

## *We Remember those in God's Care*

- ❖ Bob Willis, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ *all whose anniversaries occur now.*

## *We Pray for*

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

### **ALL ABOARD!!**

We are planning another exciting family day out on **Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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. BYO drinks.

### **WANTED – Used Postage Stamps for the Mission Stamp Group –**

Middle Park. These stamps are sorted and then sold and sent to dealers.

If you have been collecting stamps and want to pass them on please contact Julie Stuart on 3394 1135

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or renewing  
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## **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH** in the care of the Carmelites since 1937

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**11 October 2009**

Like logic, human beings crave certainty. Elements of certainty include regularity (I need that coffee every morning), predictability (no one likes a bus or train that is late), uniformity (it's so much easier when people in the office work as a team, and do it my way) and having checkboxes set for us (our man who knelt before Jesus in today's Gospel). This need for certainty could be a throwback from distant millennia – things that are uncertain can be a threat. So how do humans deal with this threat? Or more to the point of the current series of Gospel readings, how do we deal with certainty that frightens us?

First up is avoidance. If we don't ask the big questions, we won't be frightened by the big answers. If we don't tackle the important issues then we won't run the risk of failing to come to a (certain) resolution. I think this is the worst (but easiest) approach because no one gains anything. Our man today was a good role model in that he was strong enough to ask a big question.

Alternatively, we could admit defeat after receiving our big answer and walk away. Perhaps our man in today's Gospel did this. But again, where does this get us?

We can also attempt to create the illusion of certainty through simplification. Whilst the Gospel texts in recent weeks have been direct, to me they have not been simple. The disciples were confused by what Jesus was saying, to the extent that they often asked for more answers and clarification. Given this, and the fact that two thousand years of thought has been given to modern biblical texts, I am wary of where simplification might lead me.

Finally, we could go against the grain and embrace complexity. We could resign ourselves to the fact that we don't have all the answers, or, that the answers we do have aren't the ones we like, and just work with it. We could use the challenging texts we have heard as motivation to stop, think, be quiet, pray, reflect and most importantly, leave our minds and hearts open to be motivated to implement incremental change for the better. Is incremental change the soft option? In my opinion: no. I think it is the hardest of all because it involves commitment to meaningful change. Is it worth the effort? Absolutely. Having said that, will there come a time when I am completely at ease with today's Gospel? I am not sure. Of this, I am certain.

*Michael Barry 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

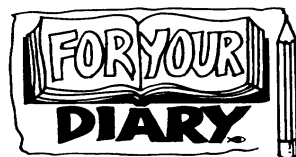
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

### MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 am

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



### SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER

#### 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16*

*Mark 10:35-45*

#### Ministry Sunday

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

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

#### Monday 19 October

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 22 October

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

## *This week at Mt Carmel*

### Today is 11 October

#### 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11*

*Mark 10:2-16*

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

#### Monday 12 October

Rosary after 9 am Mass

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

#### Thursday 15 October

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

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

### *Children's Liturgy of the Word Dates for Term 4*

**October 11, 18 & 25**

**November 8, 15, 22 & 29**

*CLOW provides the opportunity for children [from Pre school to Yr 3] to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at their level at Sunday 9.30 am Mass. If interested in this ministry please contact Leisa Crew on 3847 5033 or 0418 187 536 or [leisa.crew@gmail.com](mailto:leisa.crew@gmail.com)*

# What's Happening?

The recent natural disasters in the Philippines, Sumatra and Samoa invite us to make some response. We have already responded in prayer. This weekend we seek to respond in another way through a leaving collection after all Masses. Monies raised will be forwarded to Caritas to assist in their on the ground relief efforts.

I am conscious that the date of this collection is close to a scheduled appeal by Catholic Mission on October 25<sup>th</sup>. This date has been in the pipeline for some time. I guess that natural disasters don't follow our timetables so our generosity is requested on both occasions, this weekend and October 25<sup>th</sup>.

On the weekend of October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> we will be emphasising Ministry Sunday. Each year we put ministry forms on the church seats-if you don't see any it probably means that you are sitting on one-and invite people to think about getting involved in some area of interest in the parish. There is a long list of various groups and ministries and the invitation is open to consider one of them, or two if you feel inclined. Please take a form home next weekend and bring it back filled in. The parish office or one of the coordinators will then contact you and welcome you on board. Thanks in anticipation.

The train on November 1<sup>st</sup> is slowly filling up. We have 117 allocated seats, so if you are coming with the kids/grandkids, see Fr. Laurie 3397 1587 or Rob Jansen 3397 4479 sooner rather than later. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

There are final copies of the Mission Statement on the table at the rear of the church for people to take. A reminder that we are half way through the process. We meet again in the school library on **Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> from midday till about 3.00 p.m.** to work on the underlying principles for the Statement. Could you let the parish office know if you are coming so we know how many sandwiches to make for lunch.

*Fr Laurie*