

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ Dr Michael Gallagher, Mena Ward *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ *all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

- ❖ Pat Ryan, 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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 August 2009

“What difference does it make to other people that you go to Communion?” Fr Jerome Watt’s zinger of a question from a homily years ago was still reverberating through my soul as I sat down last week to try to pen a reflection piece prompted by today’s Gospel. Recalling the above, abiding memory began to trigger others – snatches of homilies on the Eucharist given by three different Carmelites. Hopefully, each of these remembered fragments of homilies, will contribute valuable insights into the Eucharist for those of us assembled here, in August 2009.

As I recalled Fr Jerome’s challenging question, the mists of time parted and I remembered again the words of Fr Paul Clery. His homily on the Eucharist began with the observation that when we receive a letter from a friend (this was in pre internet day when people not infrequently wrote and received such things) our human hearts respond with warmth and anticipation, not just at our friend’s distinctive handwriting but in anticipation of the furthering of relationship which the letter promises to deepen. Similarly, Fr Clery went on, what aspect of Jesus stirs in your heart when you watch the host being elevated at the Consecration, or when receiving Jesus in Holy Communion? I remember thinking...what a thought! What a reality! The realization that we are loved!

(Sit with that for a moment.)

Fast forward a couple of years. The scene changes. Now it is the unforgettable Fr Bernard Shah who stands in the pulpit, preaching this very subject – receiving the Bread of Life. I remember Fr Shah inviting us to consider what we truly believe, in our heart of hearts, is happening to us when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. He reminded us that we are not meant to understand everything, nor be able to explain the Real Presence, that there are no tests to pass, that the reality and experience of mystery is important here. Instinctively I grasped that Fr Shah wanted us to know that we are loved unconditionally by God and that the Eucharist is empowering us to make a difference to ourselves and each other.

Finally I want to return to Fr Jerome’s extraordinary question which began this reflection. It remains a zinger of a question because there are no ultimate answers to it, just deeper and deeper layers of knowing. Part of this kind of knowing means that we are convinced, at a soul level, that we are loved, and that each one of us, has a uniquely important contribution to make.

So....What do you truly believe in your heart of hearts?

Heather Stabler Parishioner



HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY EDUCATION APPEAL

The Annual Holy Spirit Seminary Education Appeal will be held in our parish next weekend – 22/23 August

Currently there are 15 Seminarians in training at the Holy Spirit Seminary at Banyo. They need our prayers and financial support on their journeys to become priests for Queensland. This Appeal is an opportunity for everyone to give thanks and support your Queensland seminary.

Please support the seminary and come next weekend prepared to give generously.

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YOUR GENEROSITY
can live on!

Thinking of making
or renewing
your Will?



Please think of us.

For more information
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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

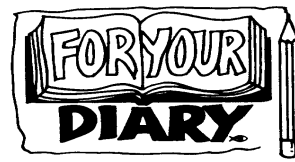
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 am

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

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

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 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

Rosary after 9 am Mass

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

Lost and Found

Lost:

Small Gold Earring on 26 July

Found:

Toyota car key and house key in
Ladies toilet on 7 August

Note from Fr Jerome

Some one kindly loaned me a book
ōPalestinian Walksö. I am sorry I
cannot remember who it was, but I
have it in the sacristy to return to
its rightful owner.

SVDP Year Accounts

The following is a brief resume of how the funds you have contributed to SVDP have been spent on your behalf.

The SVDP receipts and expenditure for the 12 months to 30/06/09 were as follows:

Receipts:-

Members' contributions: \$ 90

Leader and pious stall sales: \$ 6457

Parishioners' contributions: \$19731

Payments:-

Leader, cards, Australian Catholic: \$ 6116

Assistance to parish needy: \$17139

Overseas aid: \$ 1340

There is a surplus of \$2500 for the year. Our conference thanks our contributors for your ongoing support to assist the needy of our parish. We cannot function without you.

Duncan Stuart
Secretary

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.**