

We Remember those in God's Care



- ❖ *all who have died recently;*
- ❖ *Laurie Taylor, and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 5 MARCH AT 10 AM

Join with others in our local community under the theme "LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE GOD". Do come along and learn more about our Christian family members in Cameroon. Our thoughts and prayers will be focused on them during this service which they have prepared.

As Mt Carmel will be hosting this event we are asking for volunteers to make sandwiches, slices etc. contact 33971587 if you are able to assist.

Little Black Books for the season of Lent are available from St Vincent de Paul stall in the foyer of the church. Cost \$4

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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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 February 2010

Valentine's day: a day filled with expectation for so many people, a day when hope springs eternal. On this day, perhaps more than any other, people put their hope in another person to make them happy. But, even if our Valentine does measure up to expectations on this day, will that bring us lasting happiness?

Today's Gospel from Luke gives us a blueprint for lasting happiness, happiness that will last a bit longer than Valentine's Day. However, this blueprint sounds rather contradictory. It reminds me of a song my 3 year old loves to sing from Play School – "Upsy-down Town", a song all about things being the exact opposite of what they should be (the sky is in the ground....)

Why would Luke single out the poor, the hungry, the sad and the downtrodden as being happy? This sounds completely upsy-down. He talks about the poor having a whole kingdom, the hungry as having enough to eat, the sad as replacing their weeping with laughter and the ill-treated as leaping for joy.

I suggest that we might find the key to what Luke is talking about from today's other readings. In the first reading from Jeremiah we are advised not to place our hope in things of this world – in people and things and circumstances, but rather in God who will look after us for all eternity. And in the second reading from 1Corinthians we are reminded that Jesus rose from the dead and our hope is in him, not just for this world, but for the world to come.

So the readings seem to be saying that if you want happiness, you need hope! And not hope in some other person or thing, but hope in the one who will not disappoint – hope in our God. Hope that even though you are poor, you have a whole kingdom at your disposal; hope that even though you are hungry, you will soon have enough to eat; hope that even though you weep today, you will laugh again; and hope that even though you are ill-treated, our God is looking out for you and you will leap for joy again.

On this day of red roses and hearts, let us raise our eyes from our circumstances towards the hope that is coming.

Happy Valentine's day 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, Thursday, Friday
& Saturday - 9 am

Ash Wednesday Masses

9 am & 7.30 pm

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 14 February

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

Luke 6:17. 20-26

Baptism Sunday

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Cuppa after 9.30 am Mass

Lenten Programme Enrolments

Project Compassion Sunday

Monday 15 February

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Remember me Lenten program in

Carmel Community Room, 9.45am

St Vincent de Paul meeting in Carmel

Community Room, 7.30 pm

Wednesday 17 February

Ash Wednesday

9 am & 7.30 pm Masses

Thursday 18 February

Mt Carmel Social Club Annual

meeting, 9.30 am

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

Spiritual nourishment for Lent!

Join with other members of our parish family for six weeks of faith development and renewal with the new Lenten program – *Remember me*. You and your group will engage with Luke's gospel. Jesus is often portrayed at a meal in Luke's gospel till finally we witness Jesus at the Last Supper where he asks us to 'do this in remembrance of me'. Through the weeks of Lent you are invited to be fed and nourished by the Word of God.

The program will commence on Monday 15 February and there will be signup sheets with books and prayer cards in foyer of the church after masses on 13 & 14 February. If you have any questions talk to Emanuela or Tracey.

Family Prayer Time – Lent to Easter

A family resource which have the scripture stories for the Sundays of Lent, Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday, adult reflections, simple family prayers and rituals, discussion points, fun activities, guided meditations and prayer journal. Booklets, CD and Prayer cards will be available after all masses 13 & 14 February for those interested in foyer of church.

**MT CARMEL SOCIAL CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING
ON THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY
AT 9.30 AM
IN CARMEL COMMUNITY ROOM
FEES DUE \$5**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

CLOW commences for Term 1 today.

This is an opportunity for children [from Preschool to Year 3] to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at their level at 9.30 am Mass.

Dates for Term 1 are:

February 14, 21 & 28, March 7, 14, 21 & 28



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY

Project Compassion promotes peace by pursuing justice.

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes and give generously this Lent.

Your donations allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with communities to reduce poverty and hunger around the world.