Session to provide a more detailed overview of what we do. Date: Mon. 26/10/26 at 1pm in Church meeting room adjacent to foyer. Please consider joining us for a cup of tea, cake and an informal chat. Enquiries Cath Ph. 0428842521.

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**

ST ANNE'S CHURCH REPAIRS – UPDATE

The second focus of the Maintenance Review on St Anne's Church has been the issue of the subsidence of the northern end of the building. It is my pleasure to report that the first part of resolving this issue is now complete. It involved repairing the broken drains underneath the church and providing better rain runoff and drainage. Over many years the water seepage had caused the subsidence. The plan is to wait around six months for the soil to dry out. Then we will begin the work of raising the corner of the church back to its proper level.

Many thanks to all the members of the Parish Finance and Development Committee who have initiated this project and made sure we can fund it. To Tony Tanti our indispensable Project Manager, NSD Plumbers who worked on the project, Jo Wiegerink and Jeremy Orchard who prepared and tidied up the work area and Joan Pulis the sandwich lady. We cannot thank them enough.

Fr Denis Stanley

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.

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. Enquiries: +613 9412 333

