

We Remember those in God's Care



- ❖ Fr Pat Jones, Elliott Fletcher, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ *all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

- ❖ Fr Bernard Shah O.Carm, Fr Noel Kierce O.Carm, Margaret Nance, Leo Caffery, Tim O'Neill, *and all our sick.*

Have you invited a friend to join you to:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 5 MARCH AT 10 AM

This will be a great opportunity to share with other Christian men and women in our loyal community, knowing that you are part of a much larger gathering of Christians in more than 170 countries worldwide. **“LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE GOD” – that’s us!!** Come and celebrate your faith and be enriched and encouraged by the faith of others.

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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**Knowing Jesus
Regional
Gathering**
Come and hear the Archbishop speak about the importance of making Jesus the centre of our lives.
Wednesday 24 March
7.30 pm – 9.30pm
Our Lady of Lourdes
121 Mains Road
Sunnybank



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

1st Sunday in Lent

21 February 2010

From the Archbishop's Pastoral Letter.....

The season of Lent is a season for prayer and fasting. It leads us into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent belongs to the spiritual rhythm of the Church, and year after year it leads us back to the very centre of our faith, Jesus Christ. Knowing how short this life is for all Lent encourages us each year to enter into a closer relationship with Jesus in order to know Him better. The key to such knowledge is prayer, and Lent this year is focussed in a special way on prayer that we will explore in a national gathering 7 – 10 July named, 'Pray2010'. The gathering will allow us to listen to a variety of speakers, men and women from Australia and different parts of the world, who are experts on prayer, and who will teach us its importance. They will explain to us how Jesus prayed, how they prayed, and how we can learn to pray by focussing on Jesus and listening to them.

Prayer was the language of relationship with His Father. Only through prayer was He able to understand the will of His Father and grasp the nature of His mission. Towards the end of His earthly life He prayed also in the garden of Gethsemane, asking for the courage to do His Father's will. Condemned to death, He prayed for those people ridiculing and tormenting him. In His very last breath He prayed to be with His Father knowing that He had fulfilled His Father's will. However His lifelong prayer which He shared with His apostles and us was prayer for a world and a new people, including each and every one of us. His prayer was answered by His Father with resurrection.

The season of Lent is a special time for prayer and fasting; let us not neglect it. Let us make an extra effort this Lent to participate in our great prayer of the Church, the Mass.

This year let us do all we can to participate, even if only in some small way, in our great gathering of "Pray 2010". However, before we participate in this national gathering in July let us make sure that we have done all that is possible in this time of Lent to get ready for Easter and the resurrection of Jesus, and for the national gathering soon to follow. Let this Lent become a magnificent preparation for our Archdiocesan gathering that will be held from 7th to 10th July. Let us become a praying Archdiocese filled with new people and a new Archdiocese, exactly as Jesus desired. May God bless you all.

Sincerely in Christ

Most Rev John Bathersby DD
Archbishop of Brisbane.

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 21 February

1st Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13 *Luke 4:1-13*

RCIA Rite of Election, 9.30 am Mass

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

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

Altar Servers Sign on Day

Monday 22 February

Rosary after 9 am Mass
Remember me Lenten program in
Carmel Community Room, 9.45am

Tuesday 23 February

Liturgy meeting, 3.30 pm
Finance council meeting in Carmel
Community Room, 7.30 pm

Wednesday 24 February

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Thursday 18 February

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm
Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

Lenten Season

During Lent, the Church encourages us to fast (smaller meals) and sometimes to do without meat (Abstinence).

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

The law of fasting applies to people over 14 and under 60 years.

ALTAR SERVER SIGN-ON DAY

- Calling all boys and girls from Year 4 and above
- Think about getting more involved with your Parish
- Commitment only once per month
- Sign on with a friend
- Come along to see what it is all about, even if you have yet to make your First Communion
- Altar Server training provided
- Can young people make a difference? Yes you can!
- See Kathy Lyons after 7.30AM or 9.30AM mass this Sunday 21 February, call 0416106490 or email kathyme@me.com



OPEN MORNING: SETON COLLEGE

Tuesday 2 March starting at 9 am in the College Chapel with an Information Session followed by a tour of the College. The Open Morning will conclude at 10.30 am. The Catholic Co-educational College is now accepting enrolment applications from students wishing to attend in Year 8, 2011, 2012 or 2013

Brisbane East Deanery Adult Faith Education Group

invites parishioners with the Deanery to learn more about the following courses being offered in 2010

An information evening will be held at

Regina Caeli Parish Hall on Tuesday 23 February at 7.30 pm

- **Beginning Theology**
- **Foundations**
- **Serving God's People – a practical course in ministry**

These courses are of 12 month duration with monthly meetings held in the local area, commencing March 2010

The courses are part-funded by the Brisbane East Deanery
For further information and registration of interest, please contact the Deanery Co-ordinator, Jeanne Schneider on 3398 3697 or email: reginacaeli@bne.catholic.net.au

The good news of the Gospel challenges us to change ourselves and our world for the better. This week's story takes us to rural Cambodia where Samon lives with his family. Life here is often a daily struggle. Caritas Australia is supporting 22 Cambodian communities, including Samon's, with practical training in micro credit to increase families' food production and livelihoods.



Your generous donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion allow subsistence farmer families to gain skills to increase their household food security and offers hope for a healthier future.

REMEMBER ME – LENTEN PROGRAM

The Lenten program has commenced in Monday morning at 9.45 am in Carmel Community Room. Unfortunately the Monday evening is not going ahead as only 2 people responded.