

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ Megan Kelly, and all who have died recently;
- ❖ Ron and Mavis Steele, Chas Steele, and all whose anniversaries occur now.

We Pray for

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

CARITAS AUSTRALIA – PROJECT COMPASSION 2009



Sincere thanks to parishioners who supported the Project Compassion Appeal in 2009. The amount that was raised through donations given in the church collections was **\$2 695.55**.

Thank you also to Paul Lynch who assisted with the counting of donations each week during Lent.

LEAVEN HOUR – Friday 22 May 2009

Leaven Hour = Eucharist + Eucharistic Adoration

5:10pm-6:30pm at St Stephen's Chapel, Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
Leaven Hour, sponsored by a number of youth organisations across Brisbane, is an opportunity for young adults to gather with prayer, song, Scripture and silence.
For info, contact Mark Lysaght on 1300 133 544 or visit www.catholicpriesthood.com

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YOUR GENEROSITY
can live on!

Thinking of making
or renewing
your Will?



Please think of us.

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

6th Sunday of Easter 17 May 2009

I WANT TO KNOW WHAT LOVE IS

This song title hit the airwaves in the 1980's as all you old rockers out there will remember. As we all know, the word 'love' pops up with amazing frequency in songs from time immemorial up the present day. Maybe even today many of us want to know what love is. Some of us might even hit the Scriptures for a clue. Maybe we can get an insight into 'love' as mentioned in a Scriptural concept by looking at two scenarios.

Scenario 1 A little 6 year old boy comes home from school every Friday with a picture of his daddy which he drew and the words 'I love you daddy' written on the page. Nobody asked him to do it; he simply did it because he in fact did love his daddy.

Scenario 2 A little 6-year-old boy is told by his father that he is to do a drawing of him every Friday and write the words 'I love you daddy' on the picture. He is then to bring the picture home and give it to him, every Friday.

The appearance is the same; a little boy brings home a picture and gives it to his father. But there is a huge difference, which is invisible to the eye. I think we all know which is the prettier scenario.

Many of us were brought up in a Christ centred church which resembled scenario 2. We did things, which were, to all external appearances, nice, but we did them largely because we were told to. There was certainly love in the scenario, but there was also a lot of fear and coercion.

For the past 40 years or so, the church has been trying to move us all into scenario 1 above, and, as you can imagine, it is taking a long time.

Some of us just cannot shake off the conditioning that we were brought up in. Some of us have decided that the easing of coercion means that we don't have to worry about the picture at all. Some of us just don't know how to function in the church without being expected to do something. Some have successfully moved, more or less, into scenario 1. Some of us were never in scenario 2, even in the old days. Yes, we are a mixed bag and we bring that mixture into our gathering each Sunday. Some of us gather because 'we love you daddy'. Others still gather because daddy said so.

Today's gospel is a message from daddy himself inviting us all to try and move into scenario 1, where love is the primary motivator for all that we try to do.

The little boys picture was probably not very well drawn. It matters not. The drawing was motivated by love. Our own efforts to live, as a Christian might not win Academy Awards either. It doesn't matter if love is our primary motivation.

Fr Laurie

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

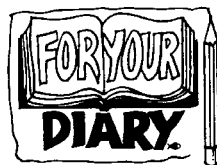
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 pm

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 24 MAY ASCENSION OF THE LORD

*Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 4:1-13
Mark 16:15-20*

Baptism Sunday

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Baptism Preparation for June in Carmel
Community Room, 11 am

Combined School & Youth Ministered
Mass, 5.30 pm

Monday 25 May

Little Rock Scripture Study Group in
Church, 9.45 am

Thursday 28 May

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 17 May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17

Clergy Foundation Appeal

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

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

Monday 18 May

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Little Rock Scripture Study Group in
Church, 9.45 am

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

Thursday 21 May

Mt Carmel Bus Trip to Marian Valley
Leaving church 9 am [**Fully Booked**]

Readers Preparation in sacristy, 7.30pm

With World Day of Prayer at Regina Caeli this year I am looking for anyone who might have had a camera there, and is willing to send me a photo or two for an article to be printed within our deanery newsletter.

I hope someone has a photo.

If you have one I would appreciate it E-mailed to reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au

Jeanne Schneider
Regina Caeli

CLERGY FOUNDATION APPEAL

They give us the best years of their lives - show them we care!

Annual Clergy Foundation

Appeal this weekend

16/17 May 2009

The Foundation cares for all sick and retired priests in the Archdiocese and depends heavily on our help to meet the ever increasing cost of this care. Thank you for your support.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend for married couples

Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset - Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Weekend date: 12-14 June 2009

Venue: Kindilan, Victoria Point

For bookings/details contact:

(07) 3352 3328 ó Terry and Rhonda Boyle

Information: website www.wwme.org.au

Brochures available in foyer of church on table

East Timor Independence

The East Timorese community of Brisbane welcomes everyone to join with them in marking the anniversary of East Timor's independence. A Mass will be celebrated at the Chapel at St Joseph's College, 285 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill, at 6.00 p.m. on Saturday 23 May. A dinner and entertainment will follow at the College. Please bring a plate of food to share and BYO drinks. Special Guest will be the East Timorese Ambassador to Australia, Dr Hernani Coelho da Silva.

Please RSVP by Monday, 18th May to Sr. Eufemia Lacerda Fdccc on 0401 948 976 or Justo Da Costa on 0434 583 870.