



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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26th June 2011 THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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
11.45am O.L.M.C.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

READINGS NEXT WEEK

1st Zechariah 9:9-10
2nd Romans 8:9, 11-13
3rd Matthew 11:25-30

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tue 28 Jun 7.40pm Liturgy Planning

OUR CONGRATULATIONS & PRAYERS

We offer our congratulations and prayers to Bishop Vincent Long, who was ordained the bishop of the Western Region of Melbourne on Thursday.

Bishop Long is a refugee from Communist Vietnam escaping by boat in 1980. In 1981 he began his theology studies in Box Hill. Ordained in 1989, he was parish priest in Springvale from 2002 to 2008, when he went to Rome in a leadership position with the Franciscans. He replaces Bishop Prowse who was appointed to Sale in June 2009.

CORPUS CHRISTI

This year's readings for today's feast stress the 'Body of Christ' - the 'one bread', - next year the readings will emphasise the 'Blood of Christ' - the 'blood of the covenant'.

Bread is the most basic staple food: bread is simple, nourishing, satisfying. Jesus is offering us in the Eucharist no ordinary bread, but the 'Bread of Life' to sustain us in this life and lead us to eternal life.

In the Eucharistic prayer, we recall the words of Jesus at the last supper. 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many' (Mark 14:23). The idea of covenant is two-sided: God commits to the people who in turn agree to be faithful to God. As we receive the cup and say 'Amen', we are committing ourselves again to our side of the covenant: by being faithful to God. Our worship is a sham if we do not work for unity and justice as 'one bread, one body'.

Changing Practices of Eucharist over the Centuries

Celebrating the Eucharist is the most ancient practice of the Church. St Paul wrote a description of the Last Supper in 56 C.E. (A.D.) about twenty-six years after the event. There are early accounts from late second century of how the Christians gathered in homes for the Eucharist as the first Catholics did in our parish from 1852 in Oaklands Road.

Once Christianity was no longer persecuted from 312, churches began to be built and people received Communion at every Mass. From sixth century there was widespread neglect of the Eucharist for various reasons. From that time, church laws for people to receive the Eucharist once a year were made.

From twelfth century, people thought they could receive grace by gazing at the Sacred Host—hence, bells were rang at the elevation of the Host. Benediction and Exposition began. Henry VIII toured in his carriage as many churches as possible in London to gaze at the Host. Extra candles were carried in (as today in our cathedral) during the Eucharistic Prayer so that people could more easily see the Host. No one, except the priest, received Communion.

150 years ago the movement to reform the liturgy began in Europe. In 1905 the first significant change was brought in by Pope St Pius X when he advocated frequent even daily communion and lowered the age of First Communion. The movement of Communion of more than once a year was slow. In the 1930's and 1940's, sodalities like Holy Name Society and Children of Mary were formed to promote monthly communion. In the 1950's the Eucharistic fast from midnight was changed to three hours and later to one hour (15 minutes for the sick and carers). People began to again receive Communion weekly at every Mass. The reform of Liturgy accumulated in the Vatican Council in 1963. On 6 May 2011 Pope Benedict, speaking at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute, described the reform by the Council as a balance of continuing sane tradition and being open to legitimate progress. He spoke of the reform favouring 'a more active participation of the faithful'. He said the aim of the reform was to 'renew the mentality of Catholic worship not just changing rites or texts'.

A new Translation of the Texts of the Eucharist

After twelve years of work by several committees and amidst some controversy, as St Jerome found in his new translation of the Bible in fourth century, a new English translation of the Latin texts is being published and will take effect on 27 November. The new altar missal (costing \$470) is due from the printers in

November.

We can tell something is important by the number of words to describe it. In Cambodia there are 50 words to describe the kinds and stages of rice. We have lots of words to describe love on St Valentine's day. Similarly, we have many words albeit inadequate ones to describe God. Jesus used many words and images to describe the mystery of God and the Kingdom of God, e.g. salt, light, vineyard. What matters is that words in the liturgy we use should draw our hearts and minds into the mystery of God. In our public prayer it is important we support one another in our faith and that our gathering takes us easily into prayer and brings us close to God.

'Any new translation offers opportunities. Because no words can ever do justice to God and because even good words grow stale, new words, new ways of saying things can help us enter more deeply the mystery of God' (Rev. Andrew Hamilton S.J. 'Summit' Vol 38/2, P.5)'.
.....Fr. Kevin

PUBLIC FORUM TO HEAR THE CASE AGAINST EUTHANASIA

The Forum is at Australia Catholic University, Victoria Pde, Fitzroy on Tue 5 July at 6.00pm. Prof. Margaret Somerville, AM, lawyer. Response: Rabbi John Levi AM, vote of thanks: Sr James Gubbo.

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

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Catholic Fundraising, who assists parishes with their Thanksgiving Stewardship Programs, are seeking a full time enthusiastic and committed

Program director to join the organisation. Applications are welcomed and a Position Description can be viewed

at www.cam.org.au/jobs

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.

CLOSURE OF SUNBURY GARDENS RESIDENCE

We thank the Communion Ministers who have regularly taken Holy Communion to the residents over many years.

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

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 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 or online at www.imf.cam.org.au Registrations close on Friday 16 July.

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.

YOUTH GROUP

We gather every fourth Sunday at St Anne's Church between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Please bring along your favourite board game. Refreshments provided. Further info contact garnetjacob@yahoo.com or phone 9740 8328.

SING A LONG

Goonawarra Nursing Home, Anderson Rd Sunbury Friday 1 July 2.30—3.15pm. Please come along and help entertain the residents.