

We Remember those in God's Care



- ❖ Felix McKeon, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ Vincent McMahon, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

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

NEW CARMELITE SAINT

This morning Pope Benedict is canonising a new Carmelite saint for the Church. He is Blessed Nuno Alvares who was born in Portugal many years ago. Nuno is a national hero in Portugal because as commander of the Army he won independence for his country.

Nuno married Eleonora d'Alvia who unfortunately died early in their marriage leaving him with a young family. We don't know how he combined being a father with his army career but he remained in the army until his retirement.

At the age of sixty three Nuno, a man of deep faith, joined the Carmelites in Lisbon. He was admitted as a brother. Nuno was a simple, prayerful man. Before long he was just one of the community.

With Anzac Day still very much in our thoughts, perhaps we could say a prayer to the ex-army man Nuno, now a saint, to guard all those in the services.

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Thinking of making
or renewing
your Will?



Please think of us.

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

3rd Sunday of Easter **26 April 2009**

We bought a new car a couple of years ago and as soon as we made the decision to purchase a navy blue Kia Grand Carnival, everyone else in the world seemed to have the same car. They were everywhere! The same thing happened when we chanced upon a lovely, perfumed, flowering scrub on our morning walk last week and decided that we had to have that plant. Suddenly, that plant was everywhere – it's even growing on two properties adjoining ours and we had never noticed it before. It's like suddenly, our minds had been opened to see something which we had never seen before. We had been unaware, and now we are acutely aware.

This is an everyday example of what Jesus did for the 11 disciples (12 minus Judas) on his first visitation to them as a group after his resurrection. He opened their minds so that they could understand the scriptures. The scriptures were not new to the disciples, in fact most of them (if not all) being the good Jews that they were, would have known the scriptures off by heart. But from Luke's Gospel today, we find that Jesus is the **key** to interpreting scripture. The Easter story was something completely new and different from the Old Testament Scriptures that the disciples knew. Jesus had to explain (from Luke's Gospel):

that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Once Jesus and his saving work of Calvary had been explained, it opened the disciples' minds to understand the whole Old Testament in a new and different way. The scriptures had not changed, but a new awareness had just occurred, much like my everyday examples above.

If the disciples, who actually lived and breathed with Jesus, needed Jesus' help to understand the scriptures, we mere mortals in the 21st century cannot expect to understand scripture by ourselves either. Jesus remains the key to understanding scripture and Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, still needs to open our minds so that we can understand the scriptures. We can read the scriptures, we can even study the scriptures and still they can remain bland, cold, distant and not relevant in our lives at all.

Let us remember this week that Jesus is the key to understanding scripture. And let us pray for the Holy Spirit to open our minds so that we can understand the scriptures, particularly the Easter message which is the cornerstone of the faith we profess.

Kathy Asnicar Parishioner

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

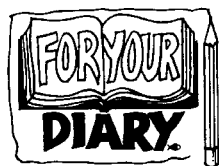
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 pm

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 3 MAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18

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

Monday 4 May

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

Tuesday 5 May

Parent Information Night for
Sacramental Programme, 7.30 pm

Wednesday 6 May

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

Thursday 7 May

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm



Project Compassion

Thank you to all who have supported this Appeal in 2009. Receipts will be issued within the next fortnight.

To assist us in finalizing the Caritas Appeal please forward your donation to the Parish Office by this coming Thursday.
Many Thanks

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Carmelites will be attending their annual assembly this coming Tuesday to Thursday.

Also, a group of families from the parish are heading up the Brisbane Valley to the wilds of Duckadang next weekend for a bit of bonding. The parish priest will join them to make sure that a high standard of behaviour is maintained.

A diary item for any interested people is a Mass and meeting with the East Timorese ambassador at the Gregory Terrace college chapel on **Saturday May 23rd at 6.00 p.m.** Please let the parish office know soon if you wish to attend.

Have you been thinking about volunteering?

The St Vincent de Paul Society is currently in urgent need of volunteers to assist in their Call Centre in South Brisbane.

As Part of the team, volunteers receive and process telephone calls from people requiring material assistance. On-the-job training provided. Positions are available between 9 am and 4 pm Monday to Friday. On-site parking is available.

If you have good computer skills, a pleasant telephone manner and would like to come in for a trial, please contact Carmel, Volunteer Coordinator by phone on 3010 1000 or email volunteer@svdp.org.au

SETON COLLEGE

*Parishioner and Principal, Chris Raju begs to inform us that Seton College, up there in the nether reaches of Cavendish Road, is having an OPEN MORNING on **Tuesday May 5th** from 9.00 a.m. till 10.30 a.m.*

Seton College is a Catholic Co-Ed College and is now accepting enrolments for Year 8 in 2010, 2011 or 2012. The school accepts students of all abilities, but seeks to provide opportunities for students who have experienced difficulties with their work in the primary school years. The school can be contacted on 3291 5333.

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 26 April

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48

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

Thursday 30 April

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm