

Fr Jerome's Reflection *(cont....)*

Today it's heartwarming to be celebrating with friends here at Coorparoo and from other places. I'm looking forward to another family celebration in Melbourne next month, and hopefully meeting with others from the places where I have been.

There's something about this time that invites you to stand back, and also let go. You know there are some things you won't be doing again, and are at peace with that. With less responsibility you are freer to simply be with people, and also to read. It's a feeling of contentment. Maybe it's a gentle reminder from God that it's His work, not ours. Quietly the thought also takes hold that prayer for others is at the heart of the priest's ministry. If 50 years of life have passed, then God must be coming closer. How could we not be people of hope?

Fr Jerome

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ John Giblin, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ *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.*

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 July 2009

Perhaps it's like the feeling when you become a grandparent for the first time? Some of you will be thinking, what would he know about that! So, we'll move on. Reaching 50 years of priesthood reminds you that this is a special moment for a lot of reasons that present themselves. Not in any order. They continue to come, these new thoughts. They stop you, they interrupt what has been the pattern of your life. For a while you give these thoughts, these memories free rein to take you where they will. You sense you are being told something. It might be important, so you begin to listen, to take notice. There's something quite personal about it.

Today as we celebrate together, could I share something of this with you?

Fifty years ago 3 Carmelites were ordained in Melbourne: Peter Byrth, Tim Malone and myself. Over the years our lives have taken very different paths. Peter a larger than life figure, who's enriched us with his wonderful company has spent many years in the United States, much to the pleasure of his many friends there. He remains a very dear friend over all these years. I speak to him by phone now and then. Sadly ill health has caused his retirement to a nursing home. But he continues to be visited by his many friends. Tim, the eldest of us was a kindly man with a dry sense of humour. He died 20 years ago in our parish when we were in Perth. His quotable quotes still remain with us.

As Carmelites it happens that we come to live and minister in different places. So over the years I have lived in Melbourne, Rome, Brisbane (for 3 periods), Sydney and Perth. More important than the places are the people there who've become a part of our lives. Sometimes this has been a fleeting experience; happily it is often the beginning of long lasting friendships. The great distances between these places tend to mark out the different chapters of life. Revisiting these places and friends is one of my greatest joys.

Since ordination two of my sisters have married. Anne who is here today, with Brendan her husband have 4 sons and 6 grandchildren. Phil who is very creative has established a haven of peace and beauty in her cottage and garden overlooking Western Port Bay. Therese lost her husband Arch just over two years ago. My mother died shortly after I left Coorparoo in 1979.

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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

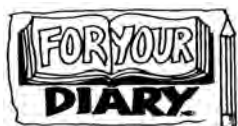
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 am

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 2 AUGUST

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

Ephesians 4:17. 20-24 John 6:24-35

Parishioners Vince and Kathy Aguis will be speaking briefly after communion next weekend about Marriage Encounter

Monday 3 August

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

Wednesday 5 August

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

Thursday 6 August

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 26 July

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

John 6:1-15

Fr Jerome's 50th 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

Monday 27 July

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Friends of Zumalai and P & F meeting with Rosemary Patterson in School Library, 7.30 pm. Parishioners welcome to attend.

Tuesday 28 July

Plant & Resources meeting, 12 midday

Finance Council meeting in priory, 7.30 pm

Thursday 30 July

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community Room, 7.30 pm

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

Mt Carmel School Fete

Sunday 2 August 2009

9.30 am - 3.30 pm

Norfolk Street, Coorparoo

What's Happening?

This weekend we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jerome's ordination. Our congratulations, prayers and best wishes go with gratitude to Jerome as we recognise this great event in his life. The main celebration will be at the 9.30 a.m. Mass followed by morning tea in the brilliant sunshine.

We also welcome Sr. Rosemary Patterson, our East Timor Mission Procurator who will be speaking at the 6.00 p.m., 7.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Masses this weekend and bringing us up to date with how things are going in Timor Leste.

Thanks to the people who pedalled, jogged or walked from Fernvale to Lowood a couple of weeks ago. So far \$1,217.00 has been collected, which will go towards the provision of tile replacement, non-slip surfaces and security lighting.

Thanks too to the people who made the special effort to come to the 9.30 a.m. Mass last week to participate in the main celebration for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Thanks too to the Lay Carmelites who organized an excellent morning tea for us all. A great morning.

Last Thursday our little Mission Statement Committee met with Sr. Mary Franzmann to look at the excellent suggestions to our draft Mission Statement which has been circulating for the past couple of months. Our next get together will be for all interested people to move on to the next part of the process, probably some time in September. Stay tuned.

Finally, don't forget to pop down to the school fete next Sunday, August 2nd. It is always a really enjoyable place to be for an hour or so, or all day if you wish.

Fr Laurie

OPEN MORNING: SETON COLLEGE

Tuesday 4 August starting at 9 am

In the College Chapel with an Information Session

Followed by a tour of the College

More details on notice board in Church foyer.