

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ *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.

Brown Sisters Annual Appeal

After 53 years the Brown Sisters are leaving. Each year they help the poor and this year they would like non perishable food for hampers and toys for the children marked Boy or Girl and Age. On the first three Sundays of December you can bring these gifts and place them in the church which will be advised later. Thank you for your help over the past years

Zumalai Christmas Cake & Gift Stall

Thank you to those who attended and offered their support at the meeting held on Thursday 12 November. Cakes (Christmas or other varieties), puddings, biscuits, crafts or Raffles Prizes may be left at the front of the church on Saturday 28th November from 4.30 pm onwards, as some one will be there to receive them. If any goods are needed to be collected please contact: Jenny Wallis 3397 3454, Louise Godwin 3394 2328, Lorraine Hughes 3216 8284 or Kay Barker 3397 6936

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**YOUR GENEROSITY
can live on!**

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



Please think of us.

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Christ the King

22 November 2009

Remember that homely couple Mr and Mrs Beaver in the movie *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*? Remember Mr Beaver describing Aslan the lion in terms most Christians would readily associate with Jesus as Christ the King? Since the mid '90s I have been hugely rewarded by acting on the encouragement of my spiritual director to be on the lookout for "God moments" in every movie I see – no matter how unlikely the subject matter. No movie has quite touched the Faith/belief/soul nerve as completely as the 2005 movie version of C. S. Lewis' Christian allegory, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

In this reflection I would like to suggest three parallel characteristics, shared by the allegorical Aslan and the real Jesus we know and worship as Christ the King – the Alpha and omega of our lives..

Firstly there is the growing love and respect of the children for the wise, majestic Aslan and for the spiritual authority he so clearly exercises (Aslan is after all the King of the Wood and the son of the Emperor-beyond-the -Seas!) Secondly, as the movie progresses we note the mounting evidence of Aslan's redemptive mission that all in Narnia be saved. When Aslan does indeed sacrifice himself at the hands of the evil witch in exchange for the life of the selfish, misguided Edmund we begin to realise the depth and the strength of Aslan's love. Thirdly, when Aslan's sacrifice breaks the hold evil has held over Narnia (where it is always winter, never Christmas) the reign of goodness, love and right relationships is restored. You see the parallels? Is this not the heart of the Christian story?

In summing up this reflection for today's feast the following paraphrase from p151 of *Break Open the Word* proves helpful as we prepare to celebrate Christ our King:

Today's liturgy makes it clear that even though we call Jesus a King, his form of authority bears no relationship at all to earthly kings. Rather today's feast reminds us of the Christian view of reality – that Jesus is the source of our salvation and the centre of our lives, the hope for our world. The implications of this belief system are clear. Individually and collectively we are invited (even expected) to use our talents to build the Kingdom, both as a matter of family loyalty and because we know our contribution will make a difference.

POSTSCRIPT

If it feels right for you, make a pact with yourself to borrow the DVD of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. It's a spiritual thriller and will gift you with new eyes for Jesus and the whole Christian story.

Heather Stabler Parishioner

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 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

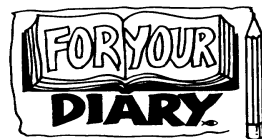
Liturgy Committee meeting, 3 pm

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



SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Friends of Zumalai – East Timor Cake
and Craft Stall after all Masses

Monday 30 November

Advent Programme at 9.45 am in church

Wednesday 2 December

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

RCIA in Carmel Community Room,
7.30 pm

Thursday 3 December

Mt Carmel Social Club Christmas
Lunch at Coorparoo RSL, 12 midday

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm



ADVENT PROGRAMME

Commencing Monday 30 November
at 9.45 am. in the Church then
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.

What's Happening?

Last Sunday, we met with Sr. Mary Franzmann to identify some Principles, which will underline our Mission Statement. These Principles number ten, and are as follows: Community, Hospitality, Active Involvement beyond our boundaries, Cooperation, Valuing each person, Valuing each person's contribution, Embracing change. Engendering a sense of belonging. Preparing people for change and Networking and Communication. Admittedly these ten Principles, along with the Mission Statement, are mere words, anyone can write them and say how beautiful they are. They remain mere words until practical implementation takes place.

Enter the Parish Pastoral Council.

Two years ago, the Parish Pastoral Council went into hibernation because it was perceived that there was no agenda for it. Other committees with their own inherent authority were attending to everything of importance in the life of the parish .

Our parish does need an overseeing pastoral body.

With a Mission Statement and Principles to drag off the page and into our parish life, there is now meaningful employment for a Pastoral Council again.

In late January 2010 we will be looking at a process by which such a body can re-form. It is hoped that some people who actually played a part in the development of Mission Statement and Principles might come on board, as well as other suitable people. Stay tuned.

We are still looking for two people who would like to represent the parish at the closing of the 150th anniversary Mass in the Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, December 4th. Call the parish office or buttonhole one of the priests if you would like to come. Of course, other people are welcome, indeed encouraged, to come along.

Laurie

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

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