

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

- ❖ Jonathon Way, and all who have died recently;
- ❖ Col Weston, Bernard Rhodes, deceased members of Rhodes & Meanwell families, Healy & Kinsella families, and all whose anniversaries occur now.

## *We Pray for*

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

## **“What are you good for?” (cont...)**

For indeed, the two copper coins of a lowly widow are worth more to God than the wealth and platitudes of the scribes, because she's given all that she has.

So now it's time to ask ourselves, “What we can do for God?” Whether we give back through charity work, whether it's fighting for social justice, lending a helping hand to someone in need, or even if it's just being there for a friend when they need a shoulder to cry on, we are all giving back to God. Our faith is not something that we put in a little box labelled “Sunday” – it is reflected in every good deed that we do.

No matter how tiny the gesture might seem to you, if it's all you've got to give it will be treasured.

*Tim Hutton Parishioner*

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**YOUR GENEROSITY  
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**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8 November 2009**

### **“What are you good for?”**

This is, I think, something we all ask ourselves on occasion. Usually we ask it in the negative, when we are feeling down and kind of worthless. Today I would, however, genuinely like to ask you this question?

We live in a society that really doesn't like to focus so much on our positive traits but instead focuses on what's wrong with us. Are we too fat? Do we have enough muscle? Does our hair have too much volume but not enough shine? Will this hyper-meta-dermaregeneration technology help prevent the thirtieth sign of ageing? Focussing on our bad traits is, I think, something to which we are all prone, so I think it's good to take a moment and ask “What am I good for?”

“That's great!” you're probably saying, “But what does the socio-cultural environment promoted by the advertising industry have to do with this week's readings?”

Well, as you may have noticed, the main theme running throughout this week's readings is the idea of giving. In the first reading the Prophet Elijah encounters a poor widow who, out of the goodness of her heart and her faith in God, gives Elijah some food and is justly rewarded. In the Gospel, Jesus praises the charity of another poor widow whilst chastising the empty gifts of hypocritical scribes. In doing this, Jesus is covertly posing the question of “What can you give to God?”

The widow in the Gospel today is praised for giving money but it would be limiting to say that the only way we can give to God is by popping a few extra coins in the collection plate or in the poor box on your way out the door (though I'm sure anything extra you can give is always appreciated). We sometimes forget that we can give back to God by utilising the gifts God has given us.

And then, bam! We're back to the question of “What are you good for?” (See what I did there?) God has gifted each and every one of us with a variety of talents that we can use every day to make the world a better place. As we can see in this week's Gospel, we don't have to be people of import - politicians, executives of big businesses, popes or priests - to make a difference.

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## PARISH MASS TIMES

### Weekends:

Saturday Vigil – 6 pm;  
Sunday - 7.30 am, 9.30 am & 5.30 pm

### Weekdays *this week*:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, Friday & Saturday - 9 am

### RECONCILIATION

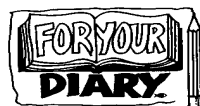
Saturdays 9.30 am – 10 am

### MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am – 7 am

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



## SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14. 18  
Mark 13:24-32*

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Mt Carmel Mission Statement meeting in  
School Library, 12 midday – 3 pm

### Monday 16 November

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

### Wednesday 18 November

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community  
Room, 7.30 pm

### Thursday 19 November

Mt Carmel Social Club bus trip to Redland  
Bay leaving outside church 9.30 am

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

## *This week at Mt Carmel*

### Today is 8 November

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44*

Baptism Sunday

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

### Monday 9 November

Rosary after 9 am Mass

First Celebration of the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation, 7.30 pm

### Tuesday 10 November

First Celebration of the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation, 7.30 pm

### Wednesday 11 November

First Celebration of the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation, 7.30 pm

### Thursday 12 November

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

Friends of Zumalai meeting in Carmel  
Community Room, 7.30 pm

## 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

Book by 13 Nov

### *Christmas Break Up*

Held at Coorparoo RSL Noon Thursday  
3 December Cost: \$25 Book by 27 Nov

### *Bookings*

Peg 3397 3857 or John 3397 7281

## What's Happening?

Our little parish outing on the steam train last weekend was a bit of a giggle. About 130 people managed to nicely fill the train and tax the barbecuologists who had to cook lots of sausages on some fairly indifferent barbecues, but we got there. The railway, known to its friends as the Queensland Pioneer Steam Railway, provided two nuns who presented us with a cheque for \$200 for Caritas for the tsunami/earthquake appeal. See photos in the foyer.

This week our little squad of young parishioners are going to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our gathering in the school library to finalise our Mission Statement will happen next Sunday from midday till about 3.00 p.m. A couple of people have indicated thus far that they can come along, are there 28 more brave souls out there? Please let the parish office know by Thursday if you are coming. Thanks.

*Laurie*

## Zumalai Christmas Cake & Gift Stall

Help is needed to fund the "Car Truck" for Zumalai. Christmas cakes, puddings, biscuits, Christmas gifts or Prizes (to go towards the raffle) are needed. The money raised will help make it a happier time for our friends in East Timor. The Christmas Stall will be held outside the church after all masses on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November.

A meeting will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> November to organize this last event for 2009. This will take place in Carmel Community Room at 7.30 pm. New faces are welcome.

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St Vincent de Paul Stall

In church foyer

