

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

- ❖ James McCourt, *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.*



## Reach Out. Give Life.

Our parish will host the annual Catholic Mission Appeal on the weekend of October 24/25.

*"How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!"* (Mark 10:17-30)  
With the Catholic Mission appeal imminent in our parish, the readings for this weekend offer a significant challenge to each of us. The reading from the book of Wisdom reminds us that riches are "nothing" while the second reading points to where true power lies: in the "word of God". For more than 180 years, Catholic Mission has recognised these two realities: we support missionaries who sacrifice all, including sometimes their lives, to support and care for others; and we give the necessary assistance to allow the Gospel to be shared in more than 160 countries. As for our donors – well, we couldn't do what we do without them! So if you are a donor already, we say "Thank you!" If you are not a donor, we simply ask you to prayerfully consider the Gospel challenge to the rich young man: "Go, and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me". We do not ask you to sell everything but, with the appeal being conducted in this parish, we urge to remember the poor and encourage you to please give generously. Thank-you, in anticipation!

**David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Archdiocese**

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can live on!

Thinking of making  
or renewing  
your Will?



**Please think of us.**

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

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 October 2009

Weakness. What comes to mind when you hear this word? Is it something to be reviled, hidden, ashamed of? Is it something you are acquainted with? Is it something that you think God wants anything to do with?

Today's readings point to Jesus as we know him well. He is portrayed as the righteous servant who will justify many and will bear their iniquities (Isaiah), as a God of righteousness, justice, faithfulness and unfailing love (Psalm 33) and as someone who came to serve and give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10). We, as a Christian community, should be well acquainted with these attributes and aspects of Jesus.

However, something we may not be so intimately acquainted with is a God who is able to sympathise with our weaknesses. In the second reading today, the writer of Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is a high priest who is able to sympathise with our weaknesses and who was tempted in every way we are. Being fully God did not disqualify Jesus from being fully human and dealing with all the weaknesses that humans have to deal with – it just meant that Jesus had the ability to resist sinning in that humanness.

The writer of Hebrews exhorts us therefore to approach God with confidence because God knows all our suffering, all our pain, all our sin, all our disappointments and all our failings. And you know what, God is not revolted by our weakness, but he sympathises with us in our weaknesses.

What does approaching the throne of grace with confidence look like? I would like to suggest that it looks like James and John from today's Gospel reading, being brave and confident enough to ask Jesus if they could sit on each side of Jesus when he came in glory. We often think that the brothers were conceited and vain for even suggesting that they be put first in eternity, but we fail to see how confident they were to approach Jesus. Jesus knew their weaknesses – he lived and worked with them - but he did not rebuke the brothers, he sympathised with them.

Jesus knows your weaknesses and he sympathises with you. What would it look like for you to approach the throne of grace with confidence? This week, let's see if we can't outdo James and John with our confidence.

*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, Wednesday,

Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 9 am

### RECONCILIATION

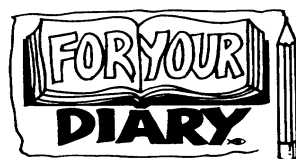
Saturdays 9.30 am ó 10 am

### MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am ó 7 am

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



### SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

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

*Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6*

*Mark 10:46-52*

Catholic Mission Appeal

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Baptism Preparation for November in

Carmel Community Room, 11 am

Baptism Sunday

School Ministered Mass 5.30 pm

Luke 18 Group in Carmel Community

Room, 6.30 pm ó 8 pm

### Monday 26 October

St Paul's Call to Conversion Study in Camel

Community Room, 9.45 am

### Wednesday 28 October

RCIA in Carmel Community Room, 7.30 pm

### Thursday 29 October

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community

Room, 7.30 pm

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

### HEALING MASS

All are welcome at the  
Special Healing Mass

**on Thursday 22 October at 6.30pm  
in St James' Church, Coorparoo.**

Fr Fernando Suarez CC, a well-known  
healer of body, soul and spirit, has been  
involved in Healing Ministry for many  
years and will preside at the Mass.

For more details see noticeboard in church  
foyer.

# What's Happening?

This weekend is Ministry Sunday (in OLMC Coorparoo at least!) This is our annual event when we encourage people who are engaged in a ministry in the parish to continue in that ministry. It is also a time when we particularly encourage people who have held back for whatever reason to hold back no longer and to bite the bullet and give it a go. As well, it is a time when people who have exercised a ministry for a period of time who feel that it is time to bow out to do so with dignity and our thanks. There are ministry forms on the seats this weekend. Please take one home, imagine the form looking at you with big puppy dog eyes saying: please take me home!! Fill it in and give us the good news about what it is you would like to have a go at. Thanks in anticipation.

Our parish steam train trip and barbecue is filling up fast. Get on board now to avoid disappointment!! Members of the group who run the steam train at Swanbank were at the church last Sunday for a baptism of one the steam drivers' first child, Chloe. The Treasurer noticed the letter on the seat from the Archbishop about the tsunami and the earthquake appeal and has decided that a generous percentage of their takings on their next running day, October 18<sup>th</sup>, will be given to our parish to give to Caritas towards the appeal. They will give us a cheque on November 1<sup>st</sup> when we go there for our ride. What a great gesture!!

A reminder that our gathering to finish off the Mission Statement will be in the primary school library on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from midday till about 3.00 p.m. Please contact the parish office if you are coming so that we know how many sandwiches to make!!

*Fr Laurie*



Special Collection last weekend by  
Caritas amounted to \$2041.15.  
Many thanks to the generosity of  
parishioners

## This week at Mt Carmel

### Today is 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

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 22 October

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30 pm