



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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27th February 2011 THE 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

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

Tues 7.00pm O.L.M.C.

Weds 9.15am St Anne's Church

Thurs 9.15am St Anne's Church

Fri 9.15am St Anne's Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

1st : Deuteronomy 11:18,26-28,32
2nd : Romans 3:21-25,28
Gospel: Matthew 7:21-27

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Wed 2nd 1.30pm R.S.J. Associates at
the convent.

Wed 2nd 7.30pm Stewardship
Formation Meeting - Parish Centre

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

Tue 8th 7.30pm Parish Stewardship
Information_Parish Centre

Thu 10th 7.00pm Parish Education
Board

Thu 10th 7.30pm Salesian College
Council

FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM AT ST ANNE'S SCHOOL

This is for children who would benefit
from having a special friend or mentor.
Mums, Dads, grandparents or relatives
—if you are interested, please
complete the 'Expression of Interest'
form at Welcoming Desk and return it
to the school office.

OUR CENTENARY AS A PARISH

1911-2011—A HUNDRED YEARS OF PARISH LIVING

Worshipping Together

Although George and Anne Evans married in the Catholic Church in Melbourne in 1842, our first record of parishioners worshipping together at the Eucharist is in 1852 in homes along Oaklands Road. From 1860, Mass was celebrated in the classrooms of O.L.M.C. School. From 1874, Mass was celebrated once a fortnight in O.L.M.C. Church and from 1876 in St Michael's Church, Bulla. In 1990, we began celebrating in St Anne's Church.

In January 1911 Archbishop Thomas Carr, with the approval of his council of senior priests, established the new parish of Sunbury for the people who previously were in the Gisborne and Keilor Parishes (then called Missions). He appointed Fr. John Gallivan as the first parish priest, followed since by thirteen parish priests and ten assistant priests.

As people and priests, we have followed Jesus' command at the Last Supper.....'Do this in memory of me'.

Caring for Each Other

In the beginning, parishioners opened their homes to fellow Catholics for worship as noted above.

In times of crisis, e.g. epidemics, the Depression, the World Wars, parishioners have supported each other. There was a long ministry to residents in the Psychiatric Hospital each Saturday. There is an extensive ministry to our fellow Catholics in the four aged care facilities.

Our recent development of neighbourhoods has seen active support for those within their neighbourhoods during bereavement and in care for the housebound.

Working Together

Volunteers have been the life blood of our parish life—much unseen. A key area has been fundraising in various styles—Bazaars (1901) Queen carnivals (1930's) fetes, planned giving (since 1962) and now Stewardship. As we give thanks for the past 100 years, we look forward as Stewards towards the next 100 years.

Learning Together

Since 1860, we have had a Catholic School for our children. In 1929, Salesian College was established for secondary education. In 1976, St Anne's School opened.

Like most Australian parishes, providing Catholic education has been a priority and focus of parish life.

Since 1980's, the Catechumenate has been followed here and the R.C.I.A. has been celebrated for adults.

As friends together

In the 100 years, many social groups have been the setting for making friendships: CYMS, Y.C.W., N.C.G.M., Catholic Ladies' Guild, Majellan Club, Tennis Club, Youth Groups, K.S.C., Marriage Encounter, Playgroups, etc.cont

In Gratitude and in Hope

As we look back and celebrate our Centenary, we are full of gratitude that the Lord has 'carried us in the palm of his hand.....I will never forget you' - our reading today from the Prophet Isaiah.

Our looking back gives us hope that we can look forward to the future because of the Lord's promise of 'never forgetting you'.

Blessing of our new facilities at O.L.M.C. School

This took place yesterday as part of the 150 years celebration of the school. On 24 February 2009, Mark Gleeson (Acting Principal) and myself decided to accept the Federal Government's offer of \$2 million as part of the Building Education Revolution.

We engaged the Architects Smith & Tracey and plans were developed. Work began with moving classrooms in September 2009 and later demolishing two classrooms so that they could be replaced with four. Where a portable classroom used to be, a double storey was built. Hence there was no loss of playground. Being a school site since 1860, there were significant needs to upgrade electricity and fire service—this added to the cost. Consequently the school has some very large loans to be repaid over the next ten years.

Parents and visitors have been overwhelmed with the new facilities including the capacity to provide out of school hours care. The school has the facilities for education in the 21st century.

.....Fr Kevin

THANKS

Thanks to the members of the Parish Centenary Committee, who have planned and organised our Centenary events: Blessing of New Tower, Bush Dance, Trivia Night, Ball, Student Reunion and our Centenary Mass today.

ON THE NOTICEBOARD

Archdiocesan Office for Youth: free lecture series for young adults interested in learning more about their faith.

CARITAS AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

CARITAS AOTEAROA New Zealand has launched an appeal to assist those affected by the Christchurch earthquake. Donations can be made directly to Caritas New Zealand by phoning 0800 221 022 for credit card donations; donating online using a credit card—<http://www.caritas.org.nz>; posting to Caritas New Zealand, PO Box 12193, Thorndon, Wellington 6144, New Zealand (mark envelope 'Christchurch Earthquake Relief').

SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY AT ALL MASSES.

THANK YOU

Liz and Phil O'Donnell and our family would like to express our appreciation and gratitude to Fr Kevin, Irene Morse, Lyn Plummer and all the wonderful parishioners who offered their incredible support and care during the recent tragic death of our loved and cherished daughter, Melissa Anne Ryan. Your prayers, compassion and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated. Thank you all so much.

OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family of Mary Pearse, who migrated from Dublin and was our parishioner for 31 years with her daughter Anne Purvinas. Mary had a great devotion to the Eucharist. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at St Anne's on Friday.

SALESIAN COLLEGE

Applications for Year 7/2012 are currently being accepted at Salesian College, Rupertswood, Sunbury and will close on Wednesday 2 March. It is imperative that applications are received by this date. Applications received after this date will be treated as LATE and will not be considered in the first round of placement offers.

There will be an OPEN DAY on Tuesday 22 February 9.00am—12.30pm for interested parents/students.

Further info., assistance and Enrolment Application Forms are available at the College Office. Call in or phone 9744 0000.

THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTORS' LETTER

For those who gave to Thanksgiving last year, there is a letter with a balance sheet from our accountant outlining how your money has been spent. Please collect your addressed letter today.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group welcomes all youth between Prep to Yr 12 to join in some indoor fun and outdoor activities. The Youth Group gathers every fourth Sunday at 6.30pm at St Anne's Church. The next gathering is 27 February. Please join! Bring along friends!

EVERGREENS

- (1) First function for the year—Thursday 17 March, St Patrick's Day. Seniors' lunch at Sunbury Football Club 12 noon —A La Carte menu. Cost \$14. Bookings Frances 9744 1999.
- (2) Tuesday 5 April—speaker from Sunbury Community Register followed by afternoon tea at 2.00pm in Parish Centre. Cost \$5.00. Bookings Frances 9744 1999.