



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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28TH AUGUST 2011 TWENTY-SECOND 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

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 Ezekiel 33:7-9
2nd Romans 13:8-10
3rd Matthew 18:15-20

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 29 Aug 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul,
St Anne's Church

Tue 30 Aug 7.40pm Parish Finance &
Development

Wed 31 Aug 6.30pm Parish Education
Board

Sat 3 Sep 9.00am Annual Parish
Assembly, Parish Centre

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK NATIONAL DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND

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.

"A FIRE BURNING IN MY HEART"Jeremiah

Today we see Jeremiah in a very depressed state. The word which he has
been given to say to the leaders and to the people is that, if they want to avert
disaster, political, social and religious, they need to change their behaviour in
fundamental ways. They need to put justice and care for others before their own
enjoyment, comfort and priorities. For his efforts Jeremiah has received nothing
but criticism. Does that sound familiar?

Paul says the same to the Roman church: 'Do not model yourselves on the
behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modified by
your new mind.' And Jesus is less compromising than either Jeremiah or Paul:
'Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it, but anyone who loses his life for
my sake will find it'.

What would Jeremiah, Paul and Jesus say to us if they were to preach at
Mass this weekend? They would say just what they said to the people of their
time and place, as we have heard them speak today. As we give thanks for, and
celebrate the lives and work of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in our parish,
particularly for the life and work of Sisters Maureen and Mary, we are reminded
sharply once again, as we have been reminded by them in past years, that they
have taken to heart what Jeremiah, Paul and Jesus said today and made this the
foundation of their lives. They have laid down their lives for others; their
behaviour has been radically at odds with the popular concepts of 'normal'
behaviour; - and they would be embarrassed to read this and think that what they
have done and lived is little enough in comparison with what they have received!

What does all this mean for each of us personally as members of this parish
community? It means that we must be constantly prepared to change the way we
think and behave as members of this community. If this community is to continue
to grow and to be a source of life to us and to future generations we need to be
much more realistic about how we participate in its life. It is no longer possible
for parishes to survive on the dedicated efforts of a few while the majority are
'consumers' of parish 'services'. That is the 'behaviour of the world around us'.
Let me suggest two 'changes in behaviour' that will require a certain amount of
'dying' to our own priorities:

Next Saturday morning we will hold our annual Parish Assembly. Will
only the same 'few' make the effort to come along and help frame the future life of
this community?

The staff of our Parish Primary Schools do an excellent job in preparing
the children to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation into the life of our
community, but there is a very small response from other members of the
community when assistance with welcoming these children and their families is
requested. While it is clearly the responsibility of our teachers and catechists to
educate the children, it is the responsibility of the whole community to assist in
practical ways with the preparation for, and initiation of these children and their
families into our community. Next year, there will be many opportunities to offer
simple but very important assistance. Take an active part in this important work.

.....Richard Hallett

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.

OUR COMMUNION PROCESSION

As we approach the Eucharistic Table of the Lord to receive the Body and the Blood of Christ, we sing if possible and one communicant from the front we make a bow of our head in humility (not a profound bow from the waist) and then look at the Host and express our faith by saying "Amen". This is as the Australian Bishops have taught. Genuflecting is a health hazard to our fellow communicants as there is the possibility of tripping the person behind when we stick our leg out behind us to genuflect. There is no need to bow again when receiving the Cup of the Blood of Christ as Christ is already present within us at this stage.

ST ANNE'S NIGHT MARKET

Friday 16 September 6-9pm. Entry via Stewarts Lane car park. Come for a great night of shopping and support our school community. Entry: Gold coin donation per adult, children under 16 free. Interested stallholders please contact school office on 9744 3055.

RSJ IN MISSION

Next meeting at Parish Centre meeting room on Wed 7 September at 1.30pm. Guest speaker Sr Mary Fermio RSJ. All welcome. Enquiries Jenny Coutts 9744 3472.

ST MARY MACKILLOP

Her influence on Catholic Social Service Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow; Melbourne 13-14 October. Bookings are now open for this conference. A flyer which includes a registration form available at www.css.org.au/MaryMacKillop. Cost for full participation including meals \$200. More details at Welcome Desk....Social Justice Group

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.

EXAMINING ETHICS FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

Mon nights 7.30pm in Sep at St Mary's Anglican Church hall, O'Shannassy St.

A RENEWED MENTALITY WITH NEW MASS TEXTS

Pope Benedict has exhorted us to develop "a renewed mentality" as we use the new texts. To prepare us internally, Father Michael Fallon will give us formation at all Masses for five Sundays from 11 September. Fr Michael was ordained a priest for the Church of Brisbane in 1968. Later he obtained a Masters in Religious Education at Catholic University of America. Then he was involved in assisting teachers in RE at the Catholic Education Office Brisbane. Later, he was the Director of Continuing Education for the Clergy in Brisbane. Then he was a Parish Priest. He came here in 2005 for our parish renewal week. Fr Michael will be residing and ministering in our Parish for a couple of months.

At the Liturgy Planning meeting last week, we decided on the music for the new texts and we will begin this after the school holidays. From the first Sunday of Advent, the new texts are to be used in the English speaking world. We need several teams to operate the computer for the screens showing the new texts. Please contact the Parish Office so a roster can be drawn up.

CATHOLIC CARE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Recently our Parish gave generously to CatholicCare. Our community has a representative from CatholicCare available to assist in various ways. Marilyn Ashcroft is available for individual, couple and family counselling. She also assists with stress management, grief and loss, pain management and parenting. There will be a parenting program that she will be involved in with a Paediatric Psychologist next term. Marilyn is based at the Sunbury Community Health Centre. Her hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs 9-5; Wed 11.30-7pm. She can be contacted on 0407 307 811.

NO WORKING BEE 3 SEPTEMBER

Due to the Parish Assembly on 3 September, next working bee will be on Saturday 1 October St Anne's Church.

THANK YOU

Thanks for your generous support of St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. \$1711.80 was raised.

MORNING TEA

Please join us for morning tea next Sunday 4 September after 8.30am Mass at St Anne's Church, hosted by Jacksons Hill. Please bring a plate to share.

SING A LONG

Goonawarra Nursing Home Anderson Rd Sunbury Friday 2 September 2.30—3.15pm Please come along and help entertain the residents.

EVENING ADORATION

St Anne's Church Friday 2 September 7-8pm.