



**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:** 11:00am - Funeral - Mark REAY  
**Tuesday:** 11:00am - Funeral - Russell GARDINER  
**Wednesday** 9:30am - Mass - Sts. Simon & Jude,  
Apostles.  
**Thursday** 9:30am - Mass  
11:00am - Funeral - Graeme EDMENDS  
**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

**25 October 2026**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

**First Reading:** Exodus 22:20-26  
**Psalm Response:** Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2  
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10  
**Gospel Acclamation** John 14:23

Allelulia, Allelulia

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and  
we will come to them.

Allelulia, Allelulia

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-40

**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, Lizanne FRANCIS,  
Teresa FOSCHIA, Adele HUDSON, Diana MASTRAMI-  
CO, Edith McINELLY, Gayle MORISON, Brian MUNDY,  
Willow O'CALLAGHAN, Daisy ROMERO & Heemani  
SAINI

**Recently deceased:** Graeme EDMENDS, Vince GAL-  
LO, Russell GARDINER, Gavin MINTER, Irene PON-  
WEERA, Mark REAY & Shannon ROYAL

**Anniversaries:** Alfredo CORTEZ, Godfrey  
DABARERA, Ron GORDON, Keerthi  
GUNARATHNA & Douglas JACOB

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

**The Melbourne Archdiocesan Synod: Where are we at?  
For your information.**

On December 3,4,5 the Archdiocese of Melbourne will be holding a Synod – a local gathering, formally gathered by the Bishop to discern and make decisions about future directions for the local church. The Australian wide Plenary Council held in Sydney in 2022 required each Diocese in Australia to call a Council with 5 years of the end of Council.

I will be attending the Synod and 2 events to prepare for the Synod, which means I will not be here for some Saturdays or one Sunday.

A total of 224 responses on the three themes of the Synod were received from Melbourne parishes, individuals and groups across the Archdiocese. Representatives from 106 parishes also attended the regional consultation meetings held throughout the Archdiocese.

So, what's been happening since then?

Following the consultation phase, the Archdiocese of Melbourne commissioned the National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR) to undertake a thematic analysis of the consultation data. NCPR then provided a report structured around the synod's three themes:

- **Young Discipleship**
- **Formation and Participation**
- **Missionary Leadership.**

Within each theme, the consultation questions were presented alongside a thematic analysis of responses and a summary of the major themes identified. The analysis highlighted recurring ideas, concerns, priorities and hopes that emerged across the consultation process. The report was reviewed by the Synod Commission and the thematic data was used as the basis for the writing of the Working Document.

This Document serves synodal discernment by gathering the fruits of the consultation, presenting them for prayerful reflection, and providing the framework through which the Synod Assembly listens together for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and discerns the Church's path forward. **The first draft of the working document has now been received.** Once finalised, it will be made available for broader review and feedback. Stay tuned.

The Working Document is organised around the consultation themes, reflecting a complementary movement at the heart of our Christian life:

**Listening to God: Young Discipleship asks:** Who are we becoming as God's pilgrim people? It focuses on helping young people encounter Christ, grow as disciples and discover their place in the life and mission of the Church.

**Growing Together: Formation and Participation asks:** How do we grow as the Body of Christ? It explores lifelong formation, eucharistic renewal, participation in community, and the development of the gifts and charisms of all the baptised.

**Sent into the World: Missionary Leadership asks:** How do we live and act in the Spirit? It considers how the Church can exercise leadership, stewardship and shared responsibility in service of God's mission.

A range of local writers have contributed their expertise, insight and time to preparing the Working Document.

As I say, stay tuned for the first draft of the Working Document. They will go on our Parish Website. **Fr Denis Stanley, Parish Priest**

## PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR MORE NOTICES

### FROM YOUR PARISH COORDINATING TEAM (PCT)

1. **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](mailto: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 31st October, 14th November and 21st November after the 5.30pm Mass.**

2. **The Sunbury Community Disability Expo** is a free community event designed to connect people living with disabilities, their families, guardians, support workers and disability providers. It is on **Thu, 29 Oct, 10am - 1pm at the Hume Global learning Centre Sunbury**. Tickets available online <https://events.humanitix.com/sunbury-community-disability-expo>

3. The Dom Helder Lectures foster discussions on faith and justice, and this year's (16 October) focused on **POPE LEO XIV's recent encyclical, On Safeguarding the human person in the time of Artificial Intelligence**. The Melbourne Archdiocese has featured the lecture by Prof Kim Daniels in its News section and you can view this at <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/helder-camara-lecture-ai-pope-leo-and-the-future-of>

### 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**

### EVERGREENS SOCIAL AFTERNOON

On **27<sup>th</sup> October 2026 in St Anne Hall 12-00pm**. come join us and enjoy a cuppa and a chat and have a laugh or listen to a speaker. This month we have Candle pines Funerals giving us information about Funerals costs. Maybe join us for our monthly lunch or outing.

### PARISH BINGO

Weekly **session continues 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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. The meeting is on **Mon. 26 October at 1pm** in St Anne's Church meeting room adjacent to foyer. Please consider joining us for a cup of tea, cake and an informal chat. Enquiries Cath Ph. 0428842521.

### 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

### LAP FUNDRAISING COLLECTION

Just a gentle reminder – Our next fundraising collection will be at all Masses in three weeks on the **7 / 8 November**. Your contribution will again help the LAP team in Jakarta provide essential nutrition and other support to over 139 children living with HIV and 65 (mainly female) caregivers. The LAP team in Jakarta has recently celebrated their 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and your generous support and prayers have helped sustain their efforts for twelve of those years.

Thank you again, We also look forward to sharing morning tea with you after the 8:30 Mass.

**OLMC LAP Fundraising Team**

### THE ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL MINISTRY/LEADERS

(Formerly Pastoral Associates) warmly invites those interested to an afternoon of reflection and conversation with Bishop Tinh Nguyen on Saturday, 31 October 1:45 - 4pm at St Martin of Tours, 2 Silk Street, Rosanna. Enquiries or bookings: [lpplummer1954@gmail.com](mailto:lpplummer1954@gmail.com)

### 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](http://www.aidtochurch.org/work)

### 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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) or Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)