

*We Remember those in
God's Care*



- * Glen Crouch, Kevin Waller, *and all who have died recently;*
- * Susan Moffet, Tom & Kit Pluck, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

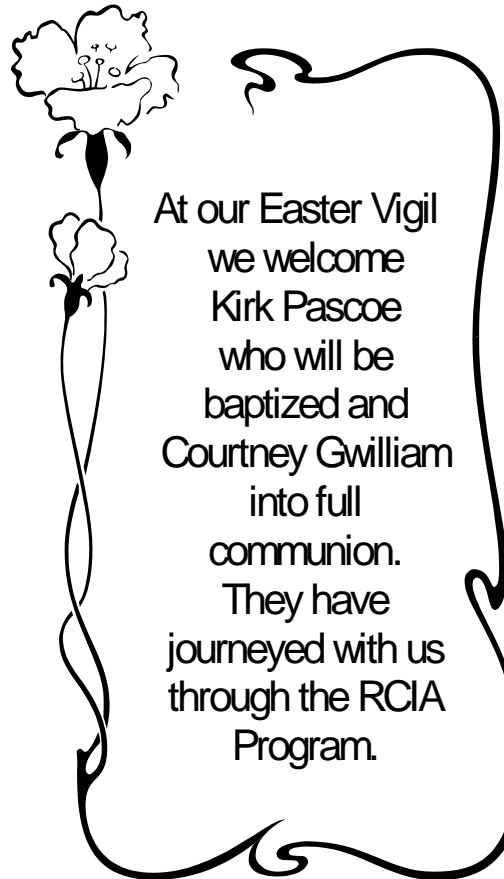
*Steve Clark Ryan, Leo Caffery,
Sebastian Geisler, Tim O'Neill,
and all our sick

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At our Easter Vigil
we welcome
Kirk Pascoe
who will be
baptized and
Courtney Gwilliam
into full
communion.
They have
journeyed with us
through the RCIA
Program.



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

Easter Sunday

12 April 2009

AN EASTER THOUGHT

Two photos were in the papers last week. One I was expecting to see eventually, and looking forward to seeing. The other is a photo that I have been wanting to see for a long time, and wondered when it would see the light of day.

The first photo showed a green shoot growing out of a blackened tree trunk in Victoria. The second photo showed megalitres of water cascading out of the Somerset Dam. The first photo showed that no matter what happens, new life will inevitably and naturally re emerge.

The second photo showed that difficult times, like drought and water restrictions are also temporary and that, in time, things will get better.

I guess that by now you are getting the drift towards the Easter message. We all know that the central theme of Easter, indeed, the central theme of our faith, is the Rising of Jesus from the dead, the previous few days before the Resurrection were, by human standards, very discouraging. The arrest and torture of Jesus, the vote of no confidence by the crowds, the execution with two thieves all seemed to indicate failure and the end of the dream. Easter shows that there is always a final chapter, and it is not a sad ending, like the shoot growing out of the tree trunk. But Easter is not just an exercise in memory, where we piously think about a remote event both historically and geographically and culturally from our own time and life. We remember the events of 2000 years ago so that we can apply the message to our own lives here and now in our own world.

In spite of the best efforts of some human beings to muck it up, nature does have a way of balancing things out, as does life and as does our faith life.

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**YOUR GENEROSITY
can live on!**

Thinking of making
or renewing
your Will?



Please think of us.

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:

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

Weekdays *this week*:

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

RECONCILIATION

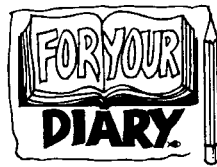
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 pm

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 19 APRIL SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

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

Monday 20 April

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

Thursday 23 April

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm

SUNDAY 26 APRIL THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

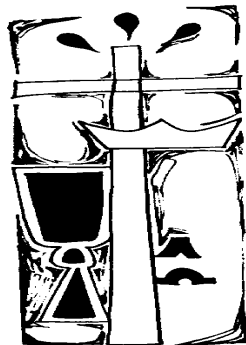
Baptism Sunday

Baptism Preparation for May in Carmel
Community Room, 11 am

Parish Meeting in School Library,
11.30 am ó 4.30 pm

Youth Ministered Mass, 5.30 pm

Youth Group in Carmel Community
Room, 6.30 pm ó 8.30 pm



AN EASTER THOUGHT (cont...)

There are times in our lives when things look very much like drought or the blackened tree trunk, and we might be tempted to get a bit desperate and believe that this is the way it is always going to be. This is a self-defeating belief of course, and makes the inevitable balancing act of life harder to achieve for us. Many of us manage personal unhappiness far better than we manage personal happiness. Another reminder came our way with another news item from Victoria which described a footy match being played in the burnt out town of Kinglake, a reminder that there are many things that we can do ourselves to achieve the swing back to life. Easter reminds us that the green shoot will appear again in our lives, and that the waters of life within us will flow strongly again. This is the way of nature, it is the way of life, it is the way God plans it for his creation. Happy Easter

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 12 April

Easter Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

Baptism Sunday

Mass 7.30 am & 9.30 am

(Note: There is NO 5.30 pm Mass)

Monday 13 April

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Carmel Cellars East Timor BBQ, 4 pm
BYO Wine, BBQ & donation for East
Timor in Carmel Community Room

Thursday 16 April

Mt Carmel Social Club Mass & Meeting
9 am Carmel Community Room

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm

What's Happening?

First of all, our First Eucharist and Confirmation programme for 2009 has kicked off. The Grade 4 children at Mount Carmel have already taken their letters home (I hope!)

Any parents of children in grade 4 or above who have made their first Reconciliation can collect a letter and enrolment form from the parish office. Our parent information night will be in the church at **7.30 p.m. on Tuesday May 5th**.

On **Sunday April 26th** about 35 parishioners are going to meet in the school library from **11.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.** to go through a process with Sr. Mary Franzmann who is going to work with the parish during 2009 to formulate a Vision Statement. The purpose of this meeting is to enable Mary to get a picture of what sort of a parish we are so that she can assist us in the Vision Statement. Lunch will be thrown in on the day. We should begin to hear a bit more about the Vision Statement after April 26th. There will be other events during the year, open at all, so carry this process forward. Stay tuned.