

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ *all who have died recently;*
- ❖ Rex Collin, Kathleen Atherton, Miriam Raju, Ellen & Jack Origlasso, Peg & Cyril Waller, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

- ❖ Sr Val Healy FMM, 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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 August 2009

Our esteemed daily paper *The Courier Mail* carried a story on Thursday about a couple facing murder charges in the US because they did not get medical treatment for their 11 year old daughter who had diabetes. They believed that sickness was punishment for sin and that prayer alone would cure it.

They were wrong.

Such loopy thinking misses the whole point of sane Christianity. A sane, balanced Christian recognises a balance between the power of God in their lives and a sense of their own gifts and talents. In other words, prayer, a linking of ourselves to God, is a vitally important part of our spiritual life and an essential requirement in our relationship with God, but prayer must go hand in hand with our own prudent efforts to make sense of the events of our lives.

The little girl in the US would probably be still alive were her parents balanced enough to combine prayer with a visit to the hospital.

True, there are times when prayer is the only thing that we have left, when our life is a desert, like the people in the first reading today. They were lost and afraid. God sent them quails and manna. Later on they would be asked to put their own effort into their lives and their salvation, but there are times when only God can act, and he does, but often not in the way that we expect. We might recognise these times in our own histories.

The thing to remember is that these times when God alone acts are temporary, special times. Usually, it is a partnership. God's power with our own power working in tandem.

The Gospel of the Talents best illustrates this. God gives five talents to one man, two to another and one to a third, each according to their ability. The expectation is that the freely given gift is put to work via the skills of the recipient. We know the story, the man with 5 makes 5 more, the one with 2 makes 2 more, the one with 1 buries it and does nothing. We know which ones are rewarded by God, yes, the ones who take the freely offered gift of God and build on it with their own efforts.

What are the gifts, the talents that I have received from my God? What am I doing with them?

WORLD WIDE 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: 11-13 September

Venue: Brisbane, QLD

For bookings/details contact:

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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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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil ó 6 pm;
Sunday - 7.30 am, 9.30 am, 5.30 pm

Weekdays *this week*:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday &
Saturday - 9 am
Wednesday ó Anointing Mass, 10 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 am

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 2nd August

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 John 6:24-35

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Parishioners Vince and Kathy Aguis will be speaking briefly after communion this weekend about Marriage Encounter

Monday 3 August

Rosary after 9 am Mass

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

Wednesday 5 August

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

Thursday 6 August

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm



SUNDAY 9 AUGUST

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephesians 4:30-5:2

John 6:41-51

Thursday 13 July

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday 17 August

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

Thursday 20 August

Mt Camel Social Club meeting in Carmel Community Room, 9.30 am

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

ROSTERS

Rosters for Communion to the Sick, Hospitality and Ministers of the Word are available in the foyer of the church.

Please remember to collect.

What's Happening?

First of all, thanks to all who made the special effort to celebrate with Jerome his 50th anniversary of priesthood last weekend. It was a truly memorable occasion with so many special people filling the church, including many former parishioners who came back for the morning. Thanks to our musicians and vocalists who, as always, enhanced the celebration, as well as the many people who provided refreshments afterwards. Well done.

Our little Mission Statement committee met and out popped this second draft which people are asked to comment on before August 28th.

The Mission of the Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is to live the Gospel in the spirit of the Carmelite Tradition,

By

- **Becoming a vibrant worshipping community that seeks to deepen its Spirituality**
- **Being inclusive, welcoming and supporting of all in their faith journey**
- **Outreaching to those who no longer feel that they belong, those on the margins and those most in need.**

In responding, please remember that this is a Mission statement, which must be concise and succinct. For example someone suggested that the Mission Statement should spell out what is meant by the 'Carmelite Tradition'. It shouldn't. But a desire to increase our awareness of this tradition could be a part of the underlining principles of the Statement, or one of the strategies to implement the Statement.

Hopefully a get together to finalise the Statement, formulate underlying principles and propose implementation strategies will happen in September or October. Stay tuned. *Fr Laurie*

LORETO COLLEGE OPEN INFORMATION SESSION

Sunday 2nd August at 10.30 am

in the Mary Ward Centre

Come along and hear, ask and see ALL ARE WELCOME