



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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21st November 2010 THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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
	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>	
Mon	7.30pm	St Anne's Church
Tues	7.00pm	O.L.M.C.
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: Isaiah 2:1-5

2nd reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Mon 22 Nov 4.30pm St Vincent de Paul at St Anne's Church

Tue 23 Nov 7.40pm Liturgy Meeting for Advent

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

Thu 25 Nov 7.30pm Salesian College Presentation Night

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

Thu 2 Dec 7.30pm Salesian College Council

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.

EUCCHARIST 9

The Mass has two main parts: (1) The Liturgy of the Word; (2) The Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the first part, through the readings and the homily, God speaks to us. What is asked of us is to 'listen'. To be reading the parish bulletin, which some are wont to do, is contrary to the spirit of the first part. 'Blessed are they who listen to God's word, and live by it day after day.'

After the Creed and the Prayers of the Faithful, we enter into the Liturgy of the Eucharist; beginning with the Preparation of the Gifts. As we sit after doing so much listening, we tend to put our brains into neutral. We might be unaware of what's happening. Before the Last Supper, Jesus sent two of his disciples to a house of a friend to 'prepare' the table. Spare a thought of appreciation to your fellow parishioners who, before we all arrive, prepare the bread and wine, the chalices and the altar, in readiness for our ritual sacrificial meal. If you are offered the privilege of bringing up the bread and wine at the offertory, gladly accept.

In the Middle Ages priests felt uncomfortable with silence during the offertory. They felt every liturgical action should be accompanied with prayers. Therefore, as the priest holds up the bread and wine, he borrows from the Jewish ritual, and says a prayer of blessing over the gifts, doing something similar to what Jesus did at the Last Supper. Today, if the people are singing, the priest is supposed to say these prayers quietly. If there is no singing, the prayers are said audibly.

These prayers set the bread and wine apart from ordinary use and designate them for a sacred purpose. They also remind us that the gifts we offer result both from the action of God and of human beings. God provides the sun, rain, grain and grapes. Human beings make the grain into bread and grapes into wine. In response to the priest's prayers, the assembly gives praise and thanks to God in these words: 'Blessed be God forever.' Before the priest prays over the wine, he pours a few drops of water into it. The prayer that accompanies this action intimates the significance of the ritual. It expresses two great truths: (1) Christ, who is divine, became human. (2) He did this so that we, who are human, may share in his divinity. Through the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. If we allow these truths to resonate in our minds during the preparation of the gifts, our hearts will overflow with sentiments of gratitude and praise. These are the sentiments that should dominate our entire Eucharistic celebration.

Before praying the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest washes his hands. This is a gesture and a sign of his desire to seek inward purification. As we watch the celebrant performing this cleansing ritual, we can also silently pray that 'God will wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins.' It is desirable that we come with humble and contrite hearts before the all holy God. We express these sentiments here, at the Penitential Rite, and just before we receive Holy Communion: 'Lord, I am not worthy...'

.....Fr Bert Fulbrook sdb

serve the Greatest of Kings.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - CATHOLIC DEAF

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.

EVERGREENS—CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 7 December at Sunbury Football Club, Riddell Road. Cost \$25.00—pay on day. Bookings essential—Frances 9744 1999.

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.

REFLECTION

'He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son' - Colossians 1:13

If we recognise Jesus as our King, then we must also recognise ourselves as his loyal subjects. As members of God's kingdom we have an abundance of wonderful blessings. But we also have responsibilities. We must always use our gifts to help build up the kingdom. We must never forget that we are truly blessed to be called to

FAREWELL MASS FOR MRS LUCY JACKANIC

On Sunday 28 November at 10.30am at St Anne's Church we will be especially celebrating Lucy's eight years as principal at St Anne's. This will be followed by Morning Tea in Parish Centre. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Tuesday 7 December at Tobin Brothers Chapel, 22 Barkly St. Sunbury. Further info. on noticeboard St Anne's Church. RSVP by Friday 28 November to 9373 7000 or email Christmas @tobinbrothers.com.au

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER -VILLAGE GREEN 7.00PM

(organised by Sunbury Christian Churches and sponsored by Sunbury Community & Local Businesses). Free sausage sizzle from 6.00pm provided by the Sunbury Kiwanis Club. BYO seating. Candles and drinks for sale by St John's Ambulance. Performances by Salesian College Band, local primary schools, combined churches chorale & band, Sunbury Girl Guides.

INTERCHURCH CRIMINAL JUSTICE TASKFORCE CRIMINAL JUSTICE FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

The Inter Church Criminal Justice Taskforce of the Victorian Council of Churches has just developed a publication to consider issues of criminal justice. Practical recommendations are made to assist victims and families caught up in the justice system. Ideas are also canvassed in relation to such areas as education, mental health, employment and accommodation so as to assist offenders to live a crime free life. Some copies at the Welcoming Desk or you can download at www.css.org.au

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CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS

Change the world this Christmas—give the Gift of Life, i.e. Peace \$20; Food Security \$40; Health \$50; Water \$75; Education \$100; Disaster Response \$200. Visit www.caritas.org.au Brochures at Welcoming Desk.

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

Painting has been completed on the top storey of the new building and light fittings will be installed this week.