

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ *all who have died recently;*

Carmelo Giufre, Naylor, Pembleton & Fletcher 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.*



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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 November 2009

A Saw Point

Several millennia ago, when I was a boy, we had an apricot tree in the backyard in Adelaide. As apricot trees went, it did a good job of providing a bit of nice shade to sit near but the apricots that grew on it were small and hard. The tree was obviously struggling in the fruit-bearing department. A mate of dad's, who claimed to know something about these things suggested a radical pruning, in fact he cut it off at the trunk about two meters off the ground and left about a dozen of the lower branches. It looked like the tree had been killed, and the shady spot in the back yard had gone. We weren't happy. However, the following year it stormed back into life, grew quite well and the apricots were quite good too.

Something had to end so that something better could begin.

This is the message of today's readings.

Mark speaks in apocalyptic language about the end times. True, gloomy fundamentalists can and do use such texts to promote fear and uncertainty, no doubt to encourage us to change our wicked ways and trust in God.

A more productive way of responding to this reading might be to realize that when change occurs, then there is the opportunity for something better. For example, when I spell checked this little piece on my computer, it highlighted the errors and suggested corrections. I was invited by the spell checker to 'ignore' or 'change'. By choosing 'change', it got corrected. Of course, change does not necessarily mean that something better will come along, not all change is good. But if Christians act like Christians by (a) welcoming change as opportunity and (b) doing what they can to create a better environment in the light of that change, then it will always be better.

We need to remember that the Kingdom of God is a verb – a doing word and not a noun – a being word. When we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than intolerant, accepting rather than rejecting, generous rather than selfish, and a whole lot of other good 'doing' words, then the Kingdom of God is happening. And if we keep pressing the 'ignore' button, as many of us do in real life, then things aren't going to get better.

When we use our waiting time well, we are ensuring that the fruits that we bear will be healthy and life giving, even if the pruning that might be necessary might hurt for a while.

Fr Laurie

ARCHBISHOP'S CENTACARE APPEAL

Centacare's Pastoral Ministries need everyone's help. The Archbishop's Centacare Appeal to provide resources for Centacare's Pastoral Ministries to administer aid to those effected and marginalized in our community by physical illness (Hospital Chaplaincy), psychiatric illness (Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care), loneliness and isolation of seafarers (Apostleship of the Sea), imprisonment (Prison Ministry and Prison Chaplaincy), racism (Murri Ministry) and HIV/AIDS (Shiloh). Centacare's Catholic Family and Community Services programs also assist children and adults suffering from a range of problems stemming from emotional and financial issues.

Please give generously to the Archbishop's Appeal and help Centacare continue to meet the ever increasing demand for their services. Thank you.

Donations are tax deductible – ABN 35 020 644 975.

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can live on!**

**THINKING OF MAKING
OR RENEWING
YOUR WILL?**



Please think of us.

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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

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 15 November

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3 Hewbrews 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

Rosary after 9 am Mass

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

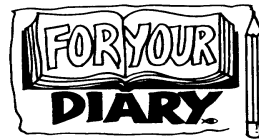
Wednesday 18 November

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Thursday 19 November

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

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm



SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

CHRIST THE KING

Daniel 7:13-14 Apocalypse 1:5-8
John 18:33-37

Baptism Sunday

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Youth Ministered Mass, 5.30 pm

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

Tuesday 24 November

Liturgy Committee meeting, 3 pm

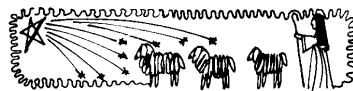
Final Finance Council Meeting for 2009
in Carmel Community Room, 7.30 pm

Thursday 26 November

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

COLUMBAN CALENDARS,
LITTLE BLUE BOOKS
& CHRISTMAS CARDS,
are available from
St Vincent de Paul Stall



What's Happening?

On Saturday November 21st a new east Timorese Centre will be blessed and opened. Interested people are invited to attend. The event will take place at 3.00 p.m. at 79, Waratah Ave., Graceville.

We are having a cake stall to raise funds for East Timor over the weekend of November 28th-29th. As in previous years, this will take place after all Masses on that weekend. Come prepared!!

The 150th anniversary celebrations for the Archdiocese will be formally concluded at a Mass in the Cathedral on December 4th at 7.30 p.m. Two parish representatives are requested. If anyone is interested in being such, please let the office know.

Looking well ahead, the Archdiocese is initiating a programme in called Pray 2010. It will take place at Clairvaux MacKillop College in Mount Gravatt from July 7th-10th 2010. A variety of workshops and speakers are available for people to select from. Cost is \$29 a session. Details and bookings can be made online now on www.pray2010.org.au/register. Further details are available in the church foyer.

Laurie

ADVENT PROGRAMME

Commencing Monday 30 November at 9.45 am. and meeting on 7, 14 & 21 December to reflect on the meaning of the Advent Season in preparation for Christmas. If you are interested or want more information please contact Emanuela on phone 3397 1587.

Mount Carmel Social Club

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

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 Christmas Stall will be held outside the church after all masses on 28th and 29th November.

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