

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 - Martin of Tours
Thursday	9:30am - Mass - Josaphat
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

8 November 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A

First Reading:	Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm Response:	Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel Acclamation	Matthew 24:42. 44

Allelulia, Allelulia
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Allelulia, Allelulia

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

LET US PRAY FOR

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

Recently deceased: Lloyd **D'CRUS**

Anniversaries: Melanie **ANDABAKA,** Emma **BUTTIGIEG,** Mary **FAHEY,** John Anthony **MALLIA &** Nina **ZAHRA.**

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

Our knowledge of humanity and love

Wisdom, in the Scriptures, is referred to as Chokmah (Hebrew) or Sophia (Greek). Wisdom was present "at the very beginning, when the world came to be," when God "set the heavens in place" (Proverbs 8:23, 27). It is significant that in the Scriptures wisdom is not merely an abstract concept but is personified as a woman. In our first reading, she is described as radiant and unfading (Wisdom 6:12).

She is holy, discerning, loving and humane (Wisdom 7:22-23). She is a divine spark, a source of life and a guiding force in all of creation.

Jesus drew on these metaphors for wisdom, describing wisdom as known by her deeds, her children (Luke 7:35, Matthew 11:19). Throughout his life, Jesus fully embodied wisdom in all its life-giving, loving and transforming aspects.

In navigating our path through life, growing in wisdom springs from a deep awareness of the sacred at the core of our being. Teilhard de Chardin said, "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Our first reading reminds us that wisdom is found by those who look for her.

Current models of artificial intelligence may have the capacity to help us synthesise large quantities of data at high speed. However, in contrast to wisdom, they are unable to plumb the depths of our humanity, to reach that sacred space within us. Pope Leo, in his first encyclical Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity), writes that "humanity – in all its grandeur and woundedness – must never be replaced or surpassed. We can embrace the technological progress that alleviates suffering and unlocks new possibilities, provided that we do not abandon the very essence of our humanity, namely the capacity for relationship and love."

Pope Leo also warns against the tendency of technology to concentrate knowledge and, with it, power in the hands of a few. The Tower of Babel was motivated by hubris and power. Similarly, today, a sole focus on data and measurable outputs runs the risk of sacrificing "human dignity for efficiency" and fracturing our shared humanity.

By contrast, Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem with the assistance of the people, brick by brick. It was an endeavour characterised by "the shared responsibility of all: men, women, priests, artisans, heads of households and young people." It was an undertaking "with God at the centre, which rebuilds relationships before rebuilding with stones."

Wisdom inspires us to strive for the common good. It finds its fullest celebration in generous expressions of compassion, mercy and justice. It radiates outwards from the sacred core of our being to embrace each person we meet. We behold the face of God in each other and bring to birth the fullest flourishing of our humanity and God's presence in our world. With wisdom, we enter Mystery.

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

1. First Aid. Attendees may collect their certificates for the CPR refresher training from the office during office hours

2. **Carols from Many Lands** 7 pm Sat 28th November.
Still deciding? Time is running out. Why not register your contribution today at sunbury@cam.org. au or 9744 1060.
REGISTRATION

Group name and contact Name of carol(s)
Language & English translation
Lyrics / words Number of singers

NEXT REHEARSAL: November 14th, and November 21st after 5.30 Mass in St Anne's Church

RECONCILIATION

Please note that there will be **no Reconciliation at 10am next Saturday, 14 November** as Fr Denis will be attending Ordinations at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

VISITING CLERGY

We welcome Fr Martin Fleming who will kindly offer the Vigil Mass this weekend while I am assisting at Evening Prayer (Evensong) in St Paul's Anglican Cathedral.
Please warmly welcome Fr Martin. **Fr Denis Stanley.**

PIETY STALL

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

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.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS

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



We joyfully welcome Bowie **FRORRIMELL**, Ella **GARDNER**, Alessandro **GOIC,** Natalie **JACK,** & Angelo **PACE** who will be baptized in our Parish.

BOOK LAUNCH

Australia wide on-line launch For God's Sake, Listen! National Book Launch - Garratt Publishing by Jacinta Bright
WHEN: Monday 30 November 2026
Hosted by Jacinta Bright, Steven Rigo & Bob Dixon
TIME: 7.00 pm AEDT* **WHERE:** Via Zoom
COST: Free
REGISTRATION: https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/event/for-gods-sake-listen-book-launch/
Garratts also have their page promoting the book, For God's Sake Listen! | Theology from the Margins: Why the Church Must Listen to Those who Leave On that page you can "look inside" the book.

PRISON SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

Let's direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners often on the margins of society due to social stigma, their families and those who care for them, including chaplains. "True justice seeks not so much to punish as to help rebuild the lives of victims, offenders and communities wounded by evil," Pope Leo XIV.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS

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.

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**

SUNBURY EVERGREENS SOCIAL AFTERNOON

24th November 2026 at 12-00pm. St Anne Church Foyer. come join us and enjoy a cuppa and a chat and have a laugh. Maybe join us for our monthly lunch or outing. This month's speaker is Tobin Brothers Funerals giving us information about Funeral costs, what ever your heart desires.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT

Twice a year we have a collection to support the work of LAP (Lentera Anak Pelangi meaning "Children Shining like Rainbows") in Jakarta, Indonesia. Our parish has championed for many years this initiative which supports children living with AIDS/HIV. This week 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
OLMC LAP Fundraising team.

JILL GIBBS NEIGHBOURHOOD GARDEN

SATURDAY, 7 NOVEMBER, 9AM—1PM, SALE - XS 2ND HAND GARDEN TOOLS. 107 Riddell Road (Beside St Anne's Church). Seedlings also for sale. All proceeds to water usage.

MORNING TEA



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