



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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8th May 2011 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 St Anne's Church

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Tues 6.00pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Weds 9.15am St Anne's Church

Thur 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 WEEK

1st Acts 2:14,36-41

2nd 1 Peter 2:20-25

3rd John 10:1-10

THANKS

Thanks for all the prayers for me. The surgery has been successful and I am recuperating at Yarraville convent. The power of your prayers was very strong.....Sr Maureen Cahir

SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH IN PERU

To support their work of helping women to help themselves, a Peruvian Winter Warmer of music, food and accessories for sale will be held at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert St. East Melbourne on Thu 19 May 12.30 to 8 pm.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

A reflection evening of prayer and fellowship with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood, will be held on 29 May. Enquiries: 9926 5733.

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY....US

Saint Luke's Gospel contains some of the most memorable narrative stories of all time: The Good Samaritan (10:29-37), the Forgiving Father (also known as the Prodigal Son) (15:11-32) and today's Gospel reading, the encounter on the road to Emmaus (24:13-35). While thousands of books have been written about genuine love for 'the other', whoever 'the other' might be, nothing makes this clearer than the Good Samaritan. The shelves of libraries are heavy with writing on the quest for peace and reconciliation but the story of the Forgiving Father has the first and the last word.

The account of the encounter with Jesus on the Emmaus Road contains within the space of half a page, a complete and comprehensive account of the 'Christian Experience' as seen from the inside. All the key elements are there, not so much as a guide on how to be a disciple but as an account of 'what it feels like' to meet and to be transformed by an encounter with the risen Christ.

Two, who had become followers of Jesus, are walking together, downcast and confused about all that is going on around them – a not uncommon condition for most of us! One is named – Cleopas; this is a personal account. Who is the other? It could be any one of us. My guess is that it is his wife, who had stood with the others by the cross a few days earlier, and so had intimate personal experience of the tragedy which had befallen them. Jesus, at first almost imperceptibly, walks beside them, but they do not recognise him – this lack of recognition is a very common feature of all the post-Resurrection accounts – again common to all of us. He enquires about their concern and obvious sadness.

He then explains the Scriptures to them – opens their minds to the meaning of what they had been familiar with since childhood. We, particularly in the Catholic tradition, often think that this familiarity with the Scriptures is an optional step. It is not.

They invite him to stay with them for a meal; he accepts and assumes the role as host – he breaks the bread. This is Eucharist in its fullness. It is a transforming experience for them. It is their Pentecost. It is a moment not simply of his presence with them but of his revealing to them who he is, and who they are, his dear friends. For Cleopas and his companion this is a defining and transforming moment. 'They recognised him in the breaking of the bread'.

Without a moment's thought about the very real dangers of travelling by night, they have to go and tell the others – this is Good News which demands a spontaneous response in the form of committed service to others!

We are familiar with the practice of 'giving something up for Lent'. As we celebrate this Easter Season we might consider 'taking something up for Easter'. One of the most life-changing and life-enriching things that we can do is to take up regular reading of the Scriptures. You can find the readings for each day at <http://litcom.net.au/about/ordo/ordo.php>. Read the readings for the day and say the 'Our Father' – 10 minutes – as it was for Cleopas and his companion, things will never be the same again.

.....Richard Hallett

JOURNEY TOGETHER

This is a series of five meetings beginning next month. The gatherings in homes follow the method of 'see, judge, act' - looking at our world, judging life in the light of the Bible and resolving some action. In the recent exhortation 'Verbum Domini' (Latin for 'Word of the Lord') Pope Benedict and 250 bishops gathered in a synod express their hope for 'a new season of greater love for the sacred Scripture on the part of every member of the People of God' (par. 72).

WHAT DOES ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY HAVE TO OFFER AUSTRALIA

Aboriginal relationship to life is holistic. Life is known to be made up of both the good and the bad. Life is assented to as it comes, without losing sight of what is good or an enthusiasm for life. Jesus, too, assented to his mission in life, encountering each event as it came, yet never losing sight of his vision of the kingdom.

Aboriginal people see life as something to be celebrated with others; in dance, song art, story and visiting sacred places. As in the Church's sacramental celebrations, there is a renewed awareness of who one is. Clap sticks are used as music accompaniment during ceremonies. The didgeridoo is used to call people together for song and dance (2 Sam 6,5; 2 Chr 7,6). The Aboriginal people have lived in harmony with the changes in the environment of drought and flood for 40,000 year, always respecting and treading carefully on the earth. Feel the nurturing, cleansing, sustaining water. (Ezek 36,25; Jn 4,15) The red flames of the fire are an important symbol for Aboriginal people, as a source of heat, comfort and light giving direction, similar to our understanding of the workings of the Holy Spirit. Keeping the fire alive is vital in Aboriginal communities and traditionally a fire stick was carried from place to place (Mal 3,2; Mt 3,11; Acts 2)

.....Social Justice Group

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION WORKSHOP

A Workshop by Office for Evangelisation will be held at St Christopher's Airport West on 17 May 7.30 to 9.00pm. Free entry. Enquiries: 9926 5761.

FREE INFORMATION NIGHT: WILLS & BEQUESTS AWARENESS EVENING

Note that this will not be viable without more participants

Wednesday 11 May 2011 in Parish Centre. You are invited to an hour of FREE information.

Listen to an experienced solicitor speak about the need for all of us to have a Will and why it should be updated regularly.

Learn about the Powers of Attorney—Executors—Legislation changes etc.

Consider the different aspects of the Catholic Church which could benefit from your generosity. Allow your faith to live on at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and in the wider Church.

Be informed—ask questions—have an informal chat.

Wills are not just for the wealthy, elderly or those with children—ALL ADULTS SHOULD MAKE A WILL.

To help us to prepare for this event, we request that you indicate your intention to attend by writing your name on the clipboard in the church, or contact the Parish Office.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SCHOOL RECOGNITION CEREMONY

The ceremony was held last Thursday as Maria Vamvakinou MP, Federal Member for Calwell, officially opened the new buildings to which the Federal Government gave a grant of \$2.125 mil. as part of the Building the Education Revolution and the National School Pride Grant. In her speech, Maria recalled her most recent visit to a school was in Jordan at the U.N. Refugee Camp for Palestinians who have been in the camp since 1948 when they fled Palestine when the State of Israel was established. The school children there are third generation refugees and are so eager to learn to be teachers and doctors, etc. Maria was part of a parliamentary delegation to several countries in the Middle East.

The whole project took nearly two years and like a home renovation or extension, there was considerable dislocation for students and teachers for five terms. The new facilities are delightful—no wonder applications for enrolment are above capacity

.....Fr Kevin

CARE OF OUR ALTAR AND SANCTUARY

Care of our Marble Altar and Wooden Sanctuary is undertaken by Raelene who uses special treatments. The removal of candle wax from the wood and carpet is a very time-consuming task. Hence, candles are to be extinguished only by the means of the special extinguisher—no blowing out of candles (it is not a birthday cake!). Raelene spent a couple of hours last Saturday removing wax.