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10TH July 2011 FIFTEENTH 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 St Anne's Church

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Weds 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 Wisdom 12:13,16-19

2nd Romans 8:26-27

3rd Matthew 13:24-43

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

NONE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER BERT

Congratulations on the twentieth anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood by Archbishop Len Faulkner in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Adelaide. May Christ the Priest continue to bless you.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER

OUR PARISH FEAST DAY

This is on 23/24 July. All parishioners are invited to join us to celebrate with morning tea after 8.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share. We look forward to seeing you there.

.....Parish Coordinating Team

A FRUITFUL HARVEST

This Sunday is the first of three Sundays when we will hear Chapter 13 of Matthew's Gospel proclaimed. This chapter contains various parables about the kingdom of heaven. Matthew used the term 'kingdom of heaven' rather than 'kingdom of God' out of respect for his readers who had converted from Judaism as the Jews avoid using the holy name.

A parable is a simple human story with a profound meaning. Today's parable of the sower would have appealed to the rural people in northern Israel around the Lake of Galilee which is very fertile, unlike the desert-like country around Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Matthew's readers were like us, tempted to give up in the face of persecution and disillusionment. It is hard to keep swimming against the tide. Today, some people declare that Christianity and the Church have failed and are not relevant to contemporary living. It is true there are areas of decline of Christianity as evident by decline of worship and vocations. However looking at history over 2,000 years there have always been ebbs and flows, advances and declines of Christianity. Looking at the bigger picture today, the number of Catholics worldwide is growing due to increasing numbers in Africa and Asia. Even in Australia, the Church's ministry in education and healthcare is growing. For ourselves, today's parable teaches us like the soil of Galilee, the ground is unpromising; yet, beyond all expectations, the harvest will be plentiful. We are not to lose faith in Jesus. Unpromising though Jesus' ministry may seem, God will give the harvest. God's plans will not be thwarted. The Kingdom of God will prevail.

Being Grateful to our Elders: During his visit to the U.K. in September 2010, Pope Benedict said, 'As advances in medicine and other factors lead to increased longevity, it is important to recognise the presence of growing numbers of older people as a blessing for society. Every generation can learn from the experience and wisdom of the generation that preceded it. Indeed the provision of care for the elderly should be considered not so much an act of generosity as the repayment of a debt of gratitude'.

Pope calls for Radical Rethink on Environment: Pope Benedict has called for a worldwide 'change of mentality' regarding the environment saying humanity risked extinction if it did not act quickly and modify the way it treated the planet. On 9 June 2011, the Pope addressed six new ambassadors to the Holy See: 'All governments must commit to protecting nature and helping it fulfil its essential role for the survival of humanity. It appears necessary to rethink totally our approach to nature.....it is not a playground or a space to be exploited'. He called for 'precise and sustainable solutions' to help humanity better live its covenant with the created world. 'The United Nations seems to be the natural framework for such a reflection, which should not be overshadowed by blindly partisan political and economic interests'.

World Youth Day Madrid: The Archbishop is attending his fifth World Youth Day (WYD) in Madrid from 13 to 24 August. The Melbourne pilgrimage group has 200 persons so please keep the WYD in your prayers.

.....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.

ALTAR SERVERS

Training for young people wishing to become Altar Servers will be held at 1.00pm on Saturdays 16 and 23 in St Anne's Church. Applicants must be 10 years of age and have reached or about to receive Eucharist. Any enquiries please ring 9744 2674.

EVERGREENS

Police Community Free Concert & Luncheon 10 August 11.30am to 2.30pm Sunbury Memorial Hall. Bookings essential as numbers limited. Please confirm by 29.07.2011. Bookings Frances—9744 1999.

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.

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.

INVITATION

Fr John Petrus, who was assistant priest at our parish from February 1987 to January 1990 and is now parish priest of Elwood / St Kilda West Parish, celebrates his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood next month.

A Mass of celebration will be held on Sat 20 August at 6.00pm at St Columba's Elwood followed by a dinner function in the Parish Hall next door. On Sun 21 August a Mass of celebration will be held at 9.00am in St Columba's Elwood and 11.00am at Sacred Heart, St Kilda West. If you would like to attend any of the Masses and functions, please RSVP Jane Hearn 9531 6120 or eskw@netspace.net.au by Monday 7 August.

FEDERAL PARLIAMENT SEEKS VIEWS ON SAME-SEX UNIONS

Parliamentarians are gauging our views on the proposal to redefine marriage to include same-sex couples. A brochure has been developed by some clergy from the Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian and Salvation Army Churches. The brochure is available today focusing on respect for every person and the distinctive complementarity of male-female sexuality and the best interests of children. A more detailed document is available on www.cam.imf.org.au

THREE HUNDRED YEARS OF MARIST PROFESSION

Today, five Marist Brothers are celebrating their 60 years as religious and educators of youth: Brothers Xavier Collins (Kilmore) Kevin Hoare (Santa Teresa, NT) Brian McGrath (Forbes) Aidan Smith (Forbes) and Dominic Stewart (Kilmore).

CHILDRENS LITURGY WORKSHEETS

Every week we have a new Children's worksheet available at both Masses. The Worksheets are relevant to the weekly Gospel readings, which help the children to be engaged in the Mass. Please encourage the children to take a worksheet before Mass.

RETURNING TO THE FATHER AFTER A HUNDRED YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD

Last week, Fathers Kevin Manning and Leo Saleeba entered eternal life after serving the Melbourne Church for 53 and 47 years respectively. In 2007, Fr. Manning said the introduction of the Mass into English was one of his 'greatest joys' as a priest. 'The expansion of the role of lay people and their involvement in parish life has brought new life to the Church', he commented. Fr. Saleeba was one of our first priests from a migrant family from Lebanon. He had been parish priest of Kensington, Keysborough and East Geelong.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer to Ricky & Helen Coles and family on the death of their son, Tyler who died as a result of car accident on 29 June. Tyler was a former pupil at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and Salesian College. His Funeral Service was held on Friday at St Anne's Church.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer also to Dieter Haering and his daughter Grace, a student at St Anne's School, on the passing of their wife/mother, Marianne. A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held at Emu Bottom Homestead on Friday 15 July at 10.30am.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY: we offer also to Terry Heffernan and his children Laura and Ryan, as Marlene their wife/mother entered eternal life on Friday after a long hospitalisation. As the notices are printed, the details of her Funeral at St Anne's Church are not known.