

What's Happening?

An enjoyable, and relatively unknown part of our social calendar is **Carols by Candlelight** in the primary school. This event, which includes a visit by a familiar looking Santa will take place in the primary school at **6.15 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16th**. Come along.

On the next day, **Wednesday December 17th** we are celebrating our Communal Celebration of God's Forgiveness in the church at **7.30 p.m.** as part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas. Those beautiful flame trees which have been flowering around the place will form a symbolic theme for our evening.

Now we don't have any flame trees in the church grounds, unfortunately, but many of the things that do grow in our garden are in need of a trim, or, in the case of weeds, discreet removal. We are having a little **WORKING BEE** around the church and residence on **Saturday December 20th** from 10.00 a.m. till 12.00 noon, followed by a beer and BBQ. So far we have four takers, 3 plus myself. Are there any other takers out there? Please let the parish office, or Fr. Laurie know if you are fronting up. Ta

Laurie

We Remember those in God's Care



*Fr Greg Moore O.Carm, *and all who have died recently;*

*John Joseph Zunker, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

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

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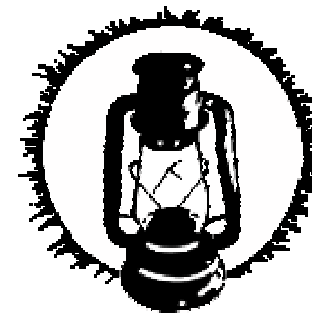
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH in the care of the Carmelites since 1937

3rd Sunday of Advent

14 December 2008

Ordinary, extraordinary, cosmic

Again this week, the gospel focuses on John the Baptist, 'a witness to speak for the light.' John is the ordinary man who has an extraordinary calling - to herald the advent of the cosmic. Jesus is the light, he is the cosmic Christ and the 'anointed one' that Isaiah refers to in the first reading today.



Jesus' mission is to 'bring good news to the poor.' However, it is not the innocent, clean, wholesome, respectable poor; rather it is the broken hearted, old lags in prison and the downtrodden. This seems a pretty unlikely bunch to be singled out for preferential treatment. The criteria seem to be all wrong: there is no mention of pillars of the church, daily mass goers or even nuns or priests.

Today's psalm, which is actually Mary's song from the gospel of Luke, reiterates this message: God, who 'fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.' This is the Kingdom that John heralds and Jesus embodies: 'the new heavens and new earth' (see the second reading last Sunday) in which God's mercy and justice are the norm.

At first glance, this picture of the Kingdom is pretty confronting for many Mt Carmel parishioners who are comfortably off, or even affluent. One of the perennial conundrums that we Christians struggle with from day to day is how to be true to our calling. After all, we can't all live John the Baptist's back-to-nature lifestyle. In the second reading today St Paul gives us a pointer: 'God has called you and he will not fail you.' Just like John, we are called to be witnesses to and 'to speak for the light', and God will give us whatever it takes to fulfil our mission to 'bring good news to the poor'.

Jenny Close

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

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 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

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

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38



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)

**Your generosity
can live on!**

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



Please think of us.

For more information please contact
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Fr Greg Moore O.Carm

Early last Sunday morning Fr Greg Moore O.Carm died peacefully in his sleep. He was 93. For the last 15 years he lived in retirement at Nazareth House, Geraldton WA. Older Coorparoo parishioners will remember Fr Greg from his time as parish priest of Mount Carmel where he left us a wonderful memorial in the church he built. The larger than life figures of Our Lady giving the Scapular to St Simon Stock, the Carmelite coat of arms on the altar and embedded in the portico terrazzo, and the foundation stone with its Latin inscription each reflect something of the man and his tastes.

Like all the Carmelites who have served in Coorparoo, his time here was only a part of his life. He made his first profession in 1937, and was ordained in 1943. For the next 12 years he taught philosophy at Whitefriars monastery. Frank and Jerome were among his students. Following a 6 year term as Provincial he was appointed Parish Priest of Cavendish Road 1955 – 61.

Then a new and what was to be the longest period of his life began in WA, first at Hilton in Perth, and later when he went to work in the Diocese of Geraldton, becoming parish priest of Mt Tom Price in the Pilbara. The remoteness, the isolation, the sheer ruggedness that went with the mining appealed to him. What became very important for him were the friendships that grew from these times. In many ways it was these that got through his shyness which could hide itself behind a sometimes gruff exterior.

After celebrating 50 years of priesthood he retired to Nazareth House, Geraldton. It was here last Wednesday that his requiem mass was celebrated by Bishop Bianchini, Bishop of Geraldton with a number of Carmelite and diocesan priests concelebrating. Then on Friday there was a funeral mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel church, Middle Park Melbourne. At the conclusion of the mass Fr Moore was buried in the cemetery at the former Whitefriars monastery, Donvale.

May he rest in peace