

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ *all who have died recently;*
- ❖ Gertrude Donovan, *and 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.*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Perhaps you have had questions about the Catholic faith...

Perhaps you have found faith, prayer and spirituality feeling at home with the Mt Carmel community and its celebrations...

Perhaps your own journey of life has lead you to a place of curiosity where you want to discover more, ask tough questions, or share your insights about your search for God...

Perhaps you know of somebody who is making inquires concerning the Catholic faith...

Mt Carmel Parish has an RCIA Team comprising parishioners who are willing to support people inquiring about the Catholic faith.

For further information regarding this process please contact the Parish Office 3397 1587

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **30 August 2009**

I have just finished reading “The Kite Runner” by Khaled Hosseini. It is the story of a young boy, Amir, who grew up in Afghanistan before the Russian invasion and well before 9/11. His childhood was consumed by trying to please his father by saying and doing the “right” things, however, the relationship the boy craved with his father, one of love and acceptance, didn’t eventuate until much later in their lives when they were both able to engage their hearts.

Today’s Gospel is concerned with your heart. It reminds us that God wants hearts that are open and willing to be close to God. It tells us that God does not just want lip-service. God does not just want people who say and do the right things. He wants people who see things from a more relational perspective, from a more intimate perspective. He wants people who care about him, who love him.

I would be very concerned if my children felt they just had to do and say the “right” things around me, to get my acceptance. What I want as a parent is children who love me with their whole heart and who know that I love them as well with that same intensity.

As Catholics, perhaps more than any other denomination, it is very easy to fall into the trap of merely following tradition and human doctrines for the sake of doing and saying the “right” things. These traditions and doctrines of our Church are valuable and to be cherished when they point us to God’s love, to his heart. They are not meant to be an end in themselves. As the Gospel states:

*This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.
put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’*

This week, let us reawaken our hearts. Let us take from the story of “The Kite Runner” that it is never too late to begin to operate on a heart level and maybe we will find, as Amir did, that when we begin to operate from a heart level all sorts of healing and restoration is possible.

This week, let us offer our worship, words and actions from a stance of love and relationship instead of duty and tradition. And let us remember that our God has a heart that is for us every time.

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, Thursday, Friday
& Saturday - 9 am

Wednesday

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

RECONCILIATION

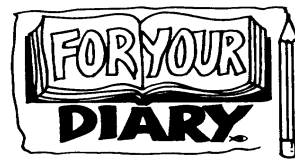
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 am

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



Saturday 5 September

Brisbane East Deanery Day at St James
Parish Hall, 165 Old Cleveland Road
Coorparoo, 8.30 am ó 3.30 pm

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 35:4-7 James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

Monday 7 September

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

Thursday 10 September

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

Cultivating a Culture of Deanery

Saturday September 5, 2009 8.30 am – 3.30 pm

St James Parish Hall, 165 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo

Come along to assist the Brisbane East Deanery Pastoral Council develop strategies that will sustain and enrich our parish communities. A focus on instigating practical plans for effective action in the future will be a priority.

The deanery is seeking people who want to be part of this faith journey we began after the Archdiocesan Synod of 2003. At least 6 representatives from each parish are invited to join the Priests and Administrators, Pastoral Associates and current members of the Deanery Pastoral Council.

Information available in foyer of the church

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.



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 or have any questions please contact Emanuela at the parish office

MT CARMEL SOCIAL CLUB BUS TRIP

on Tuesday 17 September

Leaves church at 9.30 am Morning Tea at Currumbin Rocks travel Coast Road to Cabarita Bowls for Lunch then Hastings Street and home. All Welcome

\$35 Bookings by [Please Note] 13 September

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This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 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

Monday 31 August

Rosary after 9 am Mass

St Paul's Call to Conversion Study
Group in Church, 9.45 am

Wednesday 2 September

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

Thursday 3 September

Readers Preparation in Sacristy,
7.30 pm

Peter Arndt speaking on the Bishop's Social Justice Sunday Statement for 2009

**at St James Parish Hall,
Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo
on Monday 7 Sept, 7.30 pm.**

*There will be a "cuppa" and
parking in the street and
the school grounds.*

More information in Church foyer