

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ *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.*

ALL ABOARD!!

Following on from our successful social bike trip in July, we are planning another exciting family day out on **Sunday, November 1st**. This is **NOT** a fundraiser, it is a fun raiser. We meet at the Bundamba Racecourse platform (get a map from Fr. Laurie) and get the 10.30 am steam train to Swanbank arriving at 11.15 am. At Swanbank there is a park with electric BBQ's, toilets, playground equipment and tables and chairs and a grassy area to have an impromptu game of footy on, or whatever.

We return on the 2.30 pm steam train, arriving at 3.15 pm in Bundamba Racecourse. Cost for the train is \$35 for a family, \$15 for an adult and \$8 for a concession. We have booked three carriages on the train, including the last remaining Prison Car in Queensland, which might be a good place to put the kids!! A gold coin donation will make the BBQ happen.

Talk to Fr. Laurie or Rob Jansen.

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Thinking of making
or renewing
your Will?



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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time **20 September 2009**

This weekend's readings provide us with some tough home truths about how God views such issues as humility, social status and what it means to be truly holy.

A timely reminder for us living in a society that increasingly celebrates 'values' such as boastfulness, degradation and humiliation. A society where people are rapidly losing the ability to be ashamed about their behaviour, where the pursuit of meaningless fame, no matter how trivial or fleeting is considered a worthy pursuit at all.

The first reading sets the scene by stating in stark relief how different the virtuous are from those who believe in nothing. The malicious intent in which people of virtue are regarded by the 'godless' is clearly articulated in this reading. It reinforces the message taken up in the other readings about how tough the path of those who choose to follow Christ can get.

The second reading, a letter from St. James contrasts the fruits born out of virtuous behaviour with that of wicked behaviour. Virtuous behaviour which is grounded in the wisdom that comes from God makes for peace and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good. St James continues by praising the peacemakers, who sow the seeds which will bear the fruits of holiness.

On the other hand he states categorically that with the godless, jealousy and ambition lead to disharmony and wicked deeds. He could well be describing a scene from one of our more unsavoury 'reality TV' shows!

In the Gospel Jesus admonishes the disciples for jostling for social status and reminds them about the importance of humility. He reinforces the message about the importance of being a servant to all and that in God's eyes, service to others is very highly regarded. He foreshadows his own act of servitude to the apostles after the last supper and reminds them about the time when he would be captured, put to death and rise again. He shows us the power of humility in the face of might, lessons which people like Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela have borne dignified witnesses to during their periods of incarceration and torture by forces far more dominant than them.

Yet Jesus shows us the paradox of how more powerful one becomes when you choose to oppose might not with might but with peacefulness and humility. He reminds us that truly the first will be last and the last first, characteristics symbolized in the innocence of a child. To accept Jesus into our lives we must first accept these values of peace, humility and acceptance and rediscover our 'inner child'.

So as we look at the week ahead let us take some time to stop and reflect on these profound words from today's reading. Choose to put another's needs before your own and be humble about who you are and why you are here. The fruits of your actions will lead to peacefulness and harmony and result in a state of holiness

Ben Norris 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

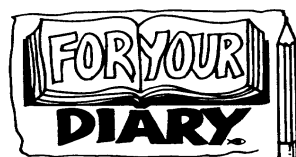
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 am

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Nimbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48*

Baptism Sunday

Baptism Preparation for October in
Carmel Community Room, 11 am

Youth Ministered Mass 5.30 pm

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

Monday 28 September

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

Thursday 1 October

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

What's Happening?

An owl arrived during the week bearing a letter from the Sesquicentenary Planning Committee, which in plain English means the committee planning the 150th anniversary of the Brisbane church. They are hoping to collect stories from people who wish to share their memories. This will form the basis of what should be a very entertaining and inspiring work. The story can be hand written, typed or emailed. It should be no more than 500 words and can be memories, reflections, tales out of school, moments of inspiration, moving events and funny things that have happened to people, family and friends in their faith life and the wider life of the Diocese. If anyone wants to have a go, submit such to 150@bne.catholic.net.au or 33369325 if you don't have access to a computer. You might let the parish office know if you are doing something so that we know that we are being represented in the process.

Please note the details of our forthcoming steam train trip and picnic on Sunday November 1st.

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 20 September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Wisdom 2:12. 17-20 James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37*

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

Monday 21 September

Rosary after 9 am Mass
St Paul's Call to Conversion Study in
Church, 9.45 am
St Vincent de Paul meeting in Carmel
Community Room, 7.30 pm

Thursday 24 September

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm
Readers Preparation in Sacristy,
7.30 pm

An invitation is extended to participate in,

Living Contemplatively:

The Cave of the Heart.

This one day retreat includes the story of the Benedictine monk, **Bede Griffiths** who led a Christian ashram in South India until his death in 1993, and guidance in contemplative prayer for life.

Saturday 17 October 9 am – 4.30 pm
The Faber Centre,
111 Sir Samuel Griffith Dv, Bardon

Suggested Donation: \$30

Please BYO lunch to share. Tea & coffee
provided. *For further details & RSVP*
Greg Green 3357 9443 or 0408 159 163

Queensland Parents for People with a Disability Inc (QPPD)

“Purpose, Passion and Potency”: Priority Setting

Weekend 10th & 11th October 2009

Riverglenn Conference Centre 70 Kate St, Indooroopilly.

Families who have a son or daughter with a disability and may be interested in finding out more about QPPD and the role of advocacy in promoting and protecting a good life for people with a disability are welcome to attend. There is no cost for family members who attend and only a small charge for non-members (\$38) if they wish to attend dinner on the Saturday and \$60 if accommodation is required at Riverglenn. This year the annual weekend is aimed at renewing the Purpose, Passion and Potency about advocacy by connecting directly with the emotions and knowledge that drives our desire to dream and create good lives for our sons and daughters. For more information contact QPPD on 3875 2101 or sally@qppd.org.