

Carmel



St Vincent de Paul would like to thank all parishioners who donated so generously to the FLOOD APPEAL. So far we have raised \$6,700 - a great effort!

Financial donations are the most effective way to quickly provide the right kind of assistance to people who need it most. By buying goods locally Vinnies can help support and stimulate struggling businesses as they too begin the long journey towards recovery.

When the flood waters recede, Vinnies will still be there for the long term offering assistance, compassion and friendship. If you have just returned from holidays please show your support and donate to the Flood Appeal.

Envelopes are on the church pews (Donations over \$2 are tax deductible).

CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Vinnies would also like to thank parishioners for their very generous response to the Christmas Appeal: \$5,992 was raised.

► **COLUMBAN CALENDARS:** *There are still a limited number available at the Gift Shop (for convenience) - \$7 each.*

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SUNDAY MASSES: 6pm (vigil), 7am, 9am, 10.30am, 6pm
DAILY MASSES: Monday to Saturday at 9am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 9.30am to 10.00am

GIFT SHOP OPEN AFTER MASS TODAY!

The Carmel Gift Shop is open after Masses at the weekends. However, you are welcome to call at the office during business hours if you would like to make a purchase at other times. Thanks to our volunteers who help keep the shop going—if you would like to help after any Sunday Mass, please just jump in!

MONEY MATTERS:

Envelopes: \$ 1716
Loose: \$ 929
TOTAL: \$ 2645
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ \$3000



CATECHISTS URGENTLY NEEDED

Our Catechists are in desperate need of some new recruits. Taking the Good News to the children in our local state schools is an extremely rewarding experience. You are not on your own—there's loads of support. It only requires less than one hour of your time on Tuesdays during School terms. Please think about joining our team. Phone the parish office for more information: 9631 8302.



★ **Carmen & Robert JONES**
50th Wedding Anniversary today!

★ **Martin & Tjitske HELLMANN** visiting us from

Holland and who have been married 51 years on 28/1/11.
May both couples have many more years of wedded bliss!

★ We also congratulate **Jim BURKE** who celebrates his 90th Birthday on 2/2/11. Well done Jim!

We ask God's blessing on Carmel & Robert, Martin & Tjitske and Jim. Please keep them all in your prayers this week.

Quotable Quotes:

- The doors we open and close each day decide the lives we live. - Flora Whittmore
- One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure its worth watching. - Anon
- The world is a stage, but the play is badly cast. - Oscar Wilde
- The most important things in life aren't things. - Anthony D'Angelo
- Sometimes it's the smallest decisions that can change your life forever. - Keri Russell

Please remember those who are in ill health especially: Baby Mary Daher, Francis Sultana, Judy Stinson, Kathleen Francis, Mary Wee, Tim Davis, Rose Micallef, Warren Smith, Greg Hogan, Mirella



Get Well

Mercadante, Josephine Galea (Malta), Rosie Warwar, Denise Rooke, Gary Vella, Nicholas Tayeh, Sue Lennon, Peter Young, Corey Attard, Nora Woolbank, Nessa Harder & all who are sick.

ROSTERS!

NEXT WEEKEND 5/6 FEBRUARY 2011

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Leader - Diane Prettyman; Helper - Paola Yevenes
READERS & ALTAR SERVERS

MASS TIME	READER	COMMENTATOR	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 6pm	Angela Salkeld	Jenny Moloney	Sian, Jerome, Andrei, Janelle
Sunday 7am	Charlie Micallef	Don Crockett	Anne, Anthony, Kayli
Sunday 9.00am	Jenny Rickard	Volunteer Please	John, Tim, Sherwin
Sunday 10.30am	Colleen Fuller	Lyn McQueeney	Alfio, Anne, Isabella, Joachim
Sunday 6pm	Maria Marks	Colin Bowd	

Chauka Talk!

Beatitudes – Walk on, walk forth!

After our Australia Day mass, I went with a friend to the city to celebrate. It was so colourful with thousands of people, boats decorated on the harbour, 21 gun salute, vintage cars displayed along Macquarie Street, tents displayed in Hyde Park, musical concert, receiving of new Australians and much more. It was a wonderful day. We really enjoyed it. My friend and I acknowledged that something more important happened on the day- that is, how multi-cultural Australia has become! We have moved on and are doing well as a country, recognising who we are - the Gospel for Australia Day and this weekend speaks about this. The Beatitudes and the song, 'We are One..' tell us we all are blessed.

However, some scholars plus our Australian Missionary of Sacred Heart priest working for the peace and justice office are rethinking the original Greek translation of the Beatitudes. The passive 'Blessed are ...' is not accurate, they say. Better the more active phrase: 'Walk on! Walk forth!' If true, it rings a different tone, a tone of doggedness, support, encouragement. God cheers us on that we might go the distance in pursuit of justice and peace. Something along these lines:

Walk forth, you poor in spirit, you humble and powerless. Keep going. Don't be discouraged by your poverty. The reign of God is yours.

Walk forth, you who mourn the victims of war and hunger. Keep going. You will be consoled.

Walk forth, you meek and gentle and non-violent. Inherit the earth and enjoy the blessing of creation.

Walk forth, you who hunger and thirst for justice. Don't give up. You will be satisfied. 'Justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.'

Walk forth, you merciful. Keep showing mercy in a merciless world. Forgive everyone. Be compassionate to everyone. Show mercy to everyone. Mercy will be yours.

Walk forth, you pure in heart. Keep going. Be filled with the light of peace and see Christ in the poor, in the enemy, in one another.

Walk forth, you who make peace. Keep on going. Speak against war. Organize peace vigils. Write to Governments, demand the troops come home, work for nuclear disarmament. Become who you are, the sons and daughters of the God of peace.

Walk forth, you persecuted for justice. Keep going. Don't give up. You stand on the shoulders of Martin Luther King, Caroline Chisholm and Mahatma Gandhi. Your reward will be great.

May you walk on and walk forth!

Fr Paul Sireh



POSITION VACANT

A full-time vacancy exists for an experienced person to take on the role as **Executive Assistant and Receptionist - Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta**. Further details including a copy of the role description may be obtained from the College website at www.olmc.nsw.edu.au

Applications close on Friday 11/2/2011.

Invitation to the young people of the Diocese - Every First Thursday 7pm-8.15pm - 'Prayer for our Lives and Purpose' - next gathering Thursday 3/2/11 at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. Includes communal prayer and adoration & interesting life sharing from a guest speaker (Bishop Anthony is the guest speaker this time). All welcome to enjoy this quality time. For more info: Fr Paul Roberts 0419219819 or Annabelle at the Youth Office 88383418.

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE run by the Discalced Carmelites at Varroville, will reopen for 2011 on the 5/2/11 with their first Day Retreat: **"Surprised by Joy"**, Director: Fr. Gerard Moran OGD. To access the 2011 programme go to www.carmelite.com and click on RETREATS.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS CANONISATION. The Catholic Weekly has produced a unique 32 page pictorial feature as a memento of this great and historic occasion. - Please note they are not free - cost \$5.00ea. Available from the Parish Office.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 4/3/2011 AT 10.30AM.

This year the focus is on Chile. We hope to have a guest speaker with Chilean heritage. OLMC, Wentworthville are hosting this years local event so please come along. Further information will be posted on the notice boards shortly.

'FIRM IN THE FAITH' CATECHESIS: Sunday 13/2/11
Guest Speaker: Fr Chris de Souza EV and Parish Priest of Penrith. **Where:** Patrician Brothers Hall, 100 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown (close to Blacktown bus and train station); **Time:** 3-6pm. **RSVP by Wednesday 9/2/11 to 8838 3418 or** youth@parra.catholic.org.au. **All youth group members are invited (under 16's must be accompanied by an adult or older sibling).**

2011 NEW PRAYER

Dear God,
All I ask for in 2011 is a big, fat bank account and a slim body.
Please don't mix these up like you did last year. Amen

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

How you can help . . .

- ★ Donate cash, non-perishable groceries, clothing, blankets etc
- ★ Donate furniture in good repair (phone 9622 3839 for pickup)

- ★ Support the Vinnies Shop (opp Mall in Dunmore St)
- ★ Become a volunteer (enquiries 9636 8162)

Vinnies—Helping those in Need



CATHOLIC WEEKLY - ONLY \$2

This week: Honours medal for Sr Gemma Burke;
Retirement planning - its about lifestyle, not just money

WORD PLAYS



- A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana. --Groucho.
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
- A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
- If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
- With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
- Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.
- When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
- A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France resulted in Linoleum Blowpart.
- You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- Local Area Network in Australia : The LAN down under.
- He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
- A calendar's days are numbered.

FEAST OF ST PAUL (Patron Saint of Maltese)

La Valette Social centre, 175 Walters Rd, Blacktown celebrates the feast of St Paul on Sunday 13/2/2011. Mass at 5pm in the main hall with procession, Our Lady Queen of Peace Maltese Band and La Valette Choir. There will be music with DJ afterwards. Kitchen and Bar open. Phone 9622 5847 for more information.

JEAN & BETTY'S TOURS: Tour of Fort Denison, Tuesday 8/2/10, leaving St Pat's, Blacktown at 9am & returning at 5pm. Lunch at Malabar RSL. All inclusive cost \$52 each. WEEK'S TRIP TO MERIMBULA from 20/3/11 to 26/3/11 - phone Jean on 9920 3401 or 0425251754 for more details on either of these trips.

- In Loving Memory -

Recently Deceased: Joe Aquilina (Malta), Roly Robson, Kathleen Cashman, Richard Beatty, Trac Van Pham

Anniversaries & Memorials: Vicki Silk, Diamond & Silk Families, Micaella de Souza, Michael Fenech, Geoffrey & Daphne Galloway, Frank Gatt, Anne & Laurie Sparks, Mike Gauci, Carmen Attard, Conrado & Florante Gutierrez, Frank Teuma, Jeanne Black, John Testa, Ossie Herbert, Sinfarosa Dias, Non Camilleri, Fr Michael Camilleri O Carm, Mary Tyler, Florence Tindall, Mary Cassar, Patrick Veech, Pauline Grech, Renato Zammit, Francesca Zammit, Concetta & Joseph Sciberras, Joseph & Josephine Gauci, Souls in Purgatory, Holy Souls

Other Intentions

Special Intentions: Jerome & Selomi, Rose Micallef, Antoine & Sabah Jabbour, Tuyau Family & Friends especially Rachelle & Matilda, All Political Leaders, Judy Stinson (op Monday)

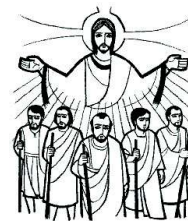
Next Sundays Readings:

5th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A

First Reading: Isaiah 58: 7 - 10

Second Reading: Corinthians 2: 1 - 5

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13 - 16



VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH CLEANING—every 2nd Thursday—next cleaning day: 3/2/11 after 9.00am Mass—talk to Pauline or Joe & Marie Tuyau or just turn up. More helpers are needed please!!

PENDLE HILL/MALTA TRAVEL - New Zealand 2011.

Two tours beginning February 12 and March 17. Two Guaranteed departures. Visit North & South Islands. All inclusive - call Charlie for brochure (9631 2689) or Monica (9896 0712)

What have we learned in two thousand and sixty-five years?

"The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed lest Rome become bankrupt. People must again learn to work, instead of living on public assistance." - Cicero - 55 BC

So, evidently nothing...

The Maltese Language School of NSW, a division of The Maltese Community Council of NSW, invites new students to join one of its classes for Term 1 held on Saturday mornings at Horsley Park and Wednesday evenings at Seven Hills for fast learning of the Maltese language and culture. **Teachers also required.** For all enquiries please contact Maria 0416 119 000; Marthese 0422 665 922;

ON THE NOTICE BOARD

- ◆ *Canisius Centre of Ignatian Spirituality Programme 2011*
- ◆ *Maltese Classes Information*
- ◆ *Pilgrimage in Ireland*
- ◆ *Institute of Counselling Information Night 3/2/11*
- ◆ *Marriage Encounter dates 2011*
- ◆ *Parramatta Blood Donor Centre opening hours*
- ◆ *Beginning Experience (for those single again)*
- ◆ *Maltese Seniors Group*
- ◆ *Maltese Community Events*
- ◆ *Give the gift of Madrid (leaflets in Information Stand)*
- ◆ *Bereavement Support Group—2nd Thursdays*
- ◆ *Pre-Marriage Course (leaflets in Information Stand)*
- ◆ *WYD Pilgrimages (brochures in Information Stand)*

Feast Days this Week

- ✻ **Monday:** St John Bosco
- ✻ **Tuesday:** St Bridgid of Ireland, St Ansgar
- ✻ **Wednesday:** The Presentation of the Lord, St Joan de Lestonnac
- ✻ **Thursday:** St Blaise
- ✻ **Friday:** St John of Britto, St Joan of Valois, St Joseph of Leonissa
- ✻ **Saturday:** St Agatha
- ✻ **Sunday:** St Paul Miki

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