

## *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.*

### **COMMUNION TO THE SICK, MINISTERS OF THE WORD, CHURCH CLEANING & HOSPITALITY**

Rosters for April & May now available in the church foyer. Please remember to collect your copy. Thank You

### **Project Compassion**



Many thanks to those who have been contributing to the Caritas Appeal each week during Lent. Just a reminder that ALL envelopes and boxes are to be returned next Sunday (Palm Sunday)  
*Thank you.*

### **Little King's Movement for the Handicapped Annual Appeal**

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed, the amount of \$2058.80 was raised. The Movement provides its services to a large number of people with disabilities at no cost to those assisted. In addition, respite care facilities are provided at Buranda. We are grateful that the Movement will be able to carry on its work for another year.

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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**29 March 2009**

### **Terror and wonder: death and life**



Next week is Palm/Passion Sunday and then Holy Week follows. Lent is drawing to an end and in the readings today there is a heightened dramatic tension which coaxes us to focus on the Passion.

Jesus is the embodiment of the new covenant that Jeremiah proclaims in the first reading. In this new covenant relationship with God, there is no need for an external set of rules or code of conduct written in stone, because this law is written on our hearts.

The new covenant is like those of old in that it is a gift from God rather than something earned; but there is a radically new aspect here. The Jesus covenant is not realised at a distance (with an inaccessible God looking down on the world, so to speak) but up close and personal: Jesus is God made flesh who dwells among us.

When human and divine meet, there is terror and wonder: the covenant which Jesus embodies is shaped by death and life. In John's gospel, Jesus uses a natural metaphor to describe this: 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.'

If Jesus is the embodiment of this new covenant, then he is written on our hearts and that grain of wheat has been planted into the core of our being. This means that our lives are shaped by death and life also. That is what Jesus meant when he said 'anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.' He is referring to discipleship, which is the core value of his covenant, ie living a life of service as opposed to a life focused on self. So let us ask, in the words of today's Psalm, 'a pure heart create for me, O God' – we could also ask for a fertile heart.

*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, Mass of Anointing, 10am

### 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 29 March**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

*John 12:20-30*

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

**Monday 30 March**

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Lenten group in Church at 9.45 am

**Tuesday 31 March**

Finance Council meeting in Carmel

Community Room, 7.30 pm

**Wednesday 1 April**

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community

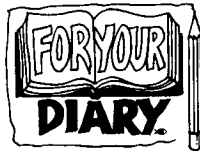
Room, 7.30 pm

**Thursday 2 April**

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm

Chrism Mass at St Stephens Cathedral,

Brisbane, 7.30 pm



**SUNDAY 5 APRIL**

**PALM [PASSION] SUNDAY**

*Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11*

*Mark 15:1-39*

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

**Monday 6 April**

Communal Celebration of God's  
Forgiveness, 7.30 pm in the church

**Thursday 9 April [Holy Thursday]**

Mass of Lord's Supper, 7.30 pm

**Friday 10 April [Good Friday]**

Stations of the Cross, 10 am

First Rite of Reconciliation, 10.30 am

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion  
and Death, 3 pm

**Saturday 11 April [Easter Vigil]**

First Rite of Reconciliation, 10 am

Easter Vigil, 7 pm

**Sunday 12 April [Easter Sunday]**

Mass 7.30 am & 9.30 am

(Note: There is NO 5.30 pm Mass)

**Your generosity  
can live on!**

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



*Please think of us.*

For more information please contact  
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

One of the lacks in our parish is the availability of off street car parking. This has made things hard for some people who might be elderly or disabled. There is some off street parking in the school (soon to be temporarily out of bounds when the area becomes a construction zone to build the new hall later in the year). Also, there is some limited room on the driveway into the front of the church.

As people might be aware, parking is actively discouraged on the narrower exit part of the front driveway, due to people being blocked in the past by wider parked cars in that area. We have also had the unedifying spectacle of funeral vehicles being unable to leave until we have moved cars from this narrow area. Emergency vehicles, should they be required, might also be unable to proceed along the narrow part of the driveway out of the property. To try and solve these problems two things are asked. 1. Please do not park on the narrow exit part of the drive way and 2. Please leave the wider part of the driveway, with room for about five cars, for disabled people who are asked to display a disabled sticker in their car.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

On another related matter, the parish is being visited by the OHS officer from the Archdiocese as part of the annual safety audit required of all parishes. This will take place on Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup>. If anybody is aware of any potentially hazardous part of the property, a written note or email to the parish office will allow us to bring it to the attention of the man on the 31<sup>st</sup>.



I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all ó H.L. Bishop Joseph Oudeman, O.F.M.Cap., to Carmelite Fathers, Laurie, Frank and Jerome, my relatives and friends and parishioners, for the wonderful occasion of last Sunday, when we all gathered to celebrate my Diamond Jubilee of Religious Life ó the memory of which will live in my memory forever.