



Celebration of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

- for the life of

Ken Petersen O.Carm, died 13th June 2020,

-25 years of Sancta Sophia Meditation
Community *and*

- 43 years of Karith Carmelite House of Prayer

Sunday 31st January 2021

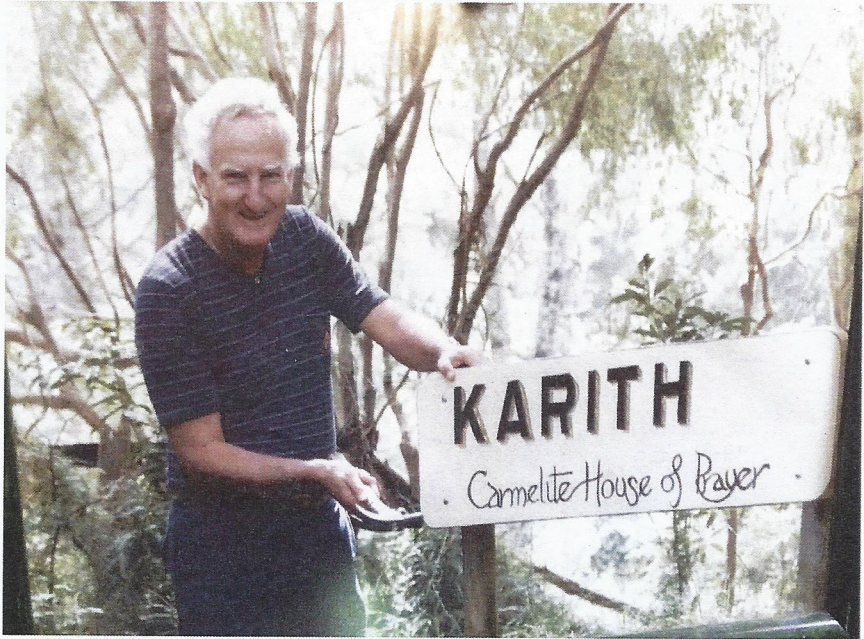


'KARITH' invites
PROVINCIAL - DEFINITORY
to the
BLESSING - OPENING of
HOUSE of PRAYER
- WARBURTON



Details
Sunday Feb. 21st
Open House all day
Blessing - opening begins at
5:00 p.m.
followed by 'House Warming'

tel. Fred's 662120



Proceedings

1:00 pm: Picnic Lunch (BYO)

1:45 pm: Viewings of Video Legacy in the Chapel

Kevin Dawson – Film Producer

3:30 pm: History of Karith – Paul Cahill, Wayne Stanhope and Matthew McPhee

Followed with the Song: “Holy Karith” by Arthur S Rich

*1. Sometimes I feel the weight of
the world is bearing down on me:
the violence, the environment
the suffering of all the refugees.
I need to believe there is some hope.
I need the grace of God, I need a place of peace.*

Chorus

***Holy Karith, land of peace and grace
Holy Karith, God’s sacred place***

*A place to learn forgiveness,
a place to learn to give,
a place to love,
a place to learn how to live.*

Chorus

*I live my life from day to day, and do the best I can.
I feel God’s healing power, at last I understand.
We all need each other, no need to stand alone,
we all want peace, we all need a home.*

Chorus

*A place to learn forgiveness, a place to learn to give.
A place to learn to love, a place to learn how to live.*

Chorus: Repeat Chorus

Chant 3X Holy Karith, Holy Karith, Holy Karith, Holy Karith.

Chorus

Launch of soon to be published book: *Sancta Sophia Meditation Community: Memories in Mosaic* by Michele Gierck (Editor)



Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn 1.: *Gather us O Lord*; Monica Brown. Led by Paul Sireh

Chant: Gather us, O God. Body, spirit, soul and mind.
Gather us, O God. One in union now with you. (Repeat)

Introduction

Paul Sireh: We gather in silence and present ourselves with gratitude to God for the spirit of the various communities we belong to, symbolized in this sacred place. Here in this place, we invite the Holy Spirit to guide us. We also place ourselves under the motherly protection of Mary, the Mother of God and our sister in faith. In the Spirit of this Land and our ancestors we listen to God and bring love and compassion to those who seek our help. As we say goodbye to this sacred place, we carry in our hearts the spirit of those who have gone before us. In their spirit may we always live a life of allegiance to Jesus Christ and serve him faithfully with a pure heart and a good conscience.

Prayer

Paul Cahill: May the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother, the prayers of all the Saints of Carmel and the spirit of those who have come through this sacred place, Karith, help us as we continue to walk in their footsteps. May our prayers and good works ever further the cause of your Church. Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of remembrance and thanksgiving.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon us, both spiritual and temporal. Thank you for our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

In Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming years.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, fore ever and ever. **Amen**

Scripture Reading

Reading from the **Book of Ecclesiasticus** read by **Wayne Stanhope**

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

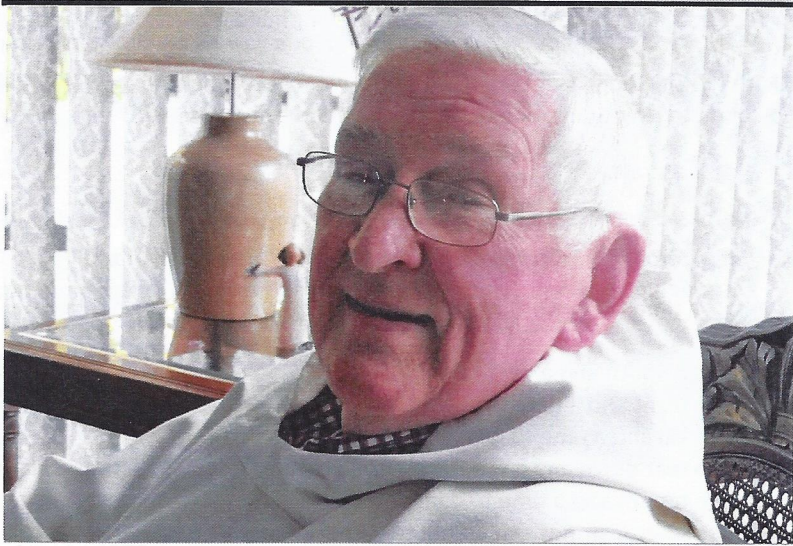
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet^[a] no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it.

The Word of the Lord

All: *Thanks be to God*

**Sr Kathleen Murphy to reflect
on Fr Ken's life and their ministry.**



Music: Count your blessing *by Aled Jones*

Thanksgiving Prayer

Paul Cahill: Ever present God, through the founding and flowering of Karith, you have bestowed many blessings. Hear now, we ask, these prayers which come from grateful hearts.

1. Karith House of Prayer

Matthew McPhee: God of time and place, we give you thanks for the 42 years of Karith as a spirituality centre, for many years of blessings, healing, joy and peace. We seek the face of Jesus Christ in all who have come here to be brothers and sisters of community, service, and contemplation.

We pray for all who have ever worked, held retreats, and offered spiritual guidance at Karith in whatever capacity. *(Pause)* Loving Lord;

All: We thank You

2. Sancta Sophia Meditation Community

Rev Chickwang Sunim: We thank our loving God for 25 years of the ministry of Sancta Sophia Meditation Community here at Karith. We acknowledge the grief of the community in the loss of their spiritual home and pray that they may be comforted and guided by holy wisdom. May the gift of wisdom continue to expand the horizons of our minds and hearts, so that we may build a more peaceful world, where all may be One. *(Pause)* Loving Lord;

All: We thank You



3. Late Ken Petersen O.Carm

Rev Bruce Charles: i: for Ken, who in Carmel, spent his life as a disciple of Jesus, we pray he may be counted among all the holy men and women of Carmel who are now united in the Lord. *(Pause)*

ii: for Ken's family: may they be comforted and strengthened by the Lord as they continue to grieve for him. May Ken now enjoy the fullness of peace in union with all the members of his family who are now with God. *(Pause)*

iii: for all who remember Ken with admiration, gratitude and love, for his long and generous service and commitment to the Lord, especially his contribution to the ministry of spirituality and inter-religious dialogue. May his example and memory continue to inspire us to be faithful and generous friends to one another. *(Pause)* Loving Lord,

All: We thank you.

4. For Sr Kathleen

Sr Margaret Field Loving God, we give thanks for Sr Kathleen's collaborative and fruitful ministry with Ken over 25 years. We ask that she be comforted in her grief and be supported as she leaves her home and place of ministry, facing the difficult transition to the city. *(Pause)* Loving Lord;

All: We thank you.



5. For ministry together

Fr Michael Mifsud: Provident and bountiful God, we give thanks for all those who from the beginning until now, have generously supported Karith, the Carmelites and Sancta Sophia Meditation Community by teaching, friendship, selfless service and donation. May they in turn experience your goodness. *(Pause)* Loving Lord

All: We thank you.

6. For all gathered

Paul Sireh: As we look back at our rich history and from today create new beginnings, may we continue to build on the strong foundation of the community and acknowledge that we are standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. May the lamp of learning be ignited in our heart and mind. That we who gather to acknowledge in thanksgiving for Karith will discern God's will in our lives. May our lives discover in little things what was the gift of the vision of Elijah, the depth of the faith of Mary and the boundless love of Jesus. *(Pause)* Loving Lord;

All: We thank you

Paul Cahill: Gracious God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen



Official Closing of the Place and Concluding Prayer.

Reading from the Carmelite motto and comments

by Elizabeth of The Trinity

If you wish, our souls passing through space, will meet to sing in unison that great motto of our Father Elijah; we will ask him on his feast day for the gift of prayer that is the essence of the life of Carmelite, that heart-to- heart that never ends, because, when we love, we belong no longer to ourselves but to the one we love, and we live more in Him than ourselves.

Ritual

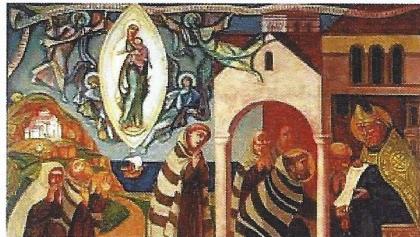
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All: Lord's Prayer

Concluding Prayer

All gracious God,
may the prayers of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and
Queen of Carmel, protect us, and bring us to your holy Mountain,
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen



Solemn Blessing

Paul Cahill The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bow your heads for God's blessing. May our Providential God be with you,
throughout your journey of life and faith.

All: Amen.

May our Companion God enable you to reach out to others on your way.

All: Amen.

May Jesus live in your hearts, forever.

All: Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.

All: Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve God in one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: Flower of Carmel

Flower of Carmel, tall vine, blossom-laden;
Splendour of heaven, child bearing, yet maiden;
None equals thee
None equals thee

Mother so tender, whom no man didst know,
On Carmel's children thy favours bestow;
Star of the Sea
Star of the Sea

O gentle Mother, who in Carmel reigns,
Share with your servants that gladness you gained,
And now enjoy
And now enjoy.

