



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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21ST AUGUST 2011 TWENTY-FIRST 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

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 Jeremiah 20:7-9
2nd Romans 12:1-2
3rd Matthew 16:21-27

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

TUE 23 Aug 7.30pm Liturgy Planning
WED 24 Aug 8.45am Annual Planning
Day for Parish & Schools
FRI 26 Aug 3.00pm Annual Melbourne
Priests Meeting

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK FOR FAREWELL GIFT FOR SR MAUREEN AND SR MARY

**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT
WEEKEND FOR NATIONAL DAY FOR
MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

VACANCY- PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

We are seeking to fill this position— 2 days
per week from next year. Contact Parish
Office

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group will be gathering this
Sunday at 6.30pm at St Anne's Church.
Please bring along a favourite board game
and a friend to join in the fun.
Refreshments are provided. All are
welcome. Further details contact
garnetjacob@yahoo.com.

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Today and next Sunday, St Matthew's gospel focuses on Peter. Jesus avoids the crowds and concentrate's on formation to prepare the Twelve Apostles for His coming of the passion and his death. Peter will have a special responsibility in the group of the disciples. Peter is a disciple who is impetuous and whose faith is threatened by the storm at sea but is saved by Jesus' outstretched arm. Peter's faith will have it's ups and downs, as we all do. Faith is a gift to us, a grace. At this stage of our life how do each of us answer the question asked by Jesus, "But you, who do you say I am?"

THE PARISH SUNDAY ASSEMBLY LISTENS

A word is a word only when it is spoken and heard! It takes two to speak a word, one to say it and one to receive it.

While our parish has put much effort and time into forming good readers, even more, we need good LISTENERS. Without listeners there is no living word. It's through genuine listening that we open ourselves to the Spirit of Jesus. When we don't listen, we close ourselves off to the power of the Spirit.

The word of God has been given to all the People of God for proclamation, as the Eucharist belongs to the whole Church.

Hence, we need to be present and listen. Obviously we need to be in our place before Mass begins. Our coming late is a distraction to others and interrupts their listening. At the State Theatre, late-comers are locked out until there is a break in the program.

The Liturgy of the Word is a dialogue of speaking and listening. Without this dialogue of communication there is no proclamation of God's Word which transforms us. In telling and listening we are able to merge our own individual stories into God's big story. When we do that, we enter necessity into the mystery of God's love of Jesus' dying and rising. We become aware of who we are, where we come from, what we are for and where we are going.

After each of the two Readings and the Homily, there is to be shared silence (60 seconds). After the silence we share in the psalm and acclamation and together we are the ministers of the Word.

From "*The Parish Sunday Assembly Listens*" by Rev. Eugene A Walsh SS

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Assembly is being held on September 3 in the Parish Centre from 9am to 12.30pm. Please come along to have input into the Parish. EVERYONE is welcome and valued in this very important meeting to help make our Parish even better. All Neighbourhoods and Parish Groups are invited to take a Proposal form from the Welcome Desk to give a brief presentation of their suggestions.

THANK YOU

Caritas East Africa Appeal raised \$2304.80 and CatholicCare raised \$1379.20. Thank you so much for your generous support of these very important charities. Many people will receive much needed assistance with these funds.

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.

134 CHILDREN HAVE MET THE FORGIVING CHRIST

Over three evenings students from our parish celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Congratulations to them, their parents, teachers and catechists for leading the children into a very prayerful and joyful celebration of God's forgiveness. Our Thanks also to Fr Tom Cleary, Fr Bert Fulbrook and Fr Joe Binh and Fr Peter Monaghan for assisting over the three nights.....Fr Kevin

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The loving gifts of our parishioners are our life blood . Our generous givers give back in thanksgiving to God for all that we receive. Without givers, the Parish would not have began 100 years ago. Without our generous givers, we would cease to exist.

Statements on our giving have been sent last week and today new sets of envelopes are available to be collected. You may find it more convenient to give electronically by direct debit or by internet banking instead of finding cash each Sunday. Our banking details are enclosed with your statements to assist with any changes you may need. Electronic giving is also more convenient for our Parish.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SRS MAUREEN & MARY

A collection will be taken up this weekend as a token of appreciation for the work done by these two wonderful ladies. There will also be an opportunity to say farewell to Srs Maureen and Mary at a shared lunch in the Parish Centre on Sunday 28 August from 12.00 lunch time. Please bring a plate to share.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING TOKENS

At every Mass, we offer ourselves to God the Father through Christ. To help those who give by automatic payments (direct debits, credit card and internet banking) to become conscious of their offering at every Mass, we shall have available tokens to be placed on the collection plate. These tokens have the printed text: "We support our parish by automatic payments: The tokens will begin this Sunday.

RUPERTSWOOD CRICKET CLUB REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday 27th August from 9-11am at The Clubrooms, Rupertswood. Looking for U11, U12, U14, U16 & Seniors. New players and girls welcome. Registration forms available on club website <http://rupertswood.cricketvictoria.com.au>. Enquire 0459 098 664 or 0421 991 519.

WORLD YOUTH DAY MADRID

The climax of the week is Mass later today Australia time. Please pray for the million pilgrims especially the Melbourne pilgrims who have been adversely affected by the extreme heat and are now accommodated in hotels.

PARISH WEBSITE

Please feel free to visit the Parish website as it is another way to keep in touch with what is going on in the parish. There is a chance to provide feedback and many other things you probably didn't know existed. Web.....www.olmc.sunbury.org.au
Blog (leave a comment)..... olmc.sunbury.wordpress.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

A copy of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council's media release on funding is available at the Information Desk. Dr Neil Johnston's 470 page report to the Department of Finance found "a huge gap between policy intent and policy execution."

Details of two events on positive change in the Australian Constitution are also available at the Information Desk. One is a Q & A on the Constitutional Recognition of Australia's First Nations on Thursday 25th August at Avila College in Mt Waverley. The other on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Constitutional Recognition is being held on 1st September at the Aboriginal Advancement League in Thornbury.

A beautifully illustrated book will be released this week and provides a very important update of the current thinking about the intervention. The book articulates the views of Aboriginal Elders as well as those of other leading Australians. Elders are calling on the "People of Australia" to walk with them in their quest for justice. "Walk With Us" is available from 'concerned Australians', PO Box 281, East Melbourne, Vic 8002. Cost \$15 plus \$3 postage. Cheques payable to Michelle Harris.

NEW CANDLE PROTECTORS

Thank you to a generous parishioner for the new candle protectors at both churches. These protectors are very expensive but will protect the Altar from the candle wax which is very difficult to clean.

FATHER JOHN CARNIE- A REDEMPTORIST FATHER

Last Tuesday over 3000 Marcellin College present students in uniform and past students in suits celebrated Fr John's funeral Mass in the largest funeral for years at our Cathedral . the College choir filled the Cathedral with its music. Later, a guard of honour of hundreds of students lined the entire block beside the Cathedral. The moving celebration was a tribute to Fr John who has been chaplain at Marcellin for 25 years until he had an operation for cancer and died of complications. Aged 80, he was a quiet man, with a quick wit and a memory for names. He has been a model of pastoral care- he would be at school everyday before class; he was present to students, tuckshop mums and staff. He continued his involvement after the students left school. He celebrated over 200 marriages of past students. As a current student blogged: "For you Fr John heaven will be having everyday an 18th or 21st birthday party to gate-crash!"