



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass times this week

Sat	6.00pm	St Anne's
Sun	8.30am	St Anne's
	10.30am	St Anne's
	5.30pm	O.L.M.C.

Mon 9.15am Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Tues 7.00pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Weds 9.15am St Anne's Church

Thurs n/a

Fri 9.15am Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Fri 11.45am St Anne's Mary MacKillop
Feast Day

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10.00am—10.30am O.L.M.C.
Church

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

1st reading: Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6, 10

2nd reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tue 10 August 10.30am & 12.30pm Site
Meetings

Tue 10 August 2.00pm or 7.30pm

Information & Registration Session for
Confirmation at Parish Centre

Wed 11 August 7.30pm Liturgy Committee

Thu 12 August 9.30am Outer Melbourne
Parishes Meeting

Thu 12 August 5.30pm Salesian College
Council

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

Tue 17 August 7.30pm Finance &
Development Committee

Wed 18 August 7.30pm Centenary
Committee O.L.M.C.

Thu 19 August 7.15pm First
Reconciliation St Anne's Church

PARISH CENTENARY BALL

The Ball is on Saturday 9 October at
Calabria Club, Bulla. Five-course
meal plus drinks. Live band. Cost \$55
each. Mark your diary.

Enquiries: Eileen Cardillo 54 285
354; Sheila Stafford 9740 9966.

‘BE READY’

The themes that run through the sayings and parables of today's gospel could be summed up as vigilance, preparedness and fidelity; or perhaps trust, responsibility and accountability. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit'.

We are to be like faithful servants who are watching eagerly 'for their master to return from the wedding feast'. A wedding feast was a favourite biblical image of the end time and the second coming of Christ, the parousia. Of course the early

Christians had the idea that this second coming was imminent, so the sense of urgency was more pronounced. 2010 finds us still waiting! And we're not very good at waiting. We are inundated with high-paced living, noise, bright lights, innumerable gadgets and distractions—all well and good but not conducive to being in touch with the treasure that lies in our heart. 'Where your treasure is,

there will your heart be also'. Last week we met the foolish rich man who thought that the solution was to build bigger barns! To make room in our hearts for the treasure of most value we need space, quiet time, listening. To live alert, to live awake is not easy. Boris Pasternak writes *'When a moment knocks on the door of your life, it is often no louder than the beating of your heart, and it is very easy to miss it'*. Cardinal Basil Hume suggests taking deliberate pauses of quiet

to develop and maintain this essential vigilance: *'Each of us needs an opportunity to be alone, and silent, to find space in the day or in the week, just to reflect and to listen to the voice of God that speaks deep within us. Our search for God is only our response to God's search for us. God knocks at our door, but for many people their lives are too preoccupied for them to be able to hear'*.

Today is also the feast day of Blessed (soon to be Saint!) Mary MacKillop. What a wonderful example of a faithful disciple we have in this woman. I can see so much of Mary MacKillop's faith running parallel to the faith that Paul writes about in the second reading to the Hebrews. Faith—the blessings that we hope for; Mary's dream and vision that she dared to live. Abraham set out without knowing where he was going, so did she! Sarah 'believed that the One who made

the promise would be faithful to it'. So did Mary MacKillop, a woman of immense trust in God's providence. And like the Master who donned the apron and served, Mary too offered 'apron service' clothed for the task at hand. What an amazing model of discipleship in our time and our place. *'Blessed Mary of the Cross, gift of God for us today, witness of the gospel, pilgrim on life's way; comfort of the sick and dying, strength for all the weary. Leading by example; open to God's presence, prayerful and courageous: Journey with us. Remind us always that we are but travellers here in this world'* (adapted from the Josephite website).

.....**The Parish Pastoral Team**

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB

A club for single Catholics 25 to 50 age group. New members welcome.

Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167 or email sssc.online@gmail.com

EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets at St Anne's Church at 10.15am on Thursdays. We are running a 6-week seminar entitled 'This Promise is for You'. This week's topic will be 'The Spiritual Gift of Charisms'. All welcome including children. Further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 9744 4029.

LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 22 August at 11.00am by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5579 or lmf@cam.org.au. Alternatively register online at: www.lmf.cam.org.au Registrations close on Friday 13 August.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This weekend will be the final collection for the **Mary MacKillop Canonisation Appeal**. Proceeds raised will go towards involving the Sisters of St Joseph in the Canonisation ceremony in Rome, along with the inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives and a youth contingent from across all dioceses. The proceeds will also assist in providing all Australians access to the coverage of the ceremony whether it be via telecast or web-streaming.

NEXT WEEKEND MIGRANT & REFUGEE DAY COLLECTION

THE SUNBURY BRIDGE CLUB

The Sunbury Bridge Club plays duplicate bridge every Wednesday evening from 7.00pm to 10.00pm. They meet at Rainbow Court (off Timmins St.) Sunbury. Newcomers and visitors are welcome to join us, but please ring the President, Ben Ogle, beforehand on 9740 8852.

FINANCIAL SKILLS WORKSHOPS:

Financial Skills Workshops for four consecutive Wednesdays from 25 August at 12.30pm in Sunbury. Supported by Sunbury Churches, Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ Bank for school families. Enquiries: www.anz.com/saver plus or Brotherhood—9305 5100.

A GLIMPSE OF THE LIFE AND SPIRITUALITY OF MARY

MACKILLOP

In preparation for the canonisation of Mary MacKillop on 17 October 2010, Mary Help of Christians' Church, 95 Railway St. Altona will host a series of four sessions on the life and spirituality of Mary MacKillop. Session 1: Wed 21.07.2010—An Introduction to Mary MacKillop Facilitator: Sr Yvonne Harte rsj. **Daytime session:** 1.30pm to 3.00pm **Evening session:** 7.00pm to 8.30pm

(repeated). RSVP St Mary's Parish on 9398 2964 or email smpresal@bigpond.net.au if you plan to attend any of the sessions. Further details next week or see noticeboard St Anne's Church.

LAUNCH OF MELB PILGRIMAGE TO WYD 2011 MADRID

Everyone is invited to attend the one-year-to-go launch event for World Youth Day Madrid 2011. The Launch will be on Friday 20 August at St Brigid's Parish, Nicholson St. Fitzroy North from 7.00pm (Songs of Praise) 7.30pm Mass with Archbishop; 8.30pm Spanish Fiesta—food, music and dancing in St Brigid's Hall. **RSVP 13 August—wyd2011@cam.org.au or 9412 3300.**

Enter draw for 3 x grants for airfares. This is a free event. Visit www.aoy.org.au for more details.

MACKILLOP

Tickets on sale now for MacKillop, the new Australian musical to be staged as part of the Canonisation celebrations. Performances will be held in Melbourne 23-24 October at Besen Centre. To ensure every parish has an opportunity to purchase tickets there is an exclusive Parish Pre-Sale from August 1-17. If you wish to purchase tickets we strongly advise you do so before 17 August as the production is expected to sell-out. Tickets available from \$35 (for groups of 7+) via the website www.mackillop.info

EVERGREENS AUGUST OUTINGS

Tuesday 17th 11.30 to 2.30pm Free Concert & Luncheon Sunbury Memorial Hall. Bookings Frances 9744 1999.

Tuesday 24th—Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre. Cost—tour \$5.00, luncheon \$12.00. Total \$17.00. Meet at Sunbury Station to catch 9.10am train to Southern Cross, then tram to centre. Confirmation of bookings—Frances 9744 1999.

OPEN DAY AT THE ACU

Australia Catholic University 15 August 10.00am to 4.00pm Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. University courses Arts, Business, Education, Exercise Science, Health Sciences, Media, Music, Theology, Philosophy, Psychology, Social Science and Visual Arts. www.acu.edu.au

CONFIRMATION 2010

Information and Registration sessions for preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year will be held at the Parish Centre next Tuesday, 10 August at 2.00pm and again at 7.30pm. Parents or guardians of all children who wish to prepare for this Sacrament are requested to attend. If you are unable to attend either session please contact the Parish Office—9744 1060.

RIISING NUMBER OF CATHOLICS IN THE WORLD

Latest statistics show a leap of 19 million Catholics in a year, bringing total to 1.16 billion Catholics. Number of priests increased by 1,142 to 409,166. In the last ten years, the numbers of Catholics have increased by 11.6%, but the number of priests by 1.1%.

MACKILLOP CROSS TO VISIT SUNBURY NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

The MacKillop Cross that resides in the MacKillop Place Museum at North Sydney is presently visiting all dioceses and parishes that have had a connection with the Sisters of St Joseph, the order founded by Mary MacKillop. The Cross will be in Sunbury next Saturday night coinciding with the 6.00pm Mass. Parishioners are invited to view the Cross and share in the historic nature of the visit. Tea/coffee available after Mass.

For information about the Cross go to our Parish Web Log [here](#).

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy and prayers to Jeanene & Peppo Hubczak on the loss of their son Shane, who entered eternal life last week. Shane, a brother to Jason and Glenn, was baptised in 1977 in O.L.M.C. Church where his funeral was celebrated last Friday.

We also remember Winnie Marshall who died after a brief hospital stay in her 90th year. About half of her life was spent as an active Eucharistic Parishioner among us. We offer our sympathy to daughters Mary Errey, Judy Carter and Pat Mackie. Last Friday, O.L.M.C. Church was packed for her Funeral Mass before burial at Sunbury.