

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ Lyn Coquerand, Bill Prentice, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ John Ebbage, Lola M. Price, *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.*

Mt Carmel Fete 'Update'

Work is well underway for this year's Fete on **Sunday 2 August**, which promises to be our best yet!

Funds raised this year will go towards renovating the School Oval including new seating, fencing and improved access. The Fete Committee is currently seeking **prizes** for Sample Bags, selected Stalls, and the popular Multi-Draw Raffle. If you can donate a product, service or voucher or know of someone who can, or if your business can supply any small promotional items (pens, stickers, drink bottles etc) please contact Sarah Ward on 0400 403 050 or at sarahward03@optusnet.com.au.

In the meantime, please mark Sunday, 2 August in your diary and tell your family and friends too.

Watch this space for more details!

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can live on!

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

5 July 2009

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

IS THERE A PROPHET AMONG US?

A prophet is never accepted in their own hometown. Jesus was no exception to this. We find in today's Gospel that the people of Nazareth could not accept Jesus or his teachings and as a consequence Jesus could only perform limited miracles. There was just not enough faith in the home-town crowd to enable Jesus to perform more miracles.

According to Wikipedia a prophet is someone who hears from God and acts as an intermediary between God and humanity, traditionally promoting change through their message and actions. We see three prophets in today's readings: Ezekiel, Paul and Jesus.

In the first reading from Ezekiel, God tells Ezekiel to go to the defiant and obstinate Israelites. God made it clear that Ezekiel may be ignored or worse, but he wanted the Israelites to know that there was a prophet among them.

Mt Carmel, is there a prophet among us?

Are there people in our parish, in our community, who are called to be prophets just like Ezekiel, Paul and Jesus? Do some hear from God and try to bring that message to the parishioners with a view to changing individuals and our community? Is there someone who can speak to this community with the issues that confront this community today, issues far removed from defiance and obstinacy, but just as harmful to our Christian walk, such as complacency, materialism and pride?

And if we do have prophets in our midst, are we, as a community open to this way of God working? Or are we more like the Nazarenes from today's Gospel who did not believe that Jesus could have any wisdom from God because he was too familiar, too much like them. This problem of familiarity has prompted scripture commentator, Brendan Byrne SJ, to state that "the greatest enemy to faith can simply be 'familiarity': a refusal to believe that God's presence and God's power could come to us in so familiar a form as the person next door."

To really live authentic Christian lives we must admit our shortcomings, as Paul does in today's second reading. He acknowledges that God's power is at its best in his human weakness. This is in stark contrast to the response of the Israelites and the Nazarenes who thought that they had all of the power and refused to listen to God.

In this community of Mt Carmel which has so many gifts and strengths – an abundance of financial resources, education and lifestyle – we need the prophets to remind us of God's priorities and of our shortcomings. Mt Carmel, is there a prophet among us?

Kathy Asnicar Parishioner

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 12 JULY 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13

Baptism Sunday

Monday 13 July

Little Rock Scripture Study Group in
Church, 9.45 am

Thursday 16 July

Mt Carmel Social Club Bus Trip to Govt
House, bus leaving 9.30 am

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

SUNDAY 19 JULY 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Lay Carmelite meeting and Mass, 9.30am
Morning Tea to celebrate will be served
after 9.30 am Mass. All are welcome

PM ó Family Group function in Carmel
Community Room

Monday 20 July

Little Rock Scripture Study Group in
Church, 9.45 am

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

Thursday 23 July

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

What's Happening?

Half of the year has gone, there are only 172 shopping days until Christmas. Having said that, let's look at some immediate aims.

This weekend a number of intrepid parishioners are heading off on their bikes up the Brisbane Valley for our -Cycle for Safetyø fun(d) raising jaunt. Monies raised will go towards paying for some OHS improvements required around the church.

This weekend we are also launching the (big word coming up!) Sesquicentenary celebrations for the Archdiocese of Brisbane in our parish. This will take the form of the erection of a banner in the sanctuary and the lighting of a (here it comes again!) Sesquicentenary candle.

Don't forget the working bee around the church on Saturday July 18th from 8.00 a.m. until 10.30 a.m. with morning tea. This is mainly light cleaning up and creative therapeutic weeding to make the surrounds look nice for Our Lady of Mount Carmel celebrations on the following day, Sunday July 19th, with the main Mass being at 9.30 a.m. followed by morning tea hosted by the Lay Carmelites.

Please let the parish office know if you are coming (to the working bee) and what tools you might bring.

Fr Laurie

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 5 July

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 2:2-5 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6

150th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of
Brisbane

Cycle for Safety bike ride, 10.30 am
Fernvale to Lowood

Monday 6 July

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 9 July

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

PARISH REGISTRATION

Every three years parishioners are asked to update their family details in order to help us keep accurate family records in the parish office.

It is that time again!

Yellow forms are available from the table in the front entrance to the church. Please complete and return on the collection plate, or mail to the parish office.

We also invite those who are new to the parish to complete one of these forms.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Live-in Companion

Elderly widow seeking female, 65 years or older for companionship on a 3-month trial for possible permanent basis. Must be social, friendly and church-oriented. Must pay own expenses: food, electricity, phone. No pets allowed. Please contact Maree on 0414 938 905.