



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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## 19th June 2011 PENTECOST

### 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 n/a

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

1<sup>st</sup> Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

2<sup>nd</sup> 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

3<sup>rd</sup> John 6:51-58

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 20 Jun 7.00pm St Vincent de  
Paul - St Anne's Church

Wed 22 June 7.30pm Parish  
Coordinating Team

### MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

Tue 28 Jun 7.40pm Liturgy Planning

### LOSS OF TWO PARISH PRIESTS

Fr. John Maher O.M.I., 62 years old (Sunshine) and Fr. Tony Hally, 73 years old (Woodend) have recently returned to the Father. Fr. John was also a fine lecturer in theology and Fr. Tony, as well as parish duties, was for many years on a diocesan committee involved with Catholic Schools. Due to the lack of priests, their vacant positions have not been filled.

### TRINITY SUNDAY

It was not until the first great Ecumenical Council, consisting of 318 bishops from all parts of the then Christian world, meeting in the city of Nicaea, near modern Istanbul in Turkey in the year 325, that the formal teaching of the Church about God as Trinity started to take shape. This came about in an effort to clarify many misunderstandings about the relationships between Father, Son and Spirit, and from our point of view, misunderstandings about our relationship with God, as revealed by Jesus.

The Old Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures, taught what God was like – that he constantly loved and rescued his people, despite their rejection and half-heartedness in keeping the Law which had been given to them. That God was creator of all, all powerful, glorious beyond measure, and that he had chosen a people to be his own. After the Resurrection, the disciples came to recognize that whatever could be said about God as revealed in the (Hebrew) Scriptures could be said about Jesus. St. John reflects this in his Gospel: 'The Father and I are one.' The same life that the Father had, Jesus also had. In a similar way they came to recognize through their own experience that the Holy Spirit had this same life and dwelt within them, and they in the Spirit. This notion of many persons sharing one life is not so alien to us - it is the foundation stone of marriage, and of all communities.

We believe that God is not 'solitary', 'separate' or 'remote' but it is God's very nature to be in constant and boundless loving inter-personal relationship. And, as the Book of Genesis recounts right at the beginning, we are made in God's image, and so we too have the capacity to participate in an inter-personal relationship with the Father, through the Son, in the Spirit.

This 'image' in us is destroyed by sin, and as St Paul says, is restored by Christ in Baptism. We are 'in Christ' - a phrase which St. Paul uses over 160 times in his letters - because he has given us the free gift of his Spirit.

It is very appropriate then, that this feast follows immediately after Pentecost, when we recalled the beginnings of the Christian community, the Church. It forcibly reminds us that we are made, and constantly called by God, to be in an ever developing and deepening relationship with God and with each other, and that this is brought about in and by the power of the Holy Spirit, who is God in us.

Here is St. Athanasius, Archbishop of Alexandria, who was at the great Council of Nicaea as a young man and became the great defender of its teaching:

'Because of the free gift of the Spirit which has been given to us, we come to be in the Spirit and the Spirit in us; and since the Spirit is God's Spirit, we recognise that we, having the Spirit, should be considered to be 'in God' through the Spirit who has been given to us. Not that we come to be in the Father in the same way that the Son is in him. The Son is in the Father as being his own Word and radiance but we, apart from .....cont

cont.....the Spirit, are separate and apart from God, and are united with God by participation in the Spirit; so that our being in the Father does not belong to us, but to the Spirit, who is in us, and dwells in us.' And that is why we say: Alleluia!

.....Richard Hallett

### **GROW**

Grow is weekly meetings of small groups of people who have experienced depression, anxiety or other mental or emotional distress, who come together to help each other deal with the challenges of life.

Sunbury Grow Group meets on Wednesdays from 10.00 am to 12 noon at WRHC Sunbury Corporation Centre Suite 5, 33-35 Macedon Street, Sunbury. For more information call 1800 558 268 or just come to a meeting.

### **MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE IN SEPTEMBER**

Four-day pilgrimage to Hamilton, Portland and Penola will be held from 9 to 12 September. Cost \$550 twin share. Applications close on 30 June. Please contact Sr. Mary Fermio 5367 2078

### **PRIESTLY VOCATION DISCERNMENT**

If you are wondering about God's will for your life, a time of prayer and fellowship is available on 26 June. Please contact Fr. Binh Le—9926 5733 or email:

[director@melbournepriest.com](mailto:director@melbournepriest.com)

### **EMMAUS CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**

The Prayer Group meets at St Anne's Church at 10.15am on Thursdays. All welcome including children. Further info/transport please contact Lambert & Elaine van der Weerden on 9744 4029.

### **RUPERTSWOOD CRICKET CLUB INC**

*20th Annual General Meeting—Wed 6 July at 7.30pm at the Clubrooms, Rupertswood. All members invited to attend. Nominations close 30 June 2011. Nomination forms and enquiries 0413 867 725 / 0421 991 519 or [rupocc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rupocc@optusnet.com.au)*

### **PALMS AUSTRALIA**

Do you want to be the change you want to see in our world? Come along to our Timor-Leste Encounter Mon 19 Sep—Sat 1 Oct. Witness empowering 'grassroots' development work, driven by the host community; engage in another culture and learn what others consider important in 'their' world. Further info phone 02 9518 9551; [encounter@palms.org.au](mailto:encounter@palms.org.au) [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

### **ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60-70th wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invites you and your families to join us for Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sun 24 July at 11.00am by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register: Life, Marriage & Family Office on 9287 5579, [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au) or online at [www.imf.cam.org.au](http://www.imf.cam.org.au) Registrations close on Friday 16 July.

### **RITE OF ELECTION FOR CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION 2011**

#### **PRAYER OF THE ASSEMBLY**

Lord God,  
you created the human race  
and are the author of its renewal.  
Bless all your adopted children  
and add these chosen ones  
to the harvest of your new covenant.  
As true children of the promise,  
may they rejoice in eternal life,  
won, not by the power of nature,  
but through the mystery of your grace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

### **VOLUNTEER TEACHERS FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS**

Volunteers are sought by Mercy Works in northern and western suburbs of Melbourne. Retired teachers and other education workers are invited to give a half-day a week in term time. Training is in July. Contact Sr. Mary Lewis—9326 1895.

### **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY**

Why not invest in your most valuable resource—your marriage? Date: Sunday 3 July at East Melbourne. Cost \$40.00 each per person (incl. lunch and teas). Bookings Karin—9287 5516 CatholicCare Office.