

We Remember those in God's Care

* all who have died recently;

* Giuseppe Galofaro, and all whose anniversaries occur now.

We Pray for

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

Learn about our
Jesus Communion Mission

Archdiocesan Vision
by coming to a special

Deanery Gathering

to listen to

**Archbishop John
Bathersby**

on Thursday 19 March

From **7.30-9.15pm**
(begins with cuppa at 7pm)

at

**St Thomas The Apostle
Church Camp Hill**

**RCIA PRESENTATION
OF THE CREED**

This Sunday afternoon, 8 March, around 180 people who are preparing for initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter ceremonies will gather with their sponsors, catechists and families at the Cathedral of St Stephen for the Presentation of the Creed. In this ritual, the candidates for initiation will hear the Archbishop recite to them the great statement of our faith which dates from the Council of Nicea in 325CE.

They will be asked to profess their faith in accordance with that Creed on the day of their baptism.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this special time in their journey of faith.

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

Second Sunday of Lent

8 March 2009

Terror & wonder: the Transfiguration

It is traditional to speak about God in terms of the good, the beautiful and the true. However, there is another dimension, which is evident in the readings today.

Our experience of God is grounded in reality, that is, in the dark brokenness and the creative promise of life ó in the terror and the wonder of creation. Everything created by God is capable of being sacramental for us, that is, every person, thing or event in creation can be a means for us to encounter God. So we can meet God in every birth or death, in the dark of night or the light of day, in confusion or clarity, or in a wet season or the dry ó if we have ears to hear and eyes to see. We have to be open to the experience for it to make sense or make a difference in our lives.



Moments of encounter with God can be terrifying as well as wonderful, as Peter, James and John discovered in the story of the Transfiguration. They were thrown into confusion by the experience of the light, but when they were overshadowed by a heavenly cloud, they heard a revelation from God: -This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!ø So for them, there was confusion in the light and clarity in the dark. How strange is that? This contradiction makes the event more strange, but also more fascinating.

The Transfiguration is a key event in the Jesus story. It is a powerful account of the meeting of heaven and earth ó an incarnational event. For more information on this compelling narrative see the following articles:

<http://www.firebirdvideos.com/transfiguration.htm>

http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk/article_transfiguration1_williams.html

In order to respond to the moments of encounter in our lives, we need to trust in God, just as Abraham did in the first reading today. We can trust in God, because we know that God calls us to life. The first verse of the Psalm today says -I trusted, even when I said: òI am sorely afflictedö and the response is -I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the livingø And there, in the presence of God, says St Paul, Jesus -stands and pleads for usø

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, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 9 am

RECONCILIATION

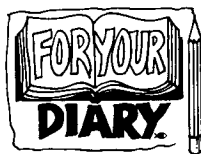
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 pm

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 15 MARCH THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

Lay Carmelites Mass & meeting in
Carmel Community Room, 9.30 am

RCIA Rite of Healing & Strengthening
at 9.30 am Mass

School Ministered Mass, 5.30 pm

Monday 16 March

Lenten group in Carmel Community
Room at 9.45 am

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

Wednesday 18 March

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Thursday 19 March

Mt Carmel Social Club Bus trip to
Wivenhoe Dam, departs 9.30 am

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 8 March

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Baptism Sunday

Monday 9 March

Rosary after 9 am Mass

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

What's Happening?

With Easter looming on the horizon, you might wish to know what is going on. In preparation for Easter, we are having our usual Rite of Reconciliation at **7.30 p.m. on Monday April 6th**. Mass of the Lord's Supper is at the usual time of 7.30 p.m. on Thursday evening. Good Friday has Stations of the Cross and Commemoration of the Passion at the usual times of **10.00 a.m.** and **3.00 p.m.** Please note that the time for the Easter Vigil has been amended to **7.00 p.m.** Easter Sunday Masses are as usual at **7.30 a.m.** and **9.30 a.m.** There is no Sunday evening Mass on Easter Sunday.

Our first school ministered Mass for 2009 will happen on **Sunday, March 15th at 5.30 p.m.** This will be followed by our usual gold coin donation BBQ hosted this time by the primary school P & F.

People who like to gather in the local community will be interested to know that there is a **Movie in the Park** happening at **Majestic Park on Saturday March 14th at 6.45 p.m.** The movie is called *Wall-E*. Bring along chair, rug and insect repellent. The Majestic Park Scouts are putting on a sausage sizzle (we should be all sausaged out on that weekend!!) If anyone is bringing anything to stave off dehydration, bring an extra glass for the parish priest who will be on the scrounge!

And finally, don't forget our working bee on **Saturday March 28th** from 9.30 a.m. till noon sharp. Please let the parish office know if you are coming so that we can provide the requisite number of sausages and beverages for the BBQ. March looks like being a bad month for the cholesterol!

Mt Carmel Primary School Enrolment Preparatory 2010

Enrolment Application Forms are
available from the School Office or
on our website

www.mtcarmel.coorparo.qld.edu.au

Applications Close
Thursday 9 April 2009

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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