

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ *all who have died recently;*
- ❖ *Joan Boulton, Neil Gannon, Bernard Rodes, 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

12 July 2009

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Called To Be Missionaries

The message in this week's readings provides us with a clear picture of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

From the amazing Amos in the first reading, a humble shepherd who felt the call of God to prophecy and speak out against injustice in his homeland to the Apostles instructed very clearly by Jesus about what their mission was in the Gospel, we have strong theme of mission, commitment and simplicity

Its quite common in today's management texts to read about clearly understanding your goals, having focus about what you want to achieve and being committed in following through with your plan.

In this weekend's readings, these messages are clearly articulated.

We learn in the story of Amos about a humble shepherd who felt the call of God so strongly to speak out against the injustices in his own homeland that he could not be contained in spite of threats and coercion from the authorities.

Just think about how courageous this was. Even in today's more liberal society where speaking out against Government and Big Business is hardly seen as a 'big deal', very few people have the courage of their convictions to do so. In the time of Amaziah, such actions could easily have led to him being put in harms way, but he felt the call so strongly he did it anyway.

Finally in the Gospel reading Jesus lays it out very simply to his Apostles. He instructs them on how to take over his work here on Earth, the preaching of repentance and the power over unclean spirits. He underscores this message with a reminder to them to not be burdened by encumbrances like money, belongings or even spare clothes. He tells them to expect to be welcomed in their mission and to walk away from unwelcoming places.

So what is the message for us in these readings?

I think that it shows how all of us who chose to follow Christ are also called to be missionaries. To be people who speak out and/or act against injustice, or evil in its many forms. We know that we already have been blessed by the grace of God to do this and that this grace will give us wisdom and insight. We also know from Jesus himself that we need to focus on doing this work, unencumbered by the superficialities of life like status, money etc or worrying about what others might think. As Jesus implies in his exhortation to the Apostles expect to be welcome by many in doing his work, and for those who choose not to accept or welcome them. Just walk away and find support from those who care.

NEW MT CARMEL PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is a group of Mums, Dads, Grandparents and caregivers who meet together each week with their babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

They share ideas and experiences and work together to provide opportunities for their children to learn through play.

Many long term friendships begin at playgroup....

**Meeting Weekly on Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am
@ Mt Carmel Community Room**

*Annual membership fee \$30 per family (\$28 concession card holders)
and weekly fee of \$3 to cover tea/coffee, play equipment and supplies.*

**To register your interest to attend or for further information
Please contact the parish office on (07) 3397 1587.**

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Please take a Tablet

Copies of the Tablet for April and May are available on the table in the foyer of the church. Please feel free to take and return for someone else to read.

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

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 12 July

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seafarers' Sunday

Amos 7:12-15 Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13

Baptism Sunday

Monday 13 July

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Little Rock Scripture Study Group in
Church, 9.45 am

Thursday 16 July

Mt Carmel Social Club Bus Trip to
Government House, bus leaves 9.30am
Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

CATHOLIC EMERGENCY RELIEF APPEAL VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES

Sincere thanks to parishioners who
supported the Appeal. The amount
raised through donations was **\$1772.50**.



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

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Celebrating 20 years of Family Groups at Mt
Carmel 1989-2009 join us after 5.30pm
Mass in Carmel Community Room.
(Bring a plate of finger food to share)

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Dates for Term 3

July	<i>CLOW provides the</i>
19	<i>opportunity for children</i>
August	<i>[from Pre school to Yr 3]</i>
9	<i>to celebrate the Liturgy</i>
16	<i>of the Word at their level</i>
23	<i>at the Sunday 9.30 am</i>
30	<i>Mass.</i>
Sept	If interested in this ministry
6	please contact Leisa Crew
13	on 3847 5033 or
20	0418 187 536 or
	leisacrew@crediflex.com .

What's Happening?

July looks like being a busy little month. First of all, thanks to the 75 people who came along and cycled, jogged, walked or were pushed in strollers or drove from Fernvale to Lowood and return last Sunday. It was a great day out and many families had the chance to do an activity together. So far \$643 has been raised, with more sponsorship to come in. Thanks again, see you next year for the next one!!

Next weekend two things are on the horizon. On **Saturday July 18th** we are having a tidy up working bee from **8.00 a.m. till 10.30 a.m.** during which time some creative weeding will take place. So far we are three, but hopefully more people will contact the parish office during the week to sign up.

Then on **Sunday July 19th** we celebrate the parish Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This will be celebrated at all Masses on that weekend with the principal Mass being **at 9.30 a.m.** followed by morning tea hosted by the Lay Carmelites with Cathy Dillon looking after younger appetites.

Then comes the big one. Fr. Jerome is celebrating 50 years of priesthood this month. There will be a celebration in the parish to mark this wonderful event at the **9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday July 26th** followed by morning tea. All are welcome to this celebration and are asked to bring a plate of food to share afterwards. Please contact parish office for details on catering.

Thanks to the people who submitted suggested amendments to our draft Mission Statement. Some thoughtful comments were received. Our little committee consisting of Michael Martin, Heather Stabler, Cathy Dillon and Fr. Laurie will meet with Sr. Mary Franzmann on Thursday July 23rd to move the process on. This will probably take the form of another public get together open to all interested parishioners some time in September. (Good grief, are we talking about September already!!) Stay tuned.

On **Thursday July 30th** at 7.15 pm in the Great Hall of the Convention & Exhibition Centre there will be a 150th Anniversary Mass. 12 parishioners are invited, if you wish to represent the parish at this event please contact the parish office by Monday 13 July.

Fr Laurie