

WHAT'S HAPPENING

This week we are dragged kicking and screaming into Lent. Ash Wednesday looms on February 25th, with Masses at 9.00 am and 7.30 pm Good luck.

It is hoped that we can have the church available for private prayer from 7.00 am until 5.30 pm on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. To make sure that there is someone in the church at all times, and to have continuous prayer happening, rosters have been put up near the side entrance divided into one hour slots. You might like to put your name on the rosters if you would like an hour of peace and quiet.

Lenten Discussion group kick off on Monday, March 2nd. There are two groups happening at this stage.

Group 1 will meet at 9.45 am on Mondays in the Carmel Community Room.

Group 2 will meet at 7.30 pm also on Mondays at the home of Tracey Laing, 3/12, McLay Street, Coorparoo 38472436.

If you wish to participate in one of the groups please contact the parish office during the week.

If you have yet to purchase a Lenten booklet *Grace to You*, they are still available at the Vinnies stall for \$8.00.

We Remember those in God's Care

*Albert Surtees, Mervyn Kelly, and all who have died recently;

* all whose anniversaries occur now.

We Pray for

*Steve Clark Ryan, Sebastian Geisler, Tim O'Neill, Tony Ng, and all our sick

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22 February 2009

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BROKEN ROOFS AND BROKEN HEARTS

Yes we were desperate, yes we were bold – no-one breaks a hole in the roof everyday! But our friend's physical state was not the only thing causing him to waste away. He needed emotional and spiritual restoration because there are many types of paralysis, equally crippling.

What gave us this boldness and courage you may ask? We had a leper's account of an encounter with Jesus, which we've copied below, that showed Jesus not just curing – but restoring people.

A Leper's Testimony

It's hard to describe what my life used to be like. How do you describe "abject misery" and "living death"? It wasn't just the disease, bad as that was – it was the separation from my people, my family. My children. The fact that I grew up with the Law and understood why the separation was needed did not make it any easier. We all understand the motive behind Leviticus: it is better that the few are sacrificed that all do not perish.

Hope was rekindled when I heard about Jesus. I knew he could heal, but would he want to heal me? I am sure he wouldn't if he knew the depravity that I sank to just to keep myself alive.

What an answer I got! It wasn't so much the healing. It was something else that brings tears to my eyes every time I think about it. He could have healed me from a distance, I am sure. He could even have healed me first before he touched me. But here it is – he touched me while I was still unclean. No big deal you may think. Well, simply by touching me, Jesus made himself unclean immediately.

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil – 6 pm;
Sunday - 7.30 am, 9.30 am, 5.30 pm

Weekdays *this week*:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
& Saturday - 9 am
Ash Wednesday – 9 am & 7.30 pm

RECONCILIATION

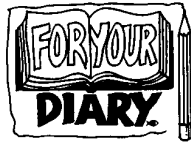
Saturdays 9.30 am – 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am – 7 pm

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 1 MARCH FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

RCIA Rite of Election at 9.30 am Mass

Monday 2 March

Lenten group in Carmel Community
Room at 9.45 am

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

Wednesday 4 March

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Thursday 5 March

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm

Ash Wednesday Masses

St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane
8.00am; 10.00am; 12.30pm; 5.10pm
St Patrick's Fortitude Valley
7.00am; 10.30am

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**THINKING OF MAKING OR
RENEWING YOUR WILL?**



Please think of us.

For more information please contact
Mt Carmel Parish Office 3397 1587.

BROKEN ROOFS AND BROKEN HEARTS (cont...)

By touching me he put himself into the same category as me – a fellow leper. Would you have done that? It's crazy, but it's like he reached out and accepted all my uncleanness and depravity onto himself - as though he was taking on the Old Law onto himself – as if he was saying "I will fulfil the Law and be the one to take on this uncleanness so that you may live."

I also remember the authority that he had. He did not say "It is God's will for you to be clean" or even "I call on the Father to cleanse you," - he took all the responsibility for the healing on himself.

Oh the wonder of it. How can one man do this?

He made sure that I showed myself to the priests so that I could formally be welcomed back to my village. Now I can hug my children once again. But I still think about him all the time – this man who seems to turn everything upside down. Oh how I long for a world like the one he heralds. I wonder what will become of him.

We hear of healings everyday – they seem to be not uncommon. But to say to someone that "Your sins are forgiven", well, that really shocked. No-one can forgive sins except God. But this is what our friend needed to hear. Again, this Jesus is turning the world upside down, and we too, wonder what will become of him.

*Paul Asnicar
Parishioner*

Encountering God: in the mystery of life

Saturday 7th March, 4pm to Sunday 8th March, 4pm
Singles: aged 18-35 years

Venue: Canossa Care
169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Road, Oxley

DONATION: \$30.00

WHAT TO BRING: Sleeping bag

Contact: Sr Rosa Covino **Ph: 07 38396003 / 0419779262**

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 22 February

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 43:18-19. 21-22. 24-25

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

Mark 2:1-12

Baptism Sunday

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Youth Ministered Mass at 5.30 pm

Monday 23 February

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Wednesday 25 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass 9 am & 7.30 pm

Thursday 26 February

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm