

We Remember those in God's Care



- ❖ Alexandra Kruger, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ Ursula McKennarley, John Joseph Zunker, *and 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. This is the third and last Sunday you can bring these gifts and place them in the Giving Circle.

Your contributions Have been collect and will be given to the Brown Sisters and they will distribute them. Many thanks for your help and contributions over the past years

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**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

3rd Sunday of Advent 13 December 2009

Christmas! - That crazy season when everybody seems to go overboard on shopping, eating, drinking and thoughts of holidays just around the corner. It also comes hand in hand with the end of the year and our thoughts turn to the disappointments of the year nearly completed – things we didn't do, things we should never have done and grand expectations of how we are going to start over afresh in the New Year.

Advent! – That Church season leading up to Christmas in which we are supposed to prepare for the coming of the Lord Jesus. It gives us a space to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season, to reflect and pray and open our hearts to the Holy Spirit... and wait.

But unless we are careful, Advent ends up being crowded out by the busyness and preparations for Christmas day itself. And with the long lists of things to do, kids to keep entertained, work deadlines, holiday preparations and Christmas shopping, what should be a time of peace can become a time of stress and anxiety.

This Advent, will you take a collective sigh with me and forget the pressing demands for a moment. Because in today's second reading from Philippians we find healing balm for our soul, we find the peace we are searching for:

*“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything present your requests to God, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving
And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

A blessed and peaceful Advent and Christmas season to all.

Kathy Asnicar 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

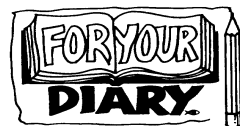
Saturdays 9.30 am – 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am – 7 am

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-44*

Monday 21 December

Advent Programme in Carmel
Community Room, 9.45 am

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

Wednesday 23 December

Readers Preparation for Christmas
Masses in sacristy, 7.30 pm



Christmas Mass Times

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)

What's Happening?

Tomorrow night (Monday 14th) we are celebrating our Communal Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas. This will take place in the church at 7.30 p.m. and will be followed as always by supper in front of the church.

Other than that, the diary looks quite placid until Christmas Eve!! Please note below in the newsletter the times for Christmas Masses. It is interesting to note that the Pope is copying the OLMC Coorparoo model and is having Mass at 10.00 p.m. in St. Peter's.!!

Thanks to the Zumalai committee which organized our cake stall last weekend. It was a great result. Between the church, the school, Regina Caeli, Carmel Cellars and Iona College we have been able to send \$20,000 to Sr. Rosemary for East Timor. The school raised the amazing amount of \$13,800 from their spellathon. One little lad in Grade 2 raised \$1,800 of that!! A great effort and thanks again.

Laurie

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.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

There will be no Communion to the Sick during the month of January and will commence again in February 2010. Should anybody need communion they can ring priory on 3397 1587

MEDITATION

Meditation on Wednesday mornings will cease after 16 December and will recommence on Wednesday 3 February 2010 at 6.30 am – 7 am.

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 13 December 3rd 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

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Advent Programme in Carmel
Community Room, 9.45 am

Communal Rite of Reconciliation,
7.30 pm

Thursday 17 December

Readers Prep in Sacristy, 7.30pm