



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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## 14th November 2010 THIRTY THIRD 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 Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
*Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

Tues 9.15am n/a

Weds 9.15am St Anne's Church

Thurs 9.15am n/a

Fri 9.15am Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 10.00am—10.30am O.L.M.C.  
Church

### READINGS NEXT WEEKEND

1st reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3  
2nd reading: Colossians 1:12-20  
Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

### MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**Tue 23 Nov 7.30pm** Liturgy Meeting

**Wed 24 Nov 1.30pm** Parish / Schools  
Coordination at Parish Centre

### MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

### REFLECTION

*'All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down' - Luke 21:6.*

Thanks to the effort of a billion-dollar advertising industry, our material expectations continue to rise year after year. Yet today, speaking about the end of time, Jesus reminds us that all the material possessions we spend our time and energy to accumulate will become nothing but rubble in the end. What will really matter will be the time we spend on improving our relationship with God.

### BEAR WITNESS

'The day is coming now' - famous Old Testament words often heard from the prophets. These men and women were sent by God to remind the people of God's love for them and faithfulness to them, no matter what. Their message often had a sense of urgency about it and they worked in times of social and political turmoil and the ensuing distress and suffering this caused the people—maybe we recognise these signs still now in many parts of our world. The work of the prophet isn't only to remind us of the past, but also to speak of the present in such a way as to motivate us for the future. Who are the prophets of today? Do we listen to them?

So how are we to prepare for that day when God will call us to God's self? The 'old fashioned' virtue of setting a good example for others to follow seems foremost in today's second reading. We are invited to focus on the present time, today, and not to live in fear and anxiety of the future. Paul encourages the people to 'go on quietly working', to pull their weight, do their share and be responsible for each other.

In the Gospel Jesus says the Temple will be destroyed. He warns the disciples about false prophets and terrible future events. Wars, earthquakes, famines, cosmic signs will precede His coming in glory. Persecuted, the disciples will witness with eloquence—'because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom'. Even facing betrayal and death, they should be hopeful: patient endurance will save them. Today Jesus teaches us that God's own promise and saving actions permeate human history. Of course we only have to watch the news any night of the week to see wars, famines, natural disasters. Is today our time of salvation? Jesus told the disciples they'd be saved by patient endurance. How patiently enduring are we in the details of each day, the interruptions, the setbacks? Do we see the daily demands of our work, the problems that arise in relationships, the daily challenge of routine as pieces of our salvation? Do we 'invite God in' on our reflection at the end of each day or do we not see the connection? Jesus reminds us that He is always with us, desiring our best and as such we should live as people of hope.

We don't know the when of the end time, but we do know that there will be an end. We are living in the in-between time and there is a long journey to be faced—'the end is not so soon'. Sure there will be grounds for dismay, disillusionment, discouragement; there always is. But we will also know in the waiting / the living, the constancy of the loving and guiding presence of a faithful God.

.....*The Pastoral Team*

### GIANT CAR BOOT SALE & FAMILY DAY

Saturday 20 November from 8.30am on the Village Green and Sunbury Uniting Church. Ring Helen on 9744 3031. Over 60 cards. Outside sites still available but be quick. Many inside craft stalls, Devonshire tea/coffee, sausage sizzle, fresh fruit / veg stall. If you don't want to sell, come and buy - this is a great Christmas opportunity. For the kids - jumping castle, pony rides, fairy floss and popcorn!

### WELCOME HOME

After 216 days in hospital and 'seven trips to the operating theatre' following a fall on Easter Monday, Joan Koren has returned home.

## **ADVENT REFLECTION / PRAYER DAY**

Wed 1 December—10.00am to 3.00pm at St Mary's Parish Lancefield/Romsey, 27 Chauncey St. Lancefield. Facilitator John Stuart. Cost: \$5.00 BYO lunch to share. Tea/coffee provided. RSVP Joanne—54 292 130 by Tue 30 November.

## **O.L.M.C.. SCHOOL—PROGRESS REPORT ON WORKS**

Progress has been very steady as work continues six days a week. Carpet will be laid in the new classrooms this week.

## **WELCOMING STRANGERS— MAKING SPACE FOR THE OTHER IN OUR LIVES**

Welcoming Strangers is the title of a talk by Cardinal Wilfred Napier of Durban, South Africa at Genazzano College Hall, 301 Cotham Road, Kew on 22 November at 7.45pm. Organised by the Council of Christians & Jews. Cost \$10 incl. supper.

## **SUSPICIOUS PERSON ALERT**

Melton Parish has advised us that there is an 'unwelcome' visitor who stalks presbyteries, targets churches—open doors, monies at the back of the church, handbags, and he cases his target. He is known to police.

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - CATHOLIC DEAF**

## **O.L.M.C. PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD GARDEN**

The Parish Coordinating Team has endorsed the establishment of a neighbourhood garden on parish land next to St Anne's. Anyone interested in helping to make this idea become a reality is asked to contact Jo Wiegerink on 9744 578

## **SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES**

The four Small Christian Community groups in the parish will be concluding the 2010 calendar year with a combined Mass and supper on Monday 22 November at 7.30pm in St Anne's Church and afterwards in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share.

## **AT THE GIFT SHOP**

- Edition 20 of Kairos featuring St Mary of the Cross plus a 2-page spread on our parish and an article on the Centennial Ball. Several parishioners requested copies so please make sure that you collect your copy from the Gift Shop.
- Edition 21 (this week's) of Kairos.
- The 2011 Columban Calendar for only \$7.00 each. Buy one of the best religious calendars in the world and you will be helping our missionaries at the same time.

## **LETS BREAK THE SILENCE ON THE GREEN**

Friday 19 November Sunbury Village Green 6.00pm—8.00pm. We invite you to come along to share your stories, thoughts and hopes with others. A silhouette will be available for either signing, writing your story or dedicating to someone you know who has a mental illness/health issue. These will be planted in the green. Presented by Sunbury Community Health Centre.

## **BLESSING AND OPENING OF CLASSROOMS AT ST ANNE'S**

On 24 February 2009, Lucy Jackanic and I decided to accept a \$3 million grant which the Federal Government under Kevin Rudd offered to all Australian primary schools. This was a marvellous opportunity for us as being in Sunbury where the Socio-Economic Status (S.E.S.) is 104.5, we never receive government grants for school buildings—only areas of less than 96 S.E.S. receive grants. On 26 March we had our first meeting with the architect Gerard Smith, who had done much work earlier at St Anne's.

On 8 September, formal site meetings began and were conducted every fortnight including school holidays until 31 August 2010 often lasting 90 minutes. Shane Crawford, Deputy Principal, also kept a keen eye on this project and attended the site meetings and numerous spontaneous meetings with the workers. Occasionally, as in all building projects, there were some thorny issues. While we were negotiating with one of Australia's largest building companies, Lucy and I had between us fifty-five years of experience in building schools. The outcome was the project came in on 99.9% on budget.

Last Tuesday the opening was a joyous event as guests and parents were amazed at the extent and quality of the classrooms, computer rooms, shared spaces, student wellbeing rooms, and the multi-purpose facility.

This Building the Education Revolution (B.E.R.) project is Lucy's fifth and largest project during her eight years with us—previous projects are Junior School refurbishment, twin classroom project, a new all-weather oval and the sealed carpark. Next Monday construction begins on a new netball court.

.....Fr Kevin

## **JOHN ARTHURSON**

As John enters eternal life, he continues to gather people together. Hundreds attended his Vigil Prayers, Funeral Mass and Committal at the cemetery last Friday. Amidst the sadness of his departure at a relatively young age, Catholics gathered to pray and to remember. He was Principal of Catholic Regional College, Keilor North and Sacred Heart College, Kyneton. Both Colleges worked together providing refreshments, printing, choir and a portable address system. Our parishioners worked for hours in the kitchen to cater for the five hundred in the Parish Centre after the burial.

43 of John's 45 first cousins attended the Mass concelebrated by nine priests. Later comments heard were 'I was proud to be a Catholic today' - 'everything went so well'.....Fr Kevin