

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ Olivette Twohill, Laurie Hobbs, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ Epefania Torceno, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

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

Mount Carmel Social Club

Next Bus trip on Thursday 19 November

leaving outside church at 9.30 am

to Burbank Koala Bushland for Morning Tea.

Trip around Victoria Point and Redland Bay Area.

Lunch at Redland Bay Golf Club. All Inclusive \$30

Phone Peg 3397 3857 or John 3397 7281 by 13 November

Christmas Break Up

Held at Coorparoo RSL Noon Thursday 3 December Cost: \$25



On Behalf of the priests of the Archdiocese the Clergy Foundation thanks Coorparoo (Mt Carmel) parish for their generous contribution of \$1610 towards the 2009 Appeal. A total of \$332,000 has been received.

There are currently 42 retired priests in the Archdiocese and an expected further 39 to retire in the next 5 years.

Your support of this cause is most appreciated.

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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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 October 2009

Some might call it a mid-life crisis. Other might call it an exercise in self-reflection (or the more cynical – self-pity). I prefer to think of it as checking in with self. And the question that I believe everyone asks at some time or other is:

“Am I seen?” “Do people really see me?” “Do I matter?”

We all like to think that we are important to someone, and as human beings we need to believe that we are seen and known by other people. It adversely affects our wellbeing and sanity if we believe that we are not really seen at all.

Bartimaeus from today's Gospel was blind. He literally couldn't see. But as he sat beside the road begging, I would be willing to bet that passersby did not see him either. They were blinded towards him. Maybe blinded by indifference, greed, impatience, self-importance, busyness, meekness – there is any number of things that keep us from seeing.

Somehow, even in his blindness, Bartimaeus recognised that Jesus could help him. And he was determined, even if he wasn't seen, that he certainly would be heard. He didn't stop shouting until Jesus took notice of him.

It reminds me of a song called “Invisible Man” by Joshua Kadison where the man in the song yelled out his window “Here I am, here I am, here I am”, just to see if anyone would take notice. The song continues:

“Lights went on, people started yelling,

“Will the crazy man go back to bed”.

There I was, laughing out my window,
feeling much better that someone heard what I said”.

How easy it is sometimes when we are blind, or people are blinded to us and our needs, to give up – to not even try. But let's take hope from Bartimaeus and the invisible man from the song – they did not give up – they were loud and bold, and it worked. Finally, both were heard.

When Jesus called him, Bartimaeus was quick to respond. He threw his cloak aside and went to Jesus immediately. All the baggage that he had carried around from his blindness and other people's blindness toward him was thrown aside. Then Jesus asked him what appears to be a funny question – he asked Bartimaeus what exactly he wanted Jesus to do for him. Bartimaeus answered, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

Jesus stands ready today to ask you the same question he asked Bartimaeus: “What do you want me to do for you?” Let's pray that like Bartimaeus, we have faith and boldness to be able to answer the question wisely.

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

Missionaries of God's Love

Invitation

You are invited to a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, enjoy a delightful afternoon tea and great musical entertainment with Order Founder and Author Fr Ken Barker, Missionaries of God's Love

on Sunday 8th November

2.00pm ó 4.00pm

at St Thomas's Catholic Church Hall, Stephen Street, Camp Hill.

Proceeds to MGL seminary appeal.

Information: mglqld@gmail.com,

Admission tickets are \$30 each or \$50 for 2 .

Contacts: Frank & Vilma DeSilva mobile: 0405 514 929,

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This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 25 October

30th 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

Rosary after 9 am Mass

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

COLUMBAN CALENDARS
AND CHRISTMAS CARDS,
are available from



What's Happening?

This weekend we have the annual appeal by Catholic Mission. There are envelopes on the seats for you to take home and do things with. Our customary generosity is keenly anticipated.

Thanks to the people who took Ministry Forms home last Sunday. We look forward to welcoming lots of new faces to our long list of pastoral opportunities in our parish community. You can take a form home this weekend if you missed out last week. We will start contacting new faces in the second week of November.

Monday November 2nd is the Feast of All Souls. There will be two Masses on that day, the first **at 9.00 am as usual which will commence at the memorial garden and then move into the church.** The second Mass will be at **7.30 p.m.** in the church.

We have lots of people coming on our train trip on **Sunday, November 1st** so they have put another carriage on for us. There are still quite a few seats available as a consequence. We need people booked on and paid up by **Thursday October 29th.** Bookings and details are available from Fr. Laurie or Rob and Naomi Jansen 33974479. Come along and have a great family day out.

Incidentally, the steam railway on which we are travelling have given us a percentage of their takings from their running day last Sunday so that we can send it to Caritas Australia with our own collection of two weeks ago. They raised \$157.70, which they will top up to \$200. They will present us with the cheque on November 1st when we ride with them.

Our gathering in the school library to finalise work on our Mission Statement will take place on **Sunday November 15th** from midday till about 3.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come along and participate. Just let the parish office know if you are coming or not so that we know whether to slaughter one bullock or two for lunch. So far there are 5 of us coming (the Committee) but we are confident that more will register interest closer to the date.

We live in hope!!