

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
Tuesday	10:30am Rosary &
	11:00am - Funeral - Lloyd D'Crus
Wednesday	9:30am - Mass - Peter & Paul Basillicas
Thursday	9:30am - Mass
	11:00am - Funeral - Patricia Urbaniak
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

15 November 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

First Reading:	Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
Psalm Response:	Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel Acclamation	John 15:4. 5

Allelulia, Allelulia
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Allelulia, Allelulia

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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, & Czeslawa (Patricia) Theresa **URBANIAK**

Anniversaries: Fr Bert **FULBROOK,** Adelaida **MACARIO,** Lawrence **MALLIA** & Fred **MENZIES.**

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

Live life to the full

In these last three Sundays of this liturgical year, our gospel readings prompt us to think about how we live in these in-between times, this time in between Christ's return to the Father after his resurrection and his second coming when he will return in glory.

As His followers, how are we to live as we wait for his return?

Last Sunday we had the parable of the wise and foolish virgins and an impending marriage feast. The bridegroom was late and they had fallen asleep while waiting. When he did arrive, the foolish bridesmaids were unprepared and, needing to take time to ready themselves, they missed the wedding celebration.

The message of that parable for Jesus' followers, then and now: Be prepared for a delay in his return; and be prepared, because you do not know when it will be.

In this week's gospel, we have the parable of the talents. The wealthy master is going away for an extended period and it is not known when he will return. Before leaving he entrusts talents to each of three servants, one is given ten talents, another five, and the third just one talent.

Now a talent was a considerable sum; think in terms of 15 to 20 times an average worker's annual income at that time. So even one talent was a considerable sum to entrust to a servant.

The master is then away for a long time and returns unexpectedly. He praises the two servants who have doubled the wealth which was entrusted to them. Moreover, he generously rewards them: "you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things."

The other servant he chastises as wicked and lazy for, out of fear of the master, he had hidden his talent and achieved nothing. Indeed, that servant hadn't even invested the talent so that it might earn interest. Having done nothing, the talent is taken from him; he loses the lot!

In fact, the master is not the hard and demanding man that the third servant thought he was. On the contrary the master is exceedingly generous: the two servants who did something were given still more!

The master's final words drive home the message: "For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away."

So again, Jesus is teaching us about how we should live in this in-between time, not knowing when he will return.

His message: Life goes on in this in-between time; live it to the full. Don't be paralysed by anxiety and fear of risk. Use the time that is given to us, and the talents and resources that are entrusted to us responsibly, creatively and productively. Don't act out of fear!

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

1. WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

In his message for the World Day of the Poor, this Sunday, 15 November, Pope Leo stresses that Christians must return to God's Word 'The Lord is the refuge of the poor'(cf. Ps 14,16) to recognize that the poor are central to the church's mission; that arrogant corruption, discrimination, the loss of concern for God's justice all lead to oppression, and harm poor people the most; that modern society including some parts of the digital world, can deepen prejudice and indifference toward the poor; that those who live with little often recognise what truly matters and place their hope in God; and finally, that we are called to offer practical solidarity, friendship, dignity and hope to those who have no home, no job, education, food or good health. Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for Tenth World Day of the Poor

2. **CAROLS FROM MANY LANDS is only 2 weeks away** on Sat 28th November at 7pm

Registration & third rehearsal this Saturday, 14 November after 5:30pm Mass in St Anne's Church & final rehearsal on 21st November after 5.30 Mass in St Anne's Church

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 GISBORNE SINGERS - NOVEMBER CONCERT

Featuring the works of Gabriel Fauré, the programme will include the sublime Cantique and Tantum Ergo, the haunting Les Djinns and the much-loved Requiem. Conducted by Christopher Roache, the choir will be joined by soloists Michelle Clark (Soprano) and Jeremy Kleeman (Baritone), with organ and piano accompaniment by Dan Rigby. Afternoon tea will be provided after the performance.

Concert Details: Sunday 22nd November at 2.30pm The Church of the Resurrection, 6 Honour Avenue, Macedon.

Tickets available via www.trybooking.com/DQOGM

Enquiries via our website: www.gisbornesingers.org.au or phone 0480 156 263.

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 CENTRE - STATE ELECTIONS EARLY VOTING

The Parish Centre has been booked by the Victorian Electoral Commission for early voting from Wednesday, 18 November through to Polling Day on 28 November 2026. The Parish Centre has been reserved until 6 December for election activities. Be attentive to more cars & people around the church grounds.

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**



We joyfully welcome Elijah **FERRARO,** Grace **GAGLIARDI**, Benedetta **GALLOZZI,** Mia **HENDRY** & Parker & Halle **SIMPSON** 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.

SUNBURY EVERGREENS SOCIAL AFTERNOON

24th November 2026 at 12-00pm. St Anne's 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 and related topics.

OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN PROJECT - THANK YOU!

A huge "thank you" from the LAP team in Jakarta for your generosity in raising $3,418.05 at last week's fundraising collection. The funds will be immediately sent to LAP, along with the accrued regular pledges made by a number of generous families.

A special thanks also to everyone involved in preparing and serving the morning tea …. and for cleaning up afterwards.

LAP Parish Fundraising Group.

FAITH IN ACTION: Election Statement FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF VICTORIA

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good.

As we approach the 2026 Victorian election, we are each invited to pray, listen and form our consciences in the light of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church, so that we may discern responsibly how to exercise our vote. Our faith calls us to support those who seek to govern in ways that advance the common good, protect the vulnerable and build a just society in which all people can truly flourish.

Catholic Social Teaching offers four key principles to guide our discernment of the choices before us: human dignity, the common good, subsidiarity and solidarity. As we discern between the policies of political parties and candidates to assist us in informing our vote, we might ask:

How do they uphold the human dignity of every person?

How do they promote and advance the common good?

How do they support subsidiarity, enabling communities and local institutions to participate in decisions that affect them?

How do they foster solidarity, especially with those who are vulnerable, disadvantaged or excluded?

Find the Election Statement by searching the Faith in Action: an election guide on the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne website.

You will also find a few copies at the **Information Desk** in the Church foyer.