

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ Fr Bill Ross, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ Mervyn Stephensen, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

- ❖ Patricia O'Brien, Gloria Zunker, Trish Gowdie, Margaret Nance, Delia Price, *and all our sick.*

Reflection....(cont)

In the Psalm, the theme of hospitality as a true value of our faith is raised. True hospitality shines through when it is offered to those, like the poor, who cannot repay it back. This is the real meaning of unconditional love, to act out of love for someone without expecting or indeed wanting that to be reciprocated.

In the Gospel parable Jesus talks about inviting the poor, the blind, the lame and the crippled to the dinner party precisely because in Jewish society of that era, they were the most disadvantaged and excluded. In a faith that equated a healthy functioning body as a sign of moral worth and status, the blind, crippled and lame were seen as sinners, punished by the Almighty and meant to be excluded from the company of good people. For Jesus to tell this particular story at this particular dinner party made his message all the more dramatic and challenging.

So as we leave church today and consider the week ahead let us ask ourselves "who will we invite around for dinner?" and how will we practice the hospitality and humility that Jesus asks of us. God Bless

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Mt Carmel Social Club

**Next Bus Trip to
Stradbroke Island
on Thursday 16 September
leaves outside church at 8 am**

Have a whale of a time.
Bus, barge, morning tea &
lunch all inclusive \$40
[NOTE TIME & COST]
Bookings by 12 September
Peg 3397 3857
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OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH
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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

29 August 2010

Guess who's coming to dinner?

Dinner parties are unique cultural phenomenon aren't they? I think some of the recent ratings success over such programs as *Master Chef* show that our fascination with food and cooking is more than just about eating and drinking good cuisine. Dinner parties are as much about the people we invite as they are about the type of food and beverages served. Being invited to certain dinner parties and accepting or not the invitation is a social practice steeped in meaning and can assume a level of great importance for some.

It is this very practice that Jesus addresses in today's Gospel from Luke. One gets the impression that for some time, certainly at the height of his popularity with the masses, Jesus would have been considered as somewhat of an A-lister amongst the more status conscious in local community circles. Here was a young, charismatic man who could move crowds with his erudition and common touch. By all accounts it would appear that Jesus, the preacher, was highly articulate and quite gregarious. Quite the perfect dinner guest in fact.

From the Gospel we can see that the dinner party that Jesus had been invited to was regarded as the big ticket event in town that night. It was hosted by a top Pharisee and guests were jostling for positions of honour around the dinner table. All of this jockeying for positions of status and privilege made Jesus remark, through a thinly disguised parable, about how embarrassing it would be to be asked to sit in a less important spot by the host. The shame and embarrassment that Jesus conveys through this story would have made a few people squirm in their seats and raised a couple of nervous giggles.

So once again Jesus has another encounter with a Pharisee and exhorts them to be focused on the values and practice of humility and hospitality rather than pride and social status. The parable of the 'Widow's mite' and the Gospel of the woman who washes his feet with her hair are other stories where this theme of humility is also discussed.

The first reading like the Gospel is also concerned with the practice of humility and hospitality and the writer relates true greatness with true humility.

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil – 6 pm;

Sunday - 7.30 am, 9.30 am & 5.30 pm

Weekday Masses: 9 am, except for
Wednesday Mass of Anointing, 10 am

RECONCILIATION

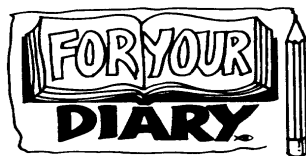
Saturdays 9.30 am – 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am – 7 am

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 9:13-18

Philemon 9-10. 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Monday 6 September

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

Friends of Zumalai – East Timor
meeting in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

Thursday 9 September

Readers Preparation in Sacristy,
7.30pm

MT CARMEL PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptised children in year 3
or older are eligible to
prepare to receive Sacrament
of Reconciliation. If you
have a child who you would
like to participate in this
process please contact the
Parish Office 3397 1587
Mondays - Thursdays

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 29 August

*22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20. 28-29

Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24

Luke 14:1. 7-14

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

School Ministered Mass, 5.30 pm

Monday 30 August

Rosary after 9.30 am Mass

Wednesday 1 September

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

Thursday 2 September

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

Friends of Zumalai – East Timor fundraiser.

There is a meeting on Monday 6 September for anyone interested in assisting with an external weekend function in October.

For more information contact Julie Stuart phone 3394 1135

It has been a good week.

Last Sunday night the presence of the Net team and the wonderful music of the youth, and their families, at the 5.30 Mass, made it a quite special celebration for everyone. Thank you. This Sunday it will also be a family Mass, so we look forward to that too.

On last Monday, the principal of Coorparoo State School, Greg Kretschmann, and Marian Moor, Co-ordinator of the school's Religious Program invited representatives from the local churches to sign an agreement to provide religious instruction for children in the school. We were made very welcome, and offered any help the catechists might need. Mt Carmel presently provides two catechists, Patricia Mitchell and Duncan Stewart. The school would welcome more if we could help them.

After around 16 years of arranging for the different Eucharistic ministers to take communion to the sick each Sunday, Mike Dale has passed on responsibility for this to Sr Veronica FMM. Thank you both. Mike, you've shown a great sensitivity to the many people you've so faithfully visited. Thank you, Mike.

Caritas sent a card to say that Project Compassion 2010 raised 9.4 million dollars this year. They thanked Mt Carmel for its contribution.

The Liturgy and Finance Committees are to meet this week. We'll report on that, and the Working Bee next week.

In his July newsletter from the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Fr Chris Gleeson SJ recalls some memorable lines from the various presenters at Pray 2010. You'll find a copy of the newsletter in the porch. Which raises the question, will Pray 2010 continue to inspire us to keep praying? Is Mt Carmel a place that invites us to visit, and linger in prayer? Should we try to keep it open for longer to give people this opportunity? Have you any thoughts?

Sunday, September 19th is Ministry Sunday; a day when you will be invited to offer yourself for one or more of our ministries. If you decide to accept, there will be a form on hand for you to complete. Unless you wish to withdraw from a ministry, it is assumed you are willing to continue.

Jerome