



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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2ND OCTOBER 2011 TWENTY-SEVENTH 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

Tues 7.00pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Wed 9.15am St Anne's Church

Thurs 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 Is 25:6-10a

2nd Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

3rd Matthew 22:1-14

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Tues 4 Oct 7.30pm Parish Centre

Meeting Room—Liturgy Team

Fri 7 Oct 10am Parish Centre

Meeting Room—Maintenance Team

VACANCY- PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

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

CHILDRENS LITURGY WORKSHEETS

Every week we have a new children's worksheet available at all 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.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month at St Anne's Church 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

A LETTER FROM ROME, 26 September 2011

Dear Friends,

The general chapter of the Community for a Better World has been a transformative encounter for me as it is the first time I have taken part in such an international event. There have been 45 of us from 24 countries spanning the globe from the Ivory Coast to Argentina via Belarus! It has been conducted in three languages: French, Spanish, & English. In the conference hall there is a simultaneous translation through one's headphones, but in the chapel everything is said three times - it makes for a long Mass with three homilies!

We have evaluated our service in the Church and world in the light of the Spirituality of the Kingdom of God by promoting the spirituality of communion as taught at Vatican II and by Pope John Paul II in 2000. Around the world, there are areas of growth and decline. In Columbia, 16 million people are touched by their diocesan pastoral plans promoted by Community for a Better World and presided over by five bishops. The Polish group is successfully moving into Belarus and the Ukraine. A diocese in Papua-New Guinea has last Lent set up 241 small Christian communities in their 14 parishes spread throughout their vast diocese in area one-third the size of Italy. Some European groups are struggling as we are in Australia.

On arrival, many delegates asked me about Jill Gibbs who is known to many as she worked for 16 years at the International Centre in Rome. On our first day, we had an inspiring Eucharist at the chapel in the Catacombs concelebrated by five bishops and eighteen priests. It was at this chapel in 1965 that some forty bishops including the inspiring Helder Cammra of Brazil made a pact to live out the teachings of Vatican II.

For me, it has been wonderful to meet up again with Fr Juan Pedro Cubero from Spain. In 1981, he and Jill Gibbs came to Sydney and gave a month's course on parish pastoral planning which has influenced me ever since. Juan Pedro was ill some years ago but he has recovered and works with parishioners in three parishes in Spain.

I found it so enriching to learn what is happening in Africa, Italy, Korea, etc. The person sitting next to me volunteered the next four years of his life to work full-time in Rome and elsewhere with the blessing of his generous bishop. Another man volunteered to serve part-time with the blessing of his wife.

Our encounter concluded with a message of support from the Pontifical Council of the Laity. After fourteen days and nights we are exhausted, but we have built bonds of friendship and we leave outer-suburban Rome inspired to continue our service.

Let's keep praying for each other.

.....Fr Kevin

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

The march is being held on Saturday 8 March at 2pm starting from Cnr Claredon St & Wellington Pd, East Melbourne to the steps of Parliament. Join this peaceful witness to life, and hear inspirational speakers and music with a message of courage and hope for the babies and mothers. More info at www.marchforthebabies.org.au.

SEEKING ASYLUM

Is there a solution? Rerum Novarum Oration 2011 Tuesday 11 October 7pm at Central Hall, 20-22 Brunswick St, Fitzroy. Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen OFMConv, who arrived on Australia's shores as an asylum seeker, will examine this issue through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. The Official Response to the Oration will be given by the Hon. Malcolm Fraser, who was instrumental in formulating an immigration policy that enabled the compassionate and orderly integration of asylum seekers and refugees. RSVP 7 Oct 9926 5727 or justice@cam.org.au.

PARENT SEMINAR

The topic for this month is "How to engage young people in conversation" and the presenter is Chris Daicos. It will be held on 12 October at Mercy College, 760 Sydney Rd, Coburg from 7-9pm. Cost is \$10 and RSVP to Shirley O'Sullivan on 9464 5225.

CATHOLICCARE OUTREACH PROGRAM

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.

Marilyn is based at the Sunbury Community Health Centre and her contact number is 0407 307 811. Her hours are Mon, Tues Thurs 9-5; Wed 11.30-7pm.

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.

"DIFFERENCE TO ETERNITY"

CatholicCare Marriage Enrichment day is for couples who are happy with their marriage and would like to spend a day together. This program explores the personalities that each person brings to their marriage and it challenges couples, in a fun way, to accept and appreciate the growth opportunities their differences offer. Cost is \$80 per couple and includes lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea. Sunday 16 October 9.30-4.00pm. RSVP Karin 9287 5516 or www.ccam.org.au.

DREAMING IN THE CITY

Please join us on Sunday 16 October after 10.30am Mass as we come together to pray, in the month of the Rosary, accepting the contribution to our Church from our Aboriginal Catholics. Aboriginal artwork for each Mystery will be shown on the screen in St Anne's Church. These are the signs and symbols of this land.

SINGALONG

Goonawarra Nursing Home, Sunbury Friday 7 October 2.30 to 3.15pm
Please come along and help entertain the residents.

ANTI-POVERTY WEEK 2011

Poverty ends life, inhibits education and denies people basic privileges which we take for granted. It attacks the God-given dignity of the human person.

Our faith compels us to take a stand against poverty in all its manifestations. As Catholics we have a rich social doctrine and moral teaching which binds us to respond to the cry of the poor. Anti-poverty Week, beginning Sunday 16 October and finishing Sunday 22 October, is a time for us to reflect on the Gospel message of Jesus to clothe the naked, feed the hungry and to visit the sick and imprisoned. Internationally the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals have mapped out a journey to be undertaken to radically transform human history by 2015. Locally many agencies are working for the alleviation of poverty and marginalisation in the areas of homelessness, aboriginal disadvantage, drug and alcohol abuse and those living with physical or mental illness.

I encourage your participation in the mission of evangelisation by participating in initiatives to inform, educate and transform our world. I invite you to support the shared work undertaken by Agencies of the Archdiocese in promoting awareness of Anti-poverty Week in schools, parishes, deaneries and associated groups. May we give hope to others the way that reflects the Good News we share. Yours sincerely in Christ

Archbishop Denis Hart.

INVITATION FROM THE SISTERS OF NAZARETH

The Sisters of Nazareth invite young women who are open to discerning a vocation to religious life and wishing to share a "live in" experience from Friday 21 October to 23 October. It will be held at Nazareth House, 218 Mill St, Ballarat. Please reply to sister Rosalie O'Malley CSN on 0450 355 014.

ST MARY MACKILLOP

Her influence on Catholic Social Services Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow; Melbourne 13-14 October. Bookings are now open for this conference. A flyer includes registration for available at www.css.org.au/MaryMacKillop. Cost for full participation including meals \$200.