

We Remember those in God's Care



* Nyha Grace Asnicar, Carmel Crawford, *and all who have died recently;*

* James Brock, Des Dooley, Andrew Moffett, Ruby Richard, Nora & Patrick Walsh, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

* Steve Clark Ryan, Alan Nightingale, Sebastian Geisler, Tim O'Neil, *and all our sick*

What's Happening?

No doubt people will avidly look elsewhere in the newsletter for the Reconciliation and Mass times for pre Christmas and Christmas.

In order to show off a clean sparkling church environment for our many visitors and CE Catholics, we are having a mini boutique working bee on **Saturday, December 20th from 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon**, when we will enjoy a mini boutique BBQ and some boutique beers. The purpose of the working bee is not to do anything too strenuous like tearing down trees, but just to do some creative weeding and tidying up of the area. If you can come along for all or part of the morning, please let the parish office know.

Laurie

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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH in the care of the Carmelites since 1937

2nd Sunday of Advent

7 December 2008

Every year in the Advent season, the gospel readings for the second and third Sundays focus on John the Baptist - that eccentric, prophetic figure who heralds the coming of the Messiah. At least it seems like John is the focus until we read what John himself says - then it becomes obvious that Jesus is the real focus.

In Mark's gospel, John - who baptises with water - points to Jesus as the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit. What's the difference? It is a matter of dimension: ordinary, extraordinary and cosmic. The materials we use for sacraments are always drawn from ordinary life: bread, wine, water, oil. When we use them for sacraments, we realise the extraordinary potential of ordinary things: they are capable of containing a world of meaning and a meaning which is larger than the world.

At every mass, the Eucharistic prayer asks God to 'Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.' At every baptism the water in the font is blessed: 'We ask you, Father, with your Son to send the Holy Spirit upon the waters of this font.' Towards the end of Lent each year, the oils for the diocese are blessed at the chrism Mass in the Cathedral: '. . . send your Holy Spirit, our Helper and Friend, upon this oil, which nature has provided to serve our needs.' Clearly it is the Spirit factor which gives *cosmic* significance to these *natural* materials and they are made sacred so we can use them: when we eat the bread, drink the wine, bath in the water and anoint with the oil. (*cont pg 3....*)

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil – 6 pm;
Sunday - 7.30 am, 9.30 am, 5.30 pm

Weekdays *this week*:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday & Saturday - 9am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9.30 am – 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am – 7 pm

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11
Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8. 19-28

Lay Carmelites Mass and meeting in
Carmel Community Room, 9.30 am

Baptism Sunday

Monday 15 December

St Vincent de Paul meeting in Carmel
Community Room, 7.30 pm

Wednesday 17 December

Rite of Reconciliation, 7.30 pm

Thursday 18 December

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

Saturday 20 December

Working Bee around the Church and
Priory followed by BBQ Lunch, 10 am

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 7 December 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Cuppa after 9.30 am Mass

Thursday 11 December

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm



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**THINKING OF MAKING OR
RENEWING YOUR WILL?**



Please think of us.

For more information please contact
Mt Carmel Parish Office 3397 1587.

Reflection (cont....)

So when Jesus baptises with the Holy Spirit, everyday reality is given a new, cosmic dimension. This is the beginning of the new creation, here and now, which will be completed in the end times when Jesus comes again. *Jenny Close*

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Christmas Mass Times

Wednesday 17 December:

Community Rite of Reconciliation 7.30 pm

Saturday 20 December:

Individual Confessions 9.30 am – 10.30 am

Wednesday 24 December:

7 pm Vigil Mass (Carols 6.45 pm)
10 pm Night Mass (Carols 9.45 pm)

Thursday 25 December:

7.30 am Mass (Carols 7.15 am)
9.30 am Mass (Carols 9.15 am)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL REPORT 2008

In the past year, parishioners have donated \$17,000 to your SVDP conference. On your behalf we have responded to 182 calls for assistance, provided \$9600 for food, \$2840 for rent, \$1980 for utilities, \$500 for other items, \$1540 to our 2 twinned conferences in India and arranged for 15 deliveries of furniture and provided 15 orders for clothing on the SVDP store. We thank you for your generous support and ask that you give generously again to our Christmas collection.

Duncan Stuart