

## *We Remember those in God's Care*

- ❖ Mary Carmody, Olenka Kruger, Margaret Robinson, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ Mario and Marina Franzolini, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

## *We Pray for*

- ❖ Sr Val Healy FMM, Marie Rhodes, Steve Clark Ryan, Leo Caffery, Sebastian Geisler, Tim O'Neill, *and all our sick.*

### **OPEN MORNING:**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August starting at 9 am  
in the College Chapel with an Information Session  
followed by a tour of the College.  
The Open Morning will conclude at 10.30 am**

**SETON COLLEGE, MT GRAVATT EAST**, a Catholic Co-educational College, is now accepting enrolment applications from students wishing to attend the College in Year 8, 2010, 2011 or 2012. (Maximum Year 8 enrolment is 70 students). The College accepts students of all abilities, but seeks to provide opportunities for students who have experienced difficulties with their school work in the primary school years. This is done through a curriculum in which core subjects are offered at many levels and classes with a very favourable teacher – student ratio.

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can live on!**

Thinking of making  
or renewing  
your Will?



**Please think of us.**

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

**Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel**

**19 July 2009**

### **STUMPED!**

No, I'm not referring to the result of the first Ashes Test played recently in Wales. I guess that the less said in front of an Australian audience the better. I refer to a little snippet of news from Ireland, which appeared in *The Australian*, and the *Courier Mail* last week, which I'm sure, caused dismay to many intelligent, thinking Catholics around the world. In the process of cutting down a willow tree near a church, the remaining stump resembled the shape of a veiled woman. It immediately became a shrine with thousands descending on it and lighting candles and draping rosary beads over it, in spite of the local priest and bishop saying that it is only a partly dismembered tree trunk.

I guess that devotion to Mary over the centuries, even though it is an enshrined part of our Catholic culture, has always run the risk of crossing the fine line between life giving faith nourishment and superstition. Images of Mary have been reported recently on a fence at Coogee Beach in Sydney, on a water stained tile also in Sydney, on a slice of toast in the US (!) and of course, numerous weeping statues, including one a few years ago in Rockingham WA.

So what life and faith nourishment can we take from the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel today?

In traditional Carmelite European spirituality, Our Lady is associated with a Carmelite figure known as Simon Stock, who was regarded as a leader in the early Carmelite hermits in England. To say that these hermits were unwelcome was an understatement, they were 'boat people' who fled the wars of the Crusades and arrived unannounced and unwelcome into 12<sup>th</sup> century England. Simon Stock was stumped as he struggled to keep morale and a sense of worth alive amongst his followers. He prayed, as stumped people often do. As a Carmelite he sought the intercession of Mary. She gave it, with the scapular as the visible sign of it. Our artwork behind the altar is the depiction of this moment.

Today, Mary is a sign to us that we are not alone. When we are stumped in life, with or without a cricket bat, we are encouraged to dig deep into the recesses of our own inner strengths, and then to look beyond ourselves to our God and His Mother, Mary, who will assuredly come to us with comfort when we ask for it in faith.

As our own little way of giving comfort to some local people whose lives are stumped by difficulty, our parish, and the Carmelites are making a modest donation of \$500 to the Little Kings Centre in Buranda, a well known organization which supports the parents of handicapped children.

## PARISH MASS TIMES

### Weekends:

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

### Weekdays *this week*:

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

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

### MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 am

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment

## *This week at Mt Carmel*

### Today is 19 July

### Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Lay Carmelite Mass, 9.30am  
Morning Tea to celebrate will be served  
after 9.30 am Mass. All are welcome  
CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

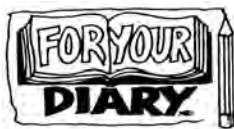
Celebrating 20 years of Family Groups  
at Mt Carmel 1989-2009 after 5.30pm  
Mass in Carmel Community Room.

### Monday 20 July

Rosary after 9 am Mass  
Little Rock Scripture Study Group in  
Church, 9.45 am  
St Vincent de Paul Meeting in Carmel  
Community Room, 7.30 pm

### Thursday 23 July

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm



### SUNDAY 26 JULY

### 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kings 4:42-44 Ephesians 4:1-6  
John 6:1-15

Fr Jerome's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass,  
9.30 am followed by morning tea

Baptism Preparation for August in  
Parish Office, 11 am

Baptism Sunday

Youth Ministered Mass 5.30 pm  
Luke 18 Group in Carmel Community  
Room, 6.30 pm ó 8 pm

### Tuesday 28 July

Finance Council meeting, 7.30

### Thursday 30 July

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community  
Room, 7.30 pm  
Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Every three years parishioners are asked to  
update their family details in order to help  
us keep accurate family records in the  
parish office.

It is that time again!

*Yellow forms are available from the  
table in the front entrance to the church.  
Please complete and return on the  
collection plate, or mail to the  
parish office.*

We also invite those who are new to the  
parish to complete one of these forms.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

# What's Happening?

Next weekend we celebrate the arrival of a number of visitors from ÷down southø If they think that they are coming up to bask in Queensland warmth, they might be disappointed.

**Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup> at the 9.30 a.m. Mass** we celebrate with Fr. Jerome his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ordination. This is a significant event in the life of a priest and we hope that as many parishioners as possible will be at the 9.30 Mass to celebrate with him. Carmelite visitors from ÷down southø who will be joining the three local lads are Frs. Matthew McPhee, Paul Cahill, Wayne Stanhope and Br. Leo Richmond. Hopefully the working bee will have tidied up the gardens a bit before Leo gets here!!

Another visitor on the same weekend is Sr. Rosemary Patterson, our Mission Coordinator. Rosemary will be giving us an update on our ministry in East Timor at the 6.00 p.m., 7.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Masses. Rosemary will then be our special guest at the 9.30 a.m. Mass as part of Jerome's celebration, but will not be giving a presentation.

After the 9.30 a.m. Mass we're having morning tea. People are asked to bring a plate to share on this occasion.

Our congratulations, prayers and best wishes go to Jerome on this weekend.

**On Monday evening, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.** in the school library Rosemary will be meeting with members of the P & F and Friends of Zumalai. Other interested parishioners are more than welcome. The following **Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** is the school fete. This is always a huge event and this year promises to be more of the same. Come along!

The following **Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>** has been put aside to celebrate the Feast of Blessed Mary MacKillop, who is now officially named as the patroness of our Diocese. The liturgy of that weekend will be that of the Feast of Blessed Mary.

*Fr Laurie*