

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ Sebastian Geisler, Lisa Martinez, Jim Hackett, John Illidge, Molly McCallum, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ John Gannon, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

- ❖ Joan Meehan, Margaret Nance, Marie Rhodes, Steve Clark Ryan, Leo Caffery, Tim O'Neill, *and all our sick.*



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

9 August 2009

Feast of Blessed Mary MacKillop

Usually writing the reflection for the parish newsletter involves studying the Sunday readings and trying to draw something from them. This time it is different, the woman we hope will soon be Australia's first saint, Blessed Mary MacKillop died 100 years ago on 8th August 1909. It is only fitting, therefore, to reflect today on her life and work.

Mary was born in Melbourne in 1842, became governess to the Cameron children, her cousins, in Penola in 1861. That was where she met Father Julian Tenison Woods, who was the co-founder with her of the Sisters of St Joseph. Mary was teaching in Portland in 1863 in a school which closed two years later. She was passionately concerned that many girls had no access to education, particularly those in poor circumstances. Her calling to serve God, as a teacher, was so strong that she founded a new form of religious life, where the sisters lived among the needy, helping in practical ways.

The first school was in Adelaide, but several moves followed. Developing the first curriculum for an Australian school made Mary an educational pioneer. Opening schools as she became aware of the needs, but refusing steadfastly to accept central government, Mary was excommunicated in 1871. It was a time of change in education in Australia which altered many things. After investigation the excommunication was rescinded in 1872, but problems with her non-acceptance of central government persisted. Schools were begun in Queensland and New South Wales and continued to spread rapidly, despite further difficulties and forced closures. It was not until 1888 the Order of the Sisters of St Joseph was decreed by Rome to be an approved Congregation.

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A special Brisbane Archdiocese Sesquicentenary Event

Mendelssohn's great oratorio *ELIJAH*

will be performed by

THE QUEENSLAND CHOIR SINFONIA OF ST ANDREW'S
and soloists directed by Kevin Power

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2009 3.00 pm

Cathedral of St Stephen 249 Elizabeth Street Brisbane

**Tickets available at door from 2.00pm or may be pre-purchased in office
hours at The Cathedral Administration Office**

Full \$15 / Concessions \$10 Wheelchair access available

Cathedral parking – enter from Charlotte Street

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Thinking of making
or renewing
your Will?



Please think of us.

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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

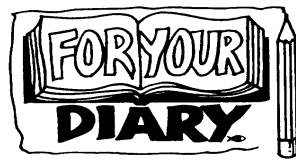
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 am

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 16 AUGUST

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Proverbs 9:1-6

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

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

Monday 17 August

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

Thursday 20 August

Mt Camel Social Club meeting in Carmel
Community Room, 9.30 am

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Baptism Preparation for September in
Carmel Community Room, 11 am

Baptism Sunday

Youth Ministered Mass 5.30 pm

Luke 18 Group in Carmel Community
Room, 6.30 pm ó 8 pm

Thursday 27 August

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm



Feast of Blessed Mary MacKillop (cont...)

The sisters continued to move where the needs called them, enhancing the lives of those in less favourable circumstances. Sister Mary of the Cross, as Mary MacKillop was known died in 1909. She was beatified in 1995.

This year the Loreto Sisters are celebrating 400 years since the foundation of their order, the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is very interesting to note that because their founder Mary Ward determined that her order would be self-governing and clung determinedly to this belief, she too was excommunicated and after some years her excommunication was annulled. One could say that a belief that religious women could not rule themselves, which was challenged in the 17th Century by Mary Ward, was still being perceived as unsuitable and impossible in the 19th!

Some of Mary MacKillop's words, worthy of reflection:

öWe must look before us, to do what we do well and refuse to undertake too much.ö

öKeep young as long as you can.ö

öWe teach more by example than words.ö

öTrust in God.ö

*Moya Hickey
Parishioner*

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 9 August

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Judith 8:11-17, 28-31

Colossians 3:12-17

Matthew 6:25-34

Baptism Sunday

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Monday 10 August

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Thursday 13 July

Readers Preparation in Sacristy,
7.30 pm

Saturday 15 August

Assumption of the Virgin Mary
Mass, 9 am

Mission Statement

This is the second draft of Our Mission Statement which people are asked to comment on before August 28th.

The Mission of the Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is to live the Gospel in the spirit of the Carmelite Tradition,

By

- **Becoming a vibrant worshipping community that seeks to deepen its Spirituality**
- **Being inclusive, welcoming and supporting of all in their faith journey**
- **Outreaching to those who no longer feel that they belong, those on the margins and those most in need.**