

## *We Remember those in God's Care*

- \* Giuseppina Dimini, Clare Mitchie, *and all who have died recently;*
- \* Norah Gannon, John Roelofs, Annie Stokes, Michael Wallis,  
*and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

## *We Pray for ....*

- \* Steve Clark Ryan, Sebastian Geisler, Tim O'Neill, Leo Caffery,  
*and all our sick.*

## Week 4 Project Compassion

Care for God's creation has always been an important part of Christian tradition.



In this week's Project Compassion story we meet Ipa from South Kalimantan, Indonesia. Her Indigenous Meratus Dayak community has long struggled against the impacts of large scale forestry which causes damaging landslides and flooding. She is participating in a Caritas Australia supported advocacy program that supports

vulnerable Indigenous communities to secure a just and sustainable future. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps Indigenous Indonesian communities protect their rights and forests for the benefit of us all.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2009

## Terror and wonder: sacrifice and gift



Over the weeks of Lent we have heard about the rewards and also the responsibilities of living in covenant relationship with God. This week St Paul says that we were made to 'live the good life.' Living the good life means being in right relationship with God. When we are out of sync with God life comes apart at the seams, as we hear in the first reading. But the focus in today's liturgy is not on the consequences of our infidelities, even less on God's anger or vengeance, rather we reflect on the fact that 'God loved the world so much . . .'

St Paul says that 'we are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life'. In this sense, Jesus is our creative spark. So being out of sync with God is like a car that is not firing on all cylinders, or like a bulb with a broken filament. Living like this is hard work, stressful, risky and very dark!

But, but, but . . . we were made for the 'good life', so how do we get it? We don't, it is given, it is gift. The wonder of it is that we (and the whole of creation) are such a priority, that God was prepared to sacrifice Jesus to save us from our own stupidity. There is both terror and wonder in this sacrifice which is also a gift, and in the power of God's love.

As the expression of God's love, Jesus is our spark of life, our light in the darkness. So yes, as the Psalm says today: 'Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!'

*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

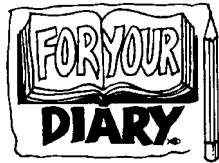
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

### MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 pm

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



### SUNDAY 29 MARCH

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9*

*John 12:20-30*

### Monday 30 March

Lenten group in Church at 9.45 am

### Wednesday 1 April

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community

Room, 7.30 pm

### Thursday 2 April

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm

Chrism Mass at St Stephens Cathedral,

Brisbane, 7.30 pm

## *This week at Mt Carmel*

Today is 22March

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

*2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23.*

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

Baptism Sunday

Baptism Preparation for April in Carmel  
Community Room, 11am

RCIA Rite of Healing & Strengthening &  
Presentation of Lord's Prayer, 5.30 pm

Youth Ministered Mass at 5.30 pm

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

### Monday 23 March

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Lenten group in Church 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

### Saturday 28 March

Church Working Bee 9.30 am ó 12 midday

RCIA Rite of Healing & Strengthening,  
6 pm Mass

**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.

## Parish Planned-Giving

Would you like to take the hassle out of finding the correct sum of cash each week for your planned-giving envelopes?

Have you thought of using the parish facilities of either direct debiting or the credit card system?

There are currently 174 families using these facilities . if you wish to change from using envelopes to either of these systems, **please contact the parish office 3397 1587.**

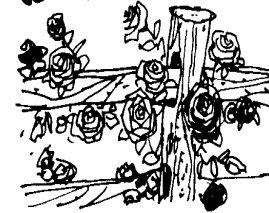


Parish Finance Council members would like to thank parishioners for their continued support of the parish and of the Carmelite Order through planned-giving.

Monies pledged to the parish assist with the day to day running expenses – eg repairs and maintenance of buildings (which is becoming an ever increasing expenditure due to the age of the buildings); motor vehicle running costs; insurance on plant and equipment; archdiocesan levies; electricity and telephone; resources for the various ministries; cleaning; gardening; and wages.

*In these days of economic uncertainty, the effort parishioners are making in continuing with their donations is very much appreciated.*

## CONGRATULATIONS



Our prayers and best wishes go to Sr. Val this weekend as she celebrates the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her religious Profession as a Franciscan Missionary of Mary. Val is a well known and respected identity in our parish community and we are happy to gather with her as she celebrates her anniversary with us this weekend.

## Blooper Alert

Did anyone notice the mistake in last week's newsletter reflection? In the second paragraph I mentioned Moses, but it should have been Abraham. Of course it was an intentional error, I was just trying to catch out all those who were asleep in the pews!

Ten brownie points for everyone who spotted the bible blooper.

Jenny Close