

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ Bernard Roth, Sandra Hewson, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ *all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

- ❖ Pat Ryan, Joan Meehan, Margaret Nance, Marie Rhodes, Steve Clark Ryan, Leo Caffery, Tim O'Neill, *and all our sick.*



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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 August 2009

Princeton Professor of mathematics, Sir Andrew Wiles, spent almost ten years of his life proving the now famous Fermat's Last Theorem. To achieve this feat, he and his colleagues went to the extent of reworking complete fields of mathematics. After one false start, their work finally stood up to rigorous international peer review and was accepted as correct. So what was the metric, or yardstick, used as the basis of the proof, review and acceptance? Cold hard logic. Logic is very familiar to all of us - we use this metric every day, and have done for millennia: "if" I go too close to a sabre-tooth "then" it will probably eat me; "if" we play hard "then" we will win The Ashes "because" English cricket is soft. Logic is hardwired in our brains, and we use it to make sense of the world: without it we lose our way.

The disciples in today's Gospel seem to be also falling back on the use of logic in an attempt to make sense of what Jesus is saying – and it doesn't really work. They seem quite perturbed when they can't use logic to put things Jesus says neatly into place. Jesus spots this and asks if what he says shocks them, and it must shock some, as we learn that many disciples turn away and head home, presumably to a logical world that makes sense.

This is, of course, not to say that what Jesus was preaching was illogical, but rather, that Jesus' metric, or yardstick, was well above and beyond the familiarity and security of human logic. To me, Jesus' metric is faith through belief. Jesus calmly, patiently and gently explains this to His disciples many times, including in today's Gospel. He invites them, and us, to put aside our desire for proof and to simply believe in Him. Then, as today, how difficult this is for us humans who have logic burned into our brains to accept – but how clear it is that this is what we are called to do. And not only this, once we believe, we are called to love our God and love our neighbour, regardless of who our neighbour might be.

So, it's probably true that without logic we may well lose our way in the day to day goings on of life, but without belief, we may lose The Way, The Truth and The Life. Tough call? You do the math.

*Michael Barry
Parishioner*



HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY EDUCATION APPEAL

The annual Queensland wide HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY EDUCATION APPEAL to assist HOUSE and EDUCATE men for the Priesthood in Queensland is being conducted in our parish this weekend. Your prayers and financial donations are sought.

Please give generously to assist the SEMINARY in providing ACCOMMODATION AND EDUCATION for those seeking to become your future priests. Donations of \$2- and over to the Seminary Building and Maintenance Fund are Tax Deductible.

Brochures are available on the table in the foyer of the church

THANK YOU.

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YOUR GENEROSITY
can live on!

Thinking of making
or renewing
your Will?



Please think of us.

For more information
please contact
Mt Carmel Parish Office
3397 1587

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

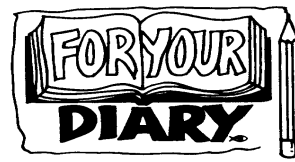
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 am

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8
James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27
Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23*

Wednesday 2 September

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

Thursday 3 September

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm



This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 23 August

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Baptism Preparation for September in
Carmel Community Room, 11 am

Baptism Sunday

Youth Ministered Mass 5.30 pm

Luke 18 Group in Carmel Community
Room, 6.30 pm ó 8 pm

Monday 24 August

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Thursday 27 August

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm



St Paul's Call to Conversion

By Ronald D Witherup

*Invitation to parishioners to be
involved in a 10 week study of
St Paul's Call to Conversion*

Commencing on
Monday 31 August
at 9.45 am in the Church.

*If interested in participating or
have any questions please
contact Emanuela at the parish
office by Thursday 27 August
so books can be ordered*

Mt Carmel Parish Sacramental Preparation

Baptised children in year 3 or older are eligible to prepare to receive Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have a child who you would like to participate in this process please contact the parish office 3397 1587 Mondays ó Thursdays. Enrolments close 28 August 2009

CARMELITE EXPLORATION WEEKEND

Come learn more about the Carmelites and our work in Australia and East Timor

When: 11-13 September 2009

Where: Middle Park, Victoria

We are inviting:

- Men who are interested in the Carmelite Spirituality or are discerning their vocation
- From age 18-55 years old
- Catholic
- Single
- At least a reference form a religious community or local parish

For further information contact:

Father Paul Sireh, O.Carm. at psireh@tpg.com.au

Come and open the door to a tradition based spirituality ó The Carmelites

Mission Statement

This is the second draft of Our Mission Statement 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.**