

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, Leo Caffery,
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

Mt Carmel Social Club



Invites all parishioners to join us 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 Monday 16 March
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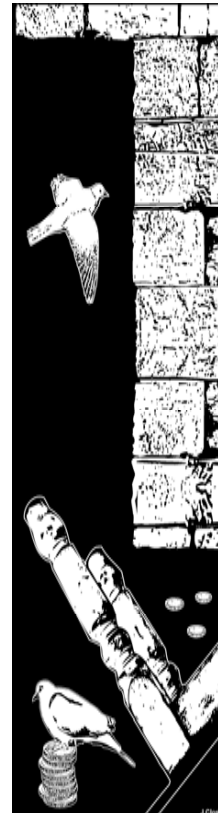
Third Sunday of Lent

15 March 2009

Terror and wonder: destruction & resurrection

In his homily last week, Fr Jerome described how the Transfiguration of Jesus was a glimpse of the future for those who witnessed it. The three apostles caught sight of how Jesus would be after the resurrection. Today's readings seem more mundane, but we need to look more closely.

The first reading is from Exodus and it focuses on the Ten Commandments, which is the code of conduct for the covenant relationship that God established with Noah (first week of Lent) and re-affirmed for Moses (last week). The Ten Commandments show us how to live the covenant relationship with God: as the psalm says 'The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul'.



Like all codes, this one is incomplete, it is simply an indication of a way of living. For Christians the law is fulfilled in the person of Jesus, our 'way'. In the gospel, Jesus shows that he has the authority of heaven when he drives out the merchants and money changers from the Temple. This figure of the angry Jesus is unusual in the gospels. We are reminded that living the covenant relationship has its rewards, but also responsibilities. Here Jesus objects to the overweening materialism of the lives of the covenant people and their failure to see the larger picture – including the vision of heaven to which the Temple points. Jesus makes an extraordinary statement: he claims that vision for his own body when he says 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up' (terror and wonder). So here again Jesus is figured as a glimpse of the future – a heavenly vision. Unlike the Transfiguration, however, Jesus does not angelically glow in the dark, rather he is a flesh and blood figure charged with human emotions.

Jesus' claim was not safe or politically correct in his day – *look at me and you will see a vision of heaven* - but it was an expression of what St Paul describes in the second reading: 'God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.' For us Jesus is the Christ (the anointed one) who is 'the power and the wisdom of God' and it is he who completes the law.

Jenny Close

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil – 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 – 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am – 7 pm

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment

SUNDAY 22 MARCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23.

Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

Baptism Sunday

RCIA Rite of Healing & Strengthening
at 5.30 pm Mass

Youth Ministered Mass at 5.30 pm

Luke 18 in Carmel Community Room,
6.30 pm – 8 pm

Monday 23 March

Lenten group in Carmel Community
Room at 9.45 am

Wednesday 25 March

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Thursday 26 March

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 15 March

Third Sunday in Lent

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

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

RCIA Rite of Healing & Strengthening
at 7.30 am Mass

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

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

School Ministered Mass, 5.30 pm

Monday 16 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 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

Deanery Gathering at St Thomas the
Apostle Church, Camp Hill, 7 pm

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm

**Your generosity
can live on!**

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

Please think of us.

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

What's Happening?

I always reckon that there is something fishy going on in the month of March, so let's look at what is happening in the next few weeks. A big item, which I encourage people to consider, is the opportunity to meet and listen to our Archbishop, John Bathersby as he outlines his hopes for the Diocese, This meeting is a part of his plan to visit every Deanery in the Diocese and talk. Please try and come along. The venue is St. Thomas', Camp Hill, not too far away from 7.00 pm until around 9.00 pm on **Thursday, March 19th**. They are also looking for 4 volunteers from each parish to help with catering on the night. Any takers? Let me know.

Our primary school is agog with new plans at the moment after the news that we are recipients, along with other Australian primary schools, of a grant from the Federal Government Stimulus package. Our cut will be \$2,778,200 dollars. At this stage, the conversation centres around a multi purpose hall, which will also provide the wider parish with a much needed facility. Stay tuned.

Loreto is now the proud owner of a new Creative Arts building, which was blessed and opened by Fr. Jerome last Friday.

Finally, Easter looms. In order to have the gardens looking nice for Easter, presuming that the cyclone isn't going to ravage us, there is to be a working bee on Saturday, March 28th from 9.30 am till 12 noon. Please let the office know if you are (a) Coming, (b) bring what tools and (c) staying for lunch or not. Ciao.

YOUTH GROUP FOR GRADES 8-10

**Mt Carmel Youth Group (Luke 18) is starting for 2009
on Sunday 22 March.**

We meet each 4th Sunday, after the 5:30 Youth Ministered Mass, in the Carmel Community Room until 8pm, for a friendly and faith-filled time of pizza, games, prayer, discussion and lots of fun. If you are in Grades 8-10, please come and join us next Sunday evening.

Contact Barbara Johnston on 3847 1541(AH) if you require more details.