

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



- ❖ Fr Frank Gallagher, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ *all whose anniversaries occur now.*

### *We Pray for*

- ❖ Fr Noel Kierce O.Carm, Margaret Nance, Leo Caffery, Tim O'Neill, *and all our sick.*



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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**25 April 2010**

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. But let's be honest – is anyone happy to be likened to a sheep? I don't have a lot of experience with sheep. My rural experience was with sugar cane, which, I propose, is not as smart as sheep, but probably pretty close. But I have a more fundamental problem with this passage, and with John's Gospel in general. Let me explain.

I pride myself on being smarter than a sheep and I am surely like the people that prompted the words of Jesus in today's Gospel. Jesus is moving freely about the temple, and a crowd gathers around Him and implores him to tell them plainly if he is the Messiah. I can relate to this request. Surely, if Jesus can just clearly and without any room for doubt make his claims clear, then we can believe. (We tend to think that it would be easier to believe in Jesus if we had been with Him walking through Judea, but I don't think that this would have been the case.)

What evidence would I have been looking for? Probably a clear appeal to logic and reasoning with a long discourse on the deficiencies of Greek philosophy. But what do we get? Shepherds and sheep. In other words, if you are His, you will know His voice. A relationship of trust will develop, like that of a shepherd and his sheep.

You see, Jesus did not appeal to other people, to philosophers or scientists or scribes or even laws of reasoning to authenticate His message. To what source of expertise or authority could God the Son appeal except His Father? God does not appeal to us to authenticate his message any more than a shepherd tries to reason with His sheep.

Jesus assures us that those who are his will hear his voice. As much as I like reasoning, perhaps what I need to do is simply start listening for the voice of the One that can be trusted.

I would like to leave you with the words of someone I admire, one of the greatest scientists the world has seen: Blaise Pascal. Here is a great mind comfortable with logic, reasoning and philosophy, who encounters the Shepherd and is never the same again. In fact, he sewed a parchment memorial of the event inside his coat pocket -- his "Night of Fire" on November 23, 1654, when for about two hours he was overwhelmed by tears of joy.

### **Reflection....(cont)**

This is it:

#### **Fire**

*'God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob,' not of philosophers and scholars.  
Certainty, certainty, heartfelt, joy, peace.*

*God of Jesus Christ.*

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*My God and your God.*

*'Thy God shall be my God.'*

*The world forgotten, and everything except God.*

*He can only be found by the ways taught in the Gospels.*

*Greatness of the human soul.*

*'O righteous Father, the world had not known thee, but I have known thee.'*

*Joy, joy, joy, tears of joy.*

*I have cut myself off from him.*

*They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters.*

*'My God wilt thou forsake me?'*

*Let me not be cut off from him for ever!*

*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.'*

*Jesus Christ.*

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*I have cut myself off from him, shunned him, denied him, crucified him.*

*Let me never be cut off from him!*

*He can only be kept by the ways taught in the Gospel.*

*Sweet and total renunciation.*

*Total submission to Jesus Christ and my director.*

*Everlasting joy in return for one day's effort on earth.*

*I will not forget thy word. Amen.*

*Paul Asnicar Parishioner*

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## PARISH MASS TIMES

### Weekends:

Saturday Vigil – 6 pm;

Sunday - 7.30 am, 9.30 am & 5.30 pm

### Weekdays *this week*:

Monday & Saturday, 9 am

**Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 9 am

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9.30 am – 10 am

### MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am – 7 am

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment

## *This week at Mt Carmel*

Today is 25 April

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Acts 13:14. 43-52*

*Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17 John 10:27-30*

**Anzac Day**

Baptism Sunday

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Youth Ministered Mass, 5.30 pm followed with Luke 18 till 8 pm in Carmel Community Room

**Monday 26 April**

Carmel Cellars Anzac Day BBQ in Carmel Community Room, 4 pm Fundraiser for Friends of Zumulai – East Timor

**Thursday 29 April**

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

**Open Morning: Seton College**

**Tuesday 4 May 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 Yr 8, 2011, 2012 or 2013. (Maximum Year 8 enrolment is 70 students)

The College accepts students of all abilities, but seeks to provide opportunities for students who need to 'pick up the pace' from their school work in the primary school years. This is done through a curriculum in which core subjects are offered to many levels and classes with a very favourable teacher – student ratio.

## What's Happening?

The Carmelites will be pulling out their jackets and settling into Melbourne this week for the 2010 Carmelite Chapter, which runs from Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup> to Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup>. During the week here in Coorparoo we will have a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at the usual time of 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Life will return to normal the following week. Well, almost normal. Our secretary, Emanuela will be visiting the US during May with her husband. During that time the office will remain open as usual, with the re-emergence of the Low Tech Newsletter for a while.

*Fr Laurie*

## THE LITTLE WHITE BOOK

Reflections for the Easter season from SVDP Stall. Cost \$4.00



Heather Stabler would like to sincerely thank all parishioners whose contributions have made it possible for a carport to keep Heather's car cool which is required for health reasons.

## MT CARMEL SOCIAL CLUB

### Bus Trip to Bribie Island

on Thursday 20 May

Leaves church at 9.30 am.

Morning Tea at the Beach at Shorncliffe.

Lunch at Bribie Island RSL.

All inclusive \$35

Bookings by 17 May

John 3397 7281 Peg 3397 3857



## CARMEL CELLARS ANZAC DAY BBQ

on Monday 26 April at 4 pm  
in Carmel Community Room

BYO Wine to taste and talk about

BYO meat and either salad or  
desert to share.



Donation  
\$10



*All welcome to come along*

Contact Ron Kreger 3847 1870  
for more information  
Funds raised forwarded to  
Friends of Zumulai – East Timor.