

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ Kevin Conroy, Brian Wavell-Smith, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ Matthew James Kerr, Vera Newton, Margaret & Murgha Crowe, Veronica Green, Nicholas Newton, Patrick Crowe, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

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

Zumalai Christmas Cake & Gift Stall

Help is needed to fund the "Car Truck" for Zumalai. Christmas cakes, puddings, biscuits, Christmas gifts or Prizes (to go towards the raffle) are needed. The money raised will help make it a happier time for our friends in East Timor. The Christmas Stall will be held outside the church after all masses on 28th and 29th November.

A meeting will be held on the 12th November to organize this last event for 2009. This will take place in Carmel Community Room at 7.30 pm. New faces are welcome.

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can live on!**

Thinking of making
or renewing
your Will?



Please think of us.

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All Saints

1 November 2009

The Saint Factor

This weekend we celebrate the feast of "All Saints", a very important day in the Catholic Church's calendar when we recognize those in our Catholic community who through millennia have come to embody what it means to be Christ in this world.

In preparing to write this article I decided to research the stories of a couple of saints (the ones that feature in my name) to find out what type of people they were. The interesting thing I found is that the story of the people that do end up as saints is well, often very interesting and probably unknown to most Catholics. The other thing I found out is that all the saints I checked out stood for an idea or symbolized a characteristic of what it means to be a practicing Christian in this world.

Firstly St. Benjamin (although I suspect I was named after Benjamin, Jacob's son) was a deacon in ancient Persia who was martyred for refusing to stop preaching. The details of his death by torture are incredibly gruesome and not fit for a family publication such as this! St Benjamin is said to exemplify the values of courage and following through on his belief in his mission to preach the word of God. Ultimately to a cruel and very painful death.

Next is St. Christopher who's recognized in both the Roman Catholic as well as Eastern Orthodoxies. His story would make a great movie. Apparently he was a Canaanite warrior whose original name was Reprobos. Legend has it that he was 18 ft. tall and responsible for carrying the infant Christ across a river. His life story is about his quest for the truth and to serve the most powerful ruler. This quest leads him to serving Christ. In the end he too is martyred after refusing to disavow his beliefs even in the face of some serious temptation (involving riches and beautiful women, whom he managed to convert to Christianity!). I suppose in reading the story of St Christopher I am inspired by his unerring quest to find the truth and then the courage and the conviction to follow through on his beliefs no matter what the consequences.

This weekend's Gospel, the iconic Sermon on the Mount, provides us with a blueprint for leading the saintly life. It's a wonderful passage, Jesus provides a clearly articulated set of instructions on what it means to be a Christian. The beatitudes first uttered over 2000 years ago, still have a compelling relevance for us in today's world. Jesus talks of being humble, peace-orientated, gentleness with the Earth, focused on social justice and standing fast for what you believe is right, even in the face of extreme pressure from others to recant. These are good solid principles for living and for those of us who are able to follow through on these in a consistent way, Sainthood beckons. For the rest of us, who maybe try to implement these principles most of time in our lives, I still think that we have the potential to lead a good life, one where the legacy we leave behind will be appreciated and remembered by many.

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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*:

Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat - 9 am

Monday

All Souls 9 am & 7.30 pm

Wednesday

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

RECONCILIATION

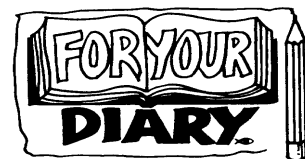
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 am

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Monday 9 November

First Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7.30 pm

Tuesday 10 November

First Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7.30 pm

Wednesday 11 November

First Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7.30 pm

Thursday 12 November

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

Friends of Zumalai meeting in Carmel

Community Room, 7.30 pm

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 1st November

All Saints

Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14

1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

Monday 2 November

All Souls Mass 9 am & 7.30 pm

Rosary after 9 am Mass

St Vincent de Paul meeting in Carmel

Community Room, 7.30 pm

Wednesday 4 November

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

RCIA in Carmel Community Room,

7.30pm

Thursday 5 November

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

Mount Carmel Social Club

Next Bus trip on

Thursday 19 November

leaving outside church at 9.30 am to Burbank Koala Bushland for Morning Tea. Trip around Victoria Point and Redland Bay Area.

Lunch at Redland Bay Golf Club. All Inclusive \$30 Book by 13 Nov

Christmas Break Up

Held at Coorparoo RSL Noon Thursday 3

December Cost: \$25 Book by 27 Nov

Bookings Peg 3397 3857 or John 3397 7281

What's Happening?

Monday, November 2nd is the Commemoration of All Souls. We have two Masses in the parish on that day, the first at the usual time of 9.00 a.m. which will commence at the site of the memorial garden, and then move into the church. The second Mass will be at 7.30 p.m., in the church.

We all know what the following day is!!

We have a number of profiles up on the rear wall of the church. These are children who are preparing for the Sacrament of First reconciliation in November. You might like to have a look at them and select one, preferably one that you do not know, and pray for that person.

Our next gathering to finalise the Mission Statement will take place in the primary school library from midday until about 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 15th. So far only the committee is attending, but hopefully some others might like to join us to bring this project to a conclusion. Please let Fr. Laurie or the parish office know by Friday November 13th if you can be present. We would like about 30 people to create some depth to the process.

Laurie

The Saint Factor (cont...)

As an exercise this week pick a saint that piques your interest and check out their life story online. Try and get a sense of what they were like as people first and then as Christians second. I am sure you will find that in their own often interesting, challenging and sometimes scary way they have come to an understanding of what it means to be Christ in this world, what it means to live the message of the Gospel. I am sure you will learn something that can be applied to your own life today.

So when we examine the lives of these saints against the blueprint of a saintly life espoused in the Beatitudes, we see a compelling synchronicity between what Jesus preached that day on the hill and how these Saints lived everyday of their life.

Ben Norris Parishioner