

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

- ❖ Jacob Moerland, Darren Smith, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ *all whose anniversaries occur now.*

## *We Pray for*

- ❖ Delia Price, Margaret Nance, Leo Caffery, Tim O'Neill, Colin Hage, Bernard McDonald, *and all our sick.*

## **CLERGY FOUNDATION APPEAL**

### **THE ANNUAL CLERGY FOUNDATION APPEAL TO ASSIST SUPPORT OUR SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS IS BEING CONDUCTED THIS WEEKEND IN OUR PARISH.**

Please give generously to assist the Foundation in providing care for those who have given much to us and now rely on us. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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

But with the "I am" comes the "but you". If we invest Jesus with the authority to be the answer to the human condition, we also give him the authority to be Lord of all our life. If I were to answer like Peter, I know that I commit myself to the cost of discipleship, even though I still have uncertainties. I realise that the victory of the messiah comes through the pain and suffering of the cross. We see a swift movement in the passage from the discussion about who Jesus is to the summoning of the disciples to pick up their cross and follow him.

This is why the question haunts and bothers me. Do I have the faith to die to myself and follow Christ in the service of the poor and suffering; to speak truth with power to change unjust structures?

I know that the question will not go away if I ignore it – it has been there for me to answer in the past, and again I hear it in today's Gospel and in the writing of this newsletter. I tend to crowd out the message: "I'm pretty busy right now. I am very comfortable in my middle class lifestyle".

But the invitation is always there. We may not always be in a place where we can make that impetuous confession of Peter's. And that does not necessarily point to any weakness or failure on our part; it points to discipleship as a life-long aim, not a short-term achievement.

There is a huge contrast between the Peter who stumbled upon a divine truth when Jesus asked him a question at Caesarea Philippi, and the Peter who, having followed Jesus to the tomb - and beyond - eventually leads the followers of Jesus beyond the confines of Judaism into an all-embracing faith of justice and love.

Surely that is an example: that it's not so much finally a question of what we make of Jesus, but what Jesus is making of us.

*Paul Asnicar Parishioner*



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

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**20 June 2010**

‘But you,’ he said, ‘who do you say I am?’

This question haunts and bothers me. It jumps off the page and it seems Jesus directs it at me – and I can’t give a trite or pat answer, because I know the answer changes everything, and would change me.

There seems to be two dimensions in the question. The “but you” and the “I am”.

“I am”, with its undertones from the Old Testament and its identification with God (YHWH = I AM) we see the self referential authority of Jesus: he himself is the message, he didn’t come to point us to the truth, He is the Truth. Jesus Christ is, in his own person, God’s answer to the human condition. This self referential authority of Jesus challenges the social structures of the time, for example the Honour/Shame system of 1 century Palestine. We can see this operating in last week’s reading about the woman with the alabaster jar.

To the people of the time, the woman may have been considered to be of low social status, having lost honour-shame that can never be retrieved. By accepting the actions of a shameless person, Jesus was bringing shame to himself. In the process of restoring the woman, Jesus himself loses honour in the terms of this world; he makes himself vulnerable to uncleanness, criticism and sexual scandal; his support of shameless women shames him in the male world.

In Luke’s story, Jesus relocates his identity from the centre (male guests) to the circumference (the woman) establishing community with her and distance from Simon. He ‘embodies in his own person the divine intention’ of salvation expressed in the forgiveness of sins. Jesus, the true prophet of this Gospel, uses his authority to step over the invisible but impassable boundaries between righteous and sinful, male and female, insider and outcast, clean and unclean. This exemplifies the revolutionary dynamic of Jesus coming in Luke. Ultimately, by the strength of his own person, Jesus restores the honour of the woman without losing his own honour.

Jesus turns the tables through the strength of his own identity: the story he tells clearly puts himself as the debt forger as the woman’s show of gratefulness is directed at Jesus. I suggest that such a radical stance (and Luke’s courage to write such radical material) could only be vindicated by the resurrection – God’s yes to Jesus and all he stood for.

## PARISH MASS TIMES

### Weekends:

Saturday Vigil – 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 – 10 am

### MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am – 7 am

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment

## SUNDAY 27 JUNE 2010

### 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Kings 19:16. 19-21*

*Galatians 5:1. 13-18*

*Luke 9:51-62*

Baptism Sunday

Fr Laurie's Farewell Morning Tea  
in School Shed, 10.30am

Youth Ministered Mass, 5.30 pm  
followed by Luke 18 in Carmel  
Community Room

### Tuesday 29 June

Finance Council meeting in  
Carmel Community Room, 7.30 pm

### Thursday 1 July

Readers Preparation in Sacristy  
7.30pm

### Congratulations to Leon Capra

for being awarded an OAM  
“for services to education as  
*Foundation Principle of  
St Augustine's College,  
Springfield*”.

### Fr Laurie's Farewell

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 am at  
School Shed and Oval – is the  
community of Mt Carmel School  
and Parish's chance to farewell  
Fr Laurie as he heads North.  
After 9.30 am Mass, we will  
gather to celebrate Fr Laurie's  
time with us and wish him well.  
If everyone can bring a plate to  
share, we will have tea and coffee  
available.

We congratulate the following young members of our community who will be receiving Confirmation and First Eucharist this weekend. We also welcome and thank their family and friends who have come to celebrate with them.

Isaac Abraham

Jack Amourous

Molly Amourous

Sam Atkinson

Joanna Bach

Matthew Bloder

Anthony Buchhorn

Abigail Cairns

Stephen Chant

Giles Cheers

Max Dang

Isabella De'Ambrosio

Finbarr Farrell

Michael Fitzpatrick

Riley Godwin

Obadiah Haddock

Margot Hammond

Sophie Isaac

Paris Jones

Lachlan Littleton

Evelyn Lukin

Siobhan Lyons

Cael McWilliam

Kiara Meagher

Aliesha Meagher

Lee Moran

James Nicol

Benjamin Paulsen

Nicholas Phillips

Caitlin Phillips

Jessica Quinn

Luke Read

Brayden Rosen

Luca Scoglio

Mark Stuart

Brendan Wallis

Sebastian Wilson

## *This week at Mt Carmel*

Today is 20 June

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1*

*Galatians 3:26-29*

*Luke 9:18-24*

World Refugee Day

Clergy Foundation Appeal

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Confirmation & First Eucharist Mass,  
11 am

Monday 21 June

Rosary after 9 am Mass

SVDP meeting in Carmel Community  
Room, 7.30 pm

Thursday 24 June

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community  
Room, 7.30 pm

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

## *What's Happening?*

With my departure next Sunday, the question on people's lips is "Who is coming?" An interim arrangement is being put in place until the end of the year. Fr Jerome will take on the role of Acting Parish Priest for that period of time. Fr Frank is remaining here. Frank and Jerome will be joined for three months, August till October, by Fr Jim DeLaurier, who will assist in the parish. Thanks Jerome for taking on this role and I'm sure that many people will be happy to see Jim back for a while.

*Laurie*

### Planned Giving

For those who give donations to the Carmelites and to the Parish Planned Giving Program through the envelope system, your envelopes for the next twelve months are available from the table in the foyer of the church.

We thank you for your continued support through your contributions.

We also acknowledge the support given by parishioners through direct debiting or credit card facilities (no envelopes required). If 'envelope' givers would like to change over to direct debit or credit card giving, please contact Maureen at the Parish Office (3397 1587 on Mondays). Thank you.