

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY- St Paul Miki (1562-1597) and Companions, Martyrs

Paul Miki, the son of a Japanese military leader, joined the Jesuit Order in 1580, and became known for his eloquent preaching. Crucified in 1597 with 25 other Catholics, Paul's words from the cross were:

"The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason that I die. I believe that I am telling the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY- St Scholastica 480 - 543

Twin sister of St Benedict, Scholastica consecrated her life to God. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode in the neighbourhood at Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St. Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns.

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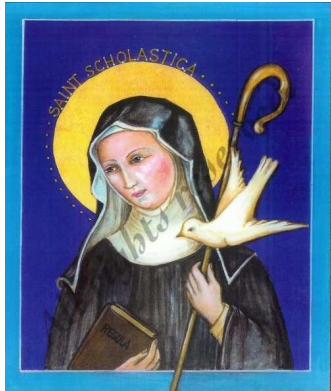
BR CLAUDE SWEENEY FSC was a member of this Parish community attending the Vigil Mass each Saturday. Last weekend the Brothers told me that Br Claude had died after a short stay in hospital. As a community we offer the Brothers our sympathy at the loss of their confrere. May Br Claude rest in peace and receive the reward of eternal life following a life of religious commitment to his God.

LENTEN PROGRAMME: You are invited to participate in a Lenten Programme in preparation for Easter when we celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The Lenten Programme is focused on the Gospel readings set down for the Sundays of Lent which helps us prepare for our Mass on the weekend. The programme will take place on Tuesday evenings at about 5.25pm after the 5.00pm Mass. It will begin on **Tuesday 21st February** and run for 6 weeks. If you would like to join this group please place your name on the list at the back of the church. For more information see Sr Anne

CATECHIST SUNDAY: This Sunday in the Archdiocese we remember all those people who teach Scripture to our Catholic children in State schools. A special blessing to Sandra Truong as she begins another year of sharing her faith with the children.

'Jesus could sympathize with our burdens, because they were his as well. He watched those whom he knew and loved diminish physically before his very eyes. He lived at a time when his country was occupied by foreign forces. It was for the purpose of lessening human burdens that he went about preaching and driving out demons.'

-Excerpt from a commentary by Sr Dianne Bergant

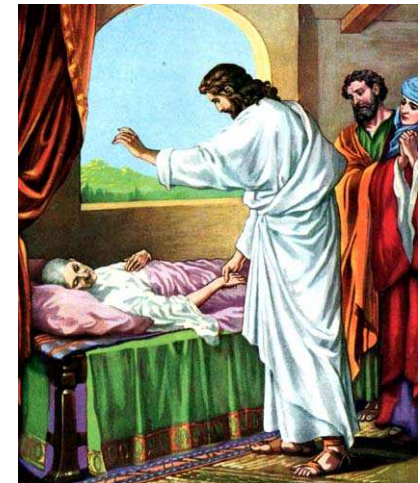


SHRINE AND PARISH OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL WATERLOO



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4TH/5TH FEBRUARY 2012



SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES
Tuesday 5:00pm
Wednesday 8:30am
Thursday 8:30am
Friday 9:00am

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
Will be prayed 15 minutes before weekday Masses.

RECONCILIATION:
Saturday: 4.30pm - 4.45pm

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES
By appointment

READINGS
Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23
Mark 1: 29-39



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine and Parish acknowledges and honours the Gadigal People as the traditional custodians of this land.

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**MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH IS FITTED WITH A HEARING LOOP.
PLEASE TURN YOUR HEARING AIDS TO THE "T" POSITION.**

INTENTIONS:

We pray for:

- World and personal peace and protection
- ADF Personnel deployed on active service and their families.
- Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious life
- Asylum seekers in Australian detention centres
- For Mick Flew and his family as he discerns his call to the Diaconate
- For Fr Joel Vergara Catholic Chaplain for deployed Australian Defence Personnel in the Middle East.

Those who are sick: John Hayman, Ken King, Baby Oscar Mancuso, Br. Ken Curtin, John Stuart, Isabella Grech, Frances Savage, Paul Judd, Fany Carmona, Fr Gerry Iverson, Ann Lim, Kevin McCarney, Michelle Jones, Jennifer Judd, Danielle Milinkovic, Kerry Briggs, Steven Petan, Fr Peter Lynch, Leigh Tothney, Fr Chris Mithen, CP, Hessel Hession, Ann Woods, Jim O'Shea, Maree Knight, Christine Cavanagh, Fr Kevin Carroll, CSsR, Carol Coleman, Judith Free, Judy Shepperd (N.Z), Bill Harkins, Irene Brander, Danelle Milller, Jennifer Phan, Bill Farral, Sean Hickey, Fr Peter Collins, Charlie Hayden, Elizabeth Single, Josephine Merriman, Jerry Cotter, Michael Blackman, David Logan, Susan Bryson, Francis & Maria Pham, John Wilson, Peter Nicholson, Pat Farrelly, Laura Skelton, Patricia Riordan, Shirley O'Shea, Lyn Mulryan, Vince Wynstanley, Helen Henricks, Gerald O'Shea, Edna Battaglia, Neville Cameron, Marie O'Donnell, and all the housebound.

We pray for the souls of: Brother Claude Sweeney fsc, John Devine, Tess Geary, Claire Hoekstra, recently deceased. For Faye Humphries and family, the Bradshaw & Beckhouse families, Jay Rosenstrauss, Rose Cavallaro, Paul Harkins, Cath Farrelly, Anthony Assuncao, Henrique De Assuncao, Dorothy & Raymond Blackman, Fr Terence Purcell, Beattie & Jack Ireland, Phil, Ernie & Col Atcheson, Beatrix Middlemass, John Curtin, Frank Lillis and all the Holy Souls.

COUNTERS ROSTER

5th February: Lachlan Street Push
12th February: Tom & Margaret Doherty
19th February: Pitt Street Push
26th February: Lachlan Street Push

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil: Yvonne Smith, James McGillicuddy
8.00am: Sr Barbara Molloy
10.00am: Tony Murillo, Eugene Lim, Sabby Gonzaga

READERS ROSTER VIGIL MASS

NEXT WEEKEND:

Reader: Wendy

READERS ROSTER FOR 10:00AM MASS

NEXT WEEKEND:

Reader: Dennis Timmins
Commentator: Paul Clinch

CHURCH CLEANERS next week: 1

POSTAGE STAMPS FOR PERU: Please keep collecting stamps. There is a box at the back of the Church where they can be placed.

SCHOOL SHORTS: We have had a wonderful first week back at school. One of the highlights of any school year is the first day for the Kinder children. Last Wednesday 19 children commenced Kinder and settled in magnificently- very few tears! All students have got into their work quickly and are building good foundations for the year ahead.



2012 is shaping as another very busy year with our school due to devise our next Strategic Management Plan which will set our goals for the next four years. Additionally our breakfast program will commence on Monday and will continue each Monday and Friday of the school year. Many thanks to the wonderful parishioners who have volunteered to assist with this vital program.



It is Catechist Sunday this weekend. We are encouraged to think of those wonderful and dedicated people who go into our state school system to teach the children about God and our Catholic faith. We have developed a wonderful relationship with our Catholic Primary School but have not got such a high profile relationship with the State School, Alexandria Park. But we have a very dedicated person who does attend this school every week during the school terms. She is the face of our family of families and the Catholic faith to these children, their parents and the whole of that school community.

Sandra will be blessed during 10am Mass this weekend in acknowledgment of her special work. She undertakes this most important ministry with humility as well as dedication. We thank her for her generosity and willingness to further her theological knowledge so that she is more confident in her ability to teach the little ones. We need to acknowledge her vital contribution to this family of families through our prayers and support. I am sure Sandra would not say no to anyone who might be able to assist her.

May the Father carry you and yours gently through the week.

Monsignor Greg

THANK YOU BARBEQUE FOR ALL

VOLUNTEERS:

At Sr Anne's suggestion, it is proposed that we hold a barbeque after the Vigil Mass on **Saturday 18th February** to thank all those who work around our community from Servers to Readers, from counters to musicians; Special Ministers of Holy Communion to cleaners and their families. All are invited. To assist with the catering, there is a form at the back of the Church to register your names and how many adults and children you intend to bring. (Please remember that only those in primary school and younger are considered children.) We look forward to having you there to thank you for your time, talent and contribution.



USED PALMS:

Please bring back any used palms from Palm Sunday last year in preparation for Ash Wednesday. There will be a box at the back of the Church.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED:

24 year old female student seeking accommodation- own room for study. Eastern Suburbs preferred. Please contact Sr Anne for more details on **9698 2869**.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2012:

The First Reconciliation programme will take place during Lent. More details later. If you have a child who has not received their First Reconciliation please let Sr Anne know so that we can start the process. Phone No. **9698 2869**

