



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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24TH July 2011 SEVENTEENTH 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 Isaiah 55:1-3

2nd Romans 8:35, 37-39

3rd Matthew 14:13-21

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

NONE

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

THANK YOU

Special Collections for Catholic
Mission raised \$1384.20; Bursary
Fund \$1048.00 and Project
Compassion \$1457.50. Your generosity
is greatly appreciated.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Winter Appeal is today. Also a request
for more volunteers at the store in
O'Shanassy Street.

COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE HOUSEBOUND

The Coordinator is Carmel Wiegerink
who can be contacted through the
Parish Office on 9744 1060. Our aim is
to have Ministries of Communion
serve in their neighbourhoods.

DISCIPLES OF THE KINGDOM

Earlier in the year we began to look at some ideas presented by Father Ron Rolheiser in his very insightful book, 'Seeking Spirituality - Guidelines for a Christian Spirituality for the 21st Century', Father Ron Rolheiser sets out four foundation stones on which any genuine Christian spirituality must be based.

- Private prayer and private morality
- social justice
- mellowness of heart and spirit
- community as a foundational element of true relationship with God

At the end of today's Gospel Jesus asks his disciples, 'Have you understood all this?' and they, no doubt honestly, but clearly from what follows, only in a very limited way, answered 'Yes?'

I always smile at the welcoming ceremony which we have for parents presenting their children for Baptism. The priest reminds them of their responsibility to nurture love for God and growth in faith in their children - fine so far - but then adds, 'Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?' and the parents answer honestly, and because that is what the rite asks them to say, 'We do'. I think to myself, 'Say, 'We have only the faintest idea of what the life of this child will mean for us, but with God's grace we will do our best!!'

Jesus is clearly aware of this situation of very limited knowledge in which we find ourselves, throughout our lives, and regardless of our level of education. He reminds his disciples that the Kingdom of Heaven is hidden from our limited vision, but that when, from time to time throughout our lives, we glimpse something of its greatness and wonder, this is an opportunity to come to enter into it more fully, to become, as Jesus terms it, 'disciples of the kingdom of heaven'. And in becoming disciples of the kingdom, we find ourselves to be rich, and to be able to share what we have discovered - things old and new - with others, particularly with other disciples of the kingdom.

This is a long term project - the fishermen begin anew every day to cast their nets and sort their catch. Father Ron's pillars of the spiritual or inner life are the means to handle the net effectively. Without these skills we are likely to 'labour all night and catch nothing.'

In his letter to the Romans St. Paul sets out the basis for our confidence in this process, since his words refer to all of us who seek to be disciples of the kingdom: "God cooperates with those who love God . . with those God has called . . to become true images of his Son . . He has set these at rights with himself . . with them he has [past tense!] shared his glory' Yet all the great saints say, at the end of their lives, 'I have only just begun to grasp the very edges of what it is that God offers.'

.....**Richard**

FATHER PETER RYAN

Fr Peter Ryan was ordained in 1939 and was a priest of this Archdiocese for 72 years. He was in a group of pioneering priests promoting liturgical renewal and served on the Liturgy Commission for many years while being parish priest of Blackburn, Ormond and Greythorn. He was a devoted golfer. Being so alert and fit he did not retire until he was about 93 years old. May he rest after all his labours. I enjoyed being his assistant priest in 1973..... Fr Kevin

WELCOME

Welcome to Sr. Joze Noy RSJ who has come to our Parish and will be a Pastoral Associate part time. Sr Joze has been a school principal and a pastoral associate in various Victorian parishes since 1994.

ALTAR SERVERS

Training for young people wishing to become Altar Servers will be held at 1.00pm on Saturday 23rd 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.

ANNUAL PARISH DINNER DANCE

The Dinner Dance will be held at the Calabria Club, Uniting Lane Bulla on Saturday 8th October 2011 from 6.30 to 11.30pm. Cost is \$50.00 per person (seating tables of 12) Four course meal and drinks. Contact Eileen Cardillo on 5428 5354 or Maree Salm on 9744 1657.

YOUTH GROUP

will gather this Sunday at 6.30pm at St Anne's Church. Please bring a friend and your favorite board game. Lots of fun and refreshments provided. If you want to be on the email list and be notified of upcoming events, please forward an email to garnetjacob@yahoo.com.

RETIREMENT

Last Friday was my last day in the Parish Office. Thanks to Fr Kevin, Fr Bert, Jim, Richard, Lyn, Karen, Joanne and parishioners for the support and kindness I have received over the years.

.....Marlene Bramwell

OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION

The Foundation Was formed 10 years ago to help keep Koorie kids in an education of their choice. Birthday Celebrations and Oration with special guest speaker Anita Heiss will be held at Genazzano FCJ College on 4th August 2011. All monies raised will be donated to the Foundation. Tickets \$10 can be ordered through www.trybooking.com.au/Rou by 1 August.....*Social Justice Group*

PRIESTS CELEBRATING THEIR JUBILEES OF ORDINATION

Tomorrow, over a hundred Victorian priests will gather in Moonee Ponds to celebrate the Jubilarians of 2011. The Diamond Jubilarians (ordained in 1951) are: John Allman, Paddy Creed, Con Groot, Lou Heriot, Frank Hickey and Kevin Sweeney. The Golden Jubilarians (ordained 1961) are: Peter Connors, Brendan Davey, Des Magennis. Noel Mackay, Adrian Doyle and John O'Reilly. The Silver Jubilarians (ordained 1986) are Jim Costelloe, Shanthaiah Mazneni, Ivan Page, John Petrulis and Denis Ryan.

There are nine Jubilarians who have entered eternal life. A sign of the times in 1951 and 1961, there were 18 priests ordained from Corpus Christi College in both years. In 1986, four priests were ordained.

....Fr Kevin

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Married couples, make 2011 the year that you prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join the Marriage Encounter weekend this year. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for one another. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but you don't need to be Catholic to attend. There is no group sharing. The next weekends will be held on 19-21 August and 11-13 November. For further info. and bookings, contact Peter & Erika Smith on 03 9899 0824 or email vicbook@wwme.org.au. Check out website for more information on www.wwme.org.au.

INVITATION

Fr John Petrulis, 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.

RCIA EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process whereby we can develop our relationships with God, each other and the Catholic community, while learning more about Jesus and His church. If you would like to know more about the Catholic faith, an Inquiry night will be held at the Parish Centre on Monday, 1st August 2011 at 7.30pm that will last about an hour. For more information, please contact the parish office on 9744 1060 or Jo Wiegerink on 9744 5788.

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