

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ William Archer, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ Leon Francis, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

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

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



21 June 2009

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MAYBE IT LIVES IN THE SEA

The 1960's book by William Golding called *Lord of the Flies* is a commentary on humanity. It is about about a group of small boys who are marooned on a deserted island with no adults. You can hire the DVD from Video Ezy in Greenslopes, both versions of the film! So much for the ad, now back to the message. Soon their imaginations invent 'beasties' on the island, but after becoming familiar with the small island, they realise that there are no 'beasties', until one little boy says: Suppose it comes out of the sea? They get scared again.

The sea is still in 2009 a mysterious and at times, a scary place. We have just put cameras on Waddell seals to track their cavortings hundreds of metres below the frozen sea, a place where we cannot go safely.

Life remains for many of us as mysterious, and at times scary.

Jesus is recorded in his life as having the full gamut of emotions. He partied, he taught, got angry, got scared, got frustrated, felt the need of personal space, felt compassion and confronted. In the garden he told God that he would prefer not to go through with the passion and death. The only thing that the scriptures do not tell us about Jesus is that he laughed. But he must have if he was dealing intimately with humanity. Jesus kept an even keel in all aspects of his life by continually being aware of the presence of the Father, and of his relationship with the Father. The disciples in the boat, as they were tossed on the waves, witnessed a calming of the situation by an in control Jesus. This gave them comfort.

We are invited to do the same. As the waves of life knock us around, as we become afraid of any 'beasties' in the mysterious depths of our own existence, as we become scared of what we don't like or know, we too are asked to remind ourselves of the presence of a God who holds all things in the palm of his hand, a God who is on our side, a God who will make things right for us and put us on an even keel, eventually, if only we will have a life giving faith in Him, and in ourselves in relationship to Him.

Today, some of our younger parishioners will receive their God sacramentally for the first time in Holy Communion. We pray for them, especially that they too will learn to recognize the God of love in their lives, wherever it might lead them.

Planned Giving

New envelopes for planned giving for the next financial year are available from the foyer of the church. Your continued support of the parish through your donations is much appreciated.

Thank you also to those parishioners who contribute through the direct debit or credit card systems (who do not receive envelopes).

If those using envelopes would like to change to direct debiting, please contact Maureen at the parish office.

Next Bus Trip to

on Thursday 16 July

leaving from Church at **9.30 am**
Tour of Government House with
Morning Tea on Lawn – Lunch
at Broncos and then visit Mt
Cootha

All Inclusive \$25

Because of security at
Government House
no bookings after 8th July
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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 & 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 28 JUNE 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 1:13-15. 2:23-24
Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15
Mark 5:21-24. 35-43

First Eucharist Mass, 9.30 am & 11 am

Youth ministered Mass, 5.30 pm

Youth Group in Carmel Community

Room, 6.30 pm ó 8.30 pm

Monday 29 June

Little Rock Scripture Study Group in
Church, 9.45 am

Wednesday 1 July

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

Thursday 2 July

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

CHURCH CLEANING

We have a group of people who come in to give the church a general tidy up every week on Friday or Saturday. Over the last 6 months this group has dwindled and so we need anyone who could spare a couple of hours once a month to tidy up the church. Contact Emanuela at Parish Office 3397 1547 ASAP as the roster for July ó Sept will go out next week.

What's Happening?

Sunday June 28th A number of children will be celebrating their First Eucharist at the 9.30 a.m. Mass, requiring the reservation of the first few rows of seats.

Sunday July 5th. Two things are happening. First of all, we are having our parish celebration at all Masses of the 150th Anniversary of the Brisbane Archdiocese. This will take the form of the erection of the 150 banner and the lighting of the 150 candle. The second thing is a bit more energetic, the fun(d) raising bike ride from Fernvale to Lowood in the Brisbane Valley (18 kms return, 9 one way!!) Sponsorship forms are available in the foyer of the church. Rob Jansen and Fr. Laurie are your human sources of information.

Saturday July 18th It's that time of the year again. We are having a working bee to tidy up the gardens a wee bit before the Feast Day celebrations. We will commence at 8.00 a.m. and conclude with morning tea at 10.30 a.m. Let the parish office know if you can come and what tools you will be bringing. Wheelbarrows are also useful.

Sunday July 19th The parish celebration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel takes place on this day at the 9.30 a.m. Mass, followed by morning tea for adults and children hosted by the Lay Carmelites and Cathy Dillon.

A Second Reflection for this week

Storms of life ó we all experience them. In fact, if we are honest, sometimes life feels like a constant storm with waves crashing, thunder pounding, lightning hitting and our little boat being tossed and nearly overturning with the enormity of the waves. We get blown off course, we can't see in front of ourselves, we have no control over our circumstances and turmoil and disaster reign supreme.

With our lives so precariously balanced, we too may be tempted to ask the same question that the disciples asked in today's Gospel: "Master, do you not care?" The disciples' boat was being tossed and turned by the storm and they were terrified. And where was Jesus when they needed him so much ó asleep! No wonder the disciples questioned whether Jesus actually did care. Sometimes in our own lives, it may seem that God is silent, that he does not care, that God is asleep at the wheel.

But what was Jesus' reply to the disciples when they woke him - "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" We know why the disciples were frightened. It is the same reason we are frightened in the midst of our own storms ó we are being hurt and pummelled and in danger of death and we have no control over the situation. Jesus equated this fear with having NO faith. This seems a bit harsh doesn't it, after all the disciples took their concerns to Jesus and woke him up. Perhaps Jesus was reacting to being the last resort in times of trouble, instead of the first port of call. The disciples appear to have left it until they were at their wits end before they woke Jesus. When the storms of life hit, we are told in today's psalm that if we cry out to the Lord in our need he will rescue us from our distress and he will still the storm to a whisper.

It appears that all we have to do is cry out to the Lord and he will do the rest. If we just let God handle the situation ó as a first resort, not after all other possibilities have been exhausted, we may just avoid driving ourselves into a state of utter hopelessness and fear, and we may make it through the storm unharmed.

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 21 June

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Job 38:1. 8-11 *Corinthians 5:14-17*
Mark 4:35-41

First Eucharist Mass, 9.30 am & 11 am

Monday 22 June

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Little Rock Scripture Study Group in
Church, 9.45 am

Confirmation practice in Church, 3.30 pm

Tuesday 23 June

Confirmations, 7 pm

Thursday 25 June

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm