



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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10th October 2010 TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Mass 5.30pm 17th Oct St Anne's

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

Tues N/A

Weds 9.15am St Anne's Church

Thurs N/A

Fri 9.15am Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

1st reading: Colossians 3:12-17

2nd reading: N/A

Gospel: TBA

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 11 Oct 7.30pm St Vincent de
Paul at St Anne's Church

Wed 13 1.30pm RSJ Associates at
convent.....all welcome!

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

Tue 19 Oct 8.30am Site Mtg O.L.M.C.
School

Tue 19 Oct Noon Sunbury Ministers
Fellowship

Tue 19 Oct 3.45pm Combined Staff
Mtg (New Testament) Parish Centre

Tue 19 Oct 7.00pm P.E.B. & S.A.C.
O.L.M.C. Church

Wed 20 Oct 7.30pm Centenary Mtg
O.L.M.C. School

Thu 21 Oct 10.00am Confirmation
Practice Day at St Patrick's Cathedral

POETS CORNER

Sun 10 October 2.00 to 4.00pm St
Anne's Church. Contact Val 9744
3372.

THANK YOU, LORD

I wonder what became of the nine who did not return to give thanks. The Gospels are full of wonderful stories of dozens of people encountering Jesus, but we only hear more of a few of them after this single encounter. Of course there are many legends which grew up about some of them, but they are mostly flights of fantasy. In this case, though, the question is a serious one, not only because Jesus himself asked it but also because of what Jesus says to the Samaritan who does return. 'Your faith has saved you'.

Clearly the Samaritan was saved in more ways than one: He was healed physically, but he was also healed socially – he was able to re-enter society, and we can easily imagine him doing this with joy and enthusiasm, with graciousness and gratitude. He was also saved spiritually – that is, because of his faith – because he acted spontaneously in a non self-centred, loving way – he was healed, made whole, made holy, through and through, to the very depths of his being. His whole life, his whole self, was changed in that one moment, he was transformed.

When we hear Paul's words in the Second Reading, or when we see Naaman, the Syrian's (Aramean's) response to Elisha – that prophet whose life stories prefigure Christ in so many ways – we hear the words of men who had this same life-changing experience and have responded to it with gratitude and generosity.

What of the nine? Clearly the gift which they received, their physical and social healing, was freely given by Jesus and would not be withdrawn. I wonder if, after they had had a few celebratory glasses of wine, some of them might have thought better of their immediate response and tried to find the man who had made them whole. I wonder whether some of them were rather self-centred, and so even though they were physically healed they were not able to enter into loving relationships within their community and continued to feel isolated and lonely. I wonder whether some of them were simply happy to get their old life back.

Last Monday we celebrated the feast of St. Francis of Assisi; next Friday we will celebrate the feast of St. Teresa of Avila. One of the most outstanding characteristics of these great Christian leaders is their obvious and irrepressible joy which springs from their unbounded gratitude for the gift of life which they had experienced in their own encounter with the Risen Christ. Joy and a sense of gratitude are the best indicators of genuine faith. They are sure indicators that a person is living in reality and not in an illusion. They are living in a world where God is alive and active, not in a world where they are victims of fate or where it all depends on their own efforts. Where are the other nine?

.....*The Pastoral Team*

PARISH EDUCATION BOARD

The Board has been re-constituted with the two School Advisory Committees. Parents have elected representatives on these committees. The inaugural meeting will commence on 19 October with Mass of the Holy Spirit at O.L.M.C. Church at 7.00pm followed by the meeting in the Parish Centre.

THANK YOU

PAKISTAN FLOOD APPEAL

Total amount raised \$2,396.00. Your generosity is enabling Caritas Australia to support our Caritas partner organisations on the ground and will provide basic relief to families in need in the affected regions. Your compassion at this time is greatly appreciated. This collection is one of our most generous responses ever.

STATEMENT ON EUTHANASIA PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

Archbishop Denis Hart has asked that his Statement on Euthanasia be made available to parishioners this weekend.

Please take a copy home with you from the Welcoming Desk in St Anne's Church. Statement can also be seen (video) or downloaded at <http://www.cam.org.au/euthanasia/statement-on-euthanasia.html>

OUR CANONISATION CELEBRATION ON 17 OCTOBER

On the day of Mary MacKillop's Canonisation, we will gather for a special Mass at St Anne's Church at 5.30pm followed by a shared meal in the Parish Centre where, from 7.00pm, there will be a direct telecast on big screens of the Canonisation from Rome. We join our local Sisters of St Joseph on this great day. The 5.30pm Mass at O.L.M.C. is being transferred to St Anne's Church for this great occasion. We shall celebrate Mary MacKillop at all Masses that weekend with special readings and hymns.

REFLECTION

'Has none but the foreigner returned to give thanks to God'? - Luke 17:18
Jesus seems so sad and disappointed in the nine lepers who did not return to thank him. Do we regularly return to thank God? Or do we run off to our busy lives, taking for granted all the wonderful blessings that God gives to us every day?

PROGRESS REPORT ON SCHOOL WORKS

At O.L.M.C. School, the external cladding is finished and the ground floor rooms have been plastered. The top floor will be plastered this week. Last week 25 workers were on site some days.

CONGRATULATIONS

We have a new member in our Altar Servers team, Nix Hendricks. New members always welcome—contact Michael McConville 9744 2674.

SUNBURY UNITING CHURCH FAMILY DANCE NIGHT

Sat 16 October 7.00pm—10.00pm, cnr Brook & Barkly Streets, Sunbury. Family \$30 (2 adults & up to 4 children) Adults \$14 Concession/Pensioner \$8 Child \$5 (under 18). Tickets from Sunbury Print & Copy Centre, Old Bakery Walk on Fridays and also at the door on the night. Supper provided. Money raised to go to Australian disaster relief.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Our Parish Assembly will be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday 16 October from 9.30am to 2.00pm including a shared lunch. This is an occasion to plan for future initiatives in the mission of our parish to bring the Good News to all in our area.

Our facilitator is Jill Gibbs assisted by Margaret Green, both of whom have been with us several times.

Some neighbourhoods have met and made proposals.

1860-2010 150 YEARS—CELEBRATING OUR PAST.....CREATING OUR FUTURE

During this term the children will be focusing on the 150th anniversary of our school and how school and lifestyles have changed. There are some parents and grandparents in the parish who are past pupils or teachers—I was wondering if any of you could share some old photos, memorabilia, be a guest speaker, be interviewed, or write some memories of what school was like when you were here, to share with the children. Please let me know if you can help.

You can contact me at wallace@olmcsunbury.catholic.edu.au or 9740 7344 at school.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Primary School.

OSWALD LEARNING CENTRE AT SALESIAN COLLEGE

The Centre will be blessed by the Salesian Provincial, Fr. Moloney next Sunday at 3.00pm.