

## We Remember those in God's Care



- ❖ all who have died recently;
- ❖ Dr Des Dooly, Ruby Richards, Nora Walsh, Patrick Walsh, Andrew Moffett, James Brock, Brian Wallis, Paul Ebbage, 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

6 December 2009

## People Get Ready

This weekend's readings are a timely reminder to all of us about the meaning of Advent, as a time to get ready for the birth of Christ and the promise of salvation that his coming means. In the first reading, the Prophet Baruch exhorts Jerusalem to shed their sorrows and distress for the beauty and glory that God promises. In a poignant line that resonates as strongly today as when it was first written thousands of years ago he states "Peace through integrity and honour through devotedness"

The Psalm talks about freedom from bondage and likens the deliverance from the Lord to the healing and restorative powers of streams to dry parched lands. A metaphor I'm sure many of us can relate to as we swelter through an unusually hot and very dry spring. In the second reading Paul provides words of encouragement to a nascent community of Christians, the Phillipians, reminding them of God's love and encouraging them to stay true to their mission of evangelization and spreading the Word of God. In the Gospel Luke recalls the words of John the Baptist "Prepare Ye the way of the Lord", reminding us essentially to get our act together in readiness for the coming of the Lord.

So the message from this weekend is pretty clear. Get yourselves ready because God is coming and with that the freedom from the bondage of our sins and the joy from this salvation will feel like cool springs on the parched dry earth. From the readings here are some ideas for you to consider this Advent based on the acronym PREPARE

Prayer is the basis of our relationship with God. Spending time with him is fundamental to our preparation for his coming.

Reflect on the year that has been. What have the lessons been for you this year? What will the coming of Christ mean for you this Christmas?

Expectations. Expect to be blessed this Christmas. This is the promise from the readings this weekend. What do you expect to be blessed with this Christmas?



Many thanks to all who helped and supported the Christmas Cake and Gift Stall.

A total of \$2953.50 was raised to go towards the "Car Truck" for Zumalai to help with medical needs.

Thank you to Friends of Zumulai committee for all their efforts.

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**YOUR GENEROSITY  
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

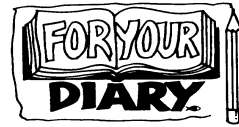
Saturdays 9.30 am – 10 am

### MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am – 7 am

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



### SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Zephaniah 3:14-18*  
*Philippians 4:4-7*    *Luke 3:10-18*

Lay Carmelite Mass and meeting in  
Carmel Community Room, 9.30 am

Baptism Sunday

### Monday 14 December

Advent Programme in Carmel  
Community Room, 9.45 am

Communal Rite of Reconciliation,  
7.30 pm

### Thursday 17 December

Readers Preparation in Sacristy,  
7.30pm

## *This week at Mt Carmel*

### Today is 6 December 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

*Baruch 5:1-9*  
*Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11*  
*Luke 3:1-6*

### Monday 7 December

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Advent Programme in Carmel  
Community Room, 9.45 am

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

### Thursday 10 December

Readers Preparation in Sacristy,  
7.30pm



## *Christmas Mass Times*

### Monday 14 December:

Communal Rite of Reconciliation  
7.30 pm, followed by supper in foyer

### Saturday 19 December:

Individual Confessions  
9.30 am – 10.30 am

### Thursday 24 December:

7 pm Vigil Mass (Carols 6.45 pm)  
10 pm Night Mass (Carols 9.45 pm)

### Friday 25 December:

7.30 am Mass (Carols 7.15 am)  
9.30 am Mass (Carols 9.15 am)

## People Get Ready (...cont)

Plan to spend the weeks leading up to Christmas to get yourself ready for the coming of Christ. What will you do to get ready?

Ask God to help you in this preparation. Is there a particular challenge in your life that you would like to overcome? Ask and you shall receive. Ask and believe

Rejoice in the things that you have received this year. What are you thankful for? Why are you thankful for this?

Enable. Be prepared to make things happen. Be an enabler. Be the person that is committed to following through on your plan for this time of Advent. Know that God has made a promise to us in his Word to deliver us from our bondage, to save us from our sins and failings, if we want him to.

*Ben Norris Parishioner*

## Volunteer Rosters

Ministers of the Word for January, Ministers of Eucharist for Christmas Masses are in the side entrance, if you can be of any assistance please place your name on the date and time you can help.

## 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 Giving Circle. Thank you for your help over the past years

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS

## & CHRISTMAS CARDS

are available from St Vincent de Paul Stall

