

*We Remember those in God's Care*

- \* 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*

**Seton College Mt Gravatt East Open Morning:**

**Tuesday 3 March starting at 9 am in the Chapel, with an Information Session followed by a tour of the College. The Open Morning will conclude at 10.30 am.** Seton College, a Catholic Co-educational College, is now accepting enrolment applications from students wishing to attend the College in Year 9, 2010, 2011 or 2012. (Maximum Year 8 enrolment is 70 students). The College accepts students of all abilities, but seeks to provide opportunities for students who have experienced difficulties with their school work in the primary school years. This is done through a curriculum in which core subjects are offered at many levels and classes with a very favourable teacher to student ratio.

**Loreto College Coorparoo** is now accepting enrolment applications from students wishing to attend the College in Year 8 in 2012. Parents are requested to apply during Term 1 2009. Please visit the College or phone 3394 9999 to obtain an enrolment package.

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**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH**  
in the care of the Carmelites since 1937

**First Sunday of Lent**

**1 March 2009**

**wonder & terror**

This Lent we are overdue for some good news, what with the bushfires down South and the floods in the North. In the first reading today good news comes in the form of a rainbow - the symbol of God's covenant with us. The covenant is God's promise of the fulfillment and redemption of the whole of creation and that is the 'Good News'. In the face of global warming, our hope in the fulfillment of God's promise is something of a challenge, however.

In some ways the covenant is a mixed blessing because it is only realized after the tragic disaster of the flood. This sense of terror and wonder is typical of life with God. In the gospel reading today, for example, Jesus is driven out into the wilderness with wild beasts and angels for company.

Both the rainbow and the cross evoke this sense of terror and wonder. After all, the rainbow appears when the waters of destruction merge with the life-giving light of the sun. Similarly, the cross is paradoxical because it stands for the brutality of Jesus's death, but also resurrection and redemption.

In the second reading, St Peter makes the connection between the flood and baptism. It is timely to reflect on Baptism now, since Lent is primarily a preparation for the baptism of our catechumen Kirk, for the full initiation of our candidate Courtney, and for the rest of us to renew our baptismal promises.

Peter claims that the flood water is a type of the baptism which saves you now. Does this mean that there is a chance that Kirk might drown? Well yes and no. Yes, because baptism signifies dying and rising to new life. No, because we are taking care to nurture and protect our own and because God calls us to life.

However, this call to life can draw us into a wilderness inhabited by terrors and wonders, or wild beasts and angels, as the bushfire survivors know only too well. Nonetheless, Jesus urges us to believe in the good news because the kingdom of God has come near. *Jenny Close*

## PARISH MASS TIMES

### Weekends:

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

### Weekdays *this week*:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday &  
Saturday - 9 am

Wednesday ó Anointing Mass, 10 am

### RECONCILIATION

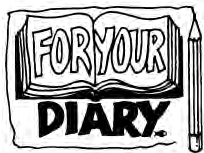
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

### MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 pm

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



## *This week at Mt Carmel*

### Today is 1 March

#### First Sunday in 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

Rosary after 9 am Mass

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

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community  
Room, 7.30 pm

#### Thursday 5 March

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm

#### Friday 6 March

World Day of Prayer, an ecumenical  
prayer service at Regina Caeli Church,

### SUNDAY 8 MARCH

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

*Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18*

*Romans 8:31-34      Mark 9:2-10*

Baptism Sunday

#### Monday 9 March

Lenten group in Carmel Community  
Room at 9.45 am

#### Wednesday 11 March

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community  
Room, 7.30 pm

#### Thursday 12 March

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm

## BUSHFIRE & FLOOD APPEAL

Monies collected and sent

Parish 1772.50

Carmelites 1340.00

Total \$3112.50

Many Thanks

# What's Happening?

In these interesting times in the Brisbane church, it is good that in the near future we have an opportunity to hear from and talk to our Archbishop, John Bathersby. He is getting out and about around the Deaneries of the Archdiocese in 2009 on the theme of Jesus, Communion and Mission. He will visit our deanery on Thursday evening, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. at St. Thomasø Camp Hill. Please come along.

Well, Lent has started, Easter is next followed closely by Christmas! In order to have our little church environs looking sparkling for Easter 2009 we are having another working wasp from 9.30 a.m. till 12.00 noon sharp on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Again, we will be doing some creative weeding under the watchful eye of Paul de Silva as well as general tidying up. People with utes are particularly welcome. Please indicate to the parish office if you are coming AND if you are staying for lunch so that we know how many Crownies and sausages to get!

So please put these two items in your To Do list and come along.

## Mt Carmel Social Club

Invites all parishioners to join us on our 1st bus trip on  
**Thursday 19 March leaving church at 9.30 am**  
to *Wivenhoe Dam* look around dam and morning tea  
then on to *Tarampa Hotel for a 2 course lunch*  
then on to *Marburg and a tour of Woodlands*

All inclusive \$35

Bookings by March 16

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