

We Remember those in God's Care



- ❖ Robert Williamson, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ Jim & Clara Lazzarini, Peter & Mary Josephine Murphy, Henry & Catherine Geary, *and 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.*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AT MT CARMEL

THIS FRIDAY 5 MARCH AT 10 AM

Are you coming? This week on Friday thousands of Christians around the world will meet and share in the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service prepared by Christians in Cameroon. The theme “**LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE GOD**” is relevant to us all and so be encouraged to join with others at the local service. Invite someone to go with you; learn about our brothers and sisters in Cameroon; pray and share blessings as you meet with other Christians from our local area.

Archbishop's Centacare Appeal 14/15 Nov 2009.

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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

2nd Sunday in Lent

28 February 2010

(TRANS)FIGURING OUT WHAT TO DO

I know I have a tendency to say a lot of bad things about my body, but on the whole I kind of like it. It's quite useful and, on a practical level, I'm not entirely sure what I would do without it.

But let's move off my body for the moment and talk about the Body of Jesus. The 'Body of Christ' is a concept that is frequently discussed in Catholicism to mean a variety of different things. We talk about each of us composing the Body of Christ, we talk about the Body of Christ that is sacramentally present in the Eucharist, and we often talk about the body of the person of Jesus – which was crucified and raised to save us from sin.

In today's Gospel reading, the story of the Transfiguration, there is a strong focus on the last of these – the human body of Jesus. In this reading, Jesus' human body is changed. It becomes something wholly different to what it was,

The story of the transfiguration is one that most of us would have heard before. It's a tale that contains a strikingly powerful image of Jesus – one that is on the opposite end of the spectrum to the image we so commonly see of the suffering Jesus on the Cross. The Transfiguration shows our Lord in all his majesty and glory, being spoken of by the prophets of old. All-in-all it's quite a beautiful image of Jesus. It is, however, this story's distance from the suffering, human Jesus that makes it difficult to relate to the lives of us common folk in the 21st Century. That is, unless you know people whose features change and whose clothes become as brilliant as lightning on a regular basis.

So how do we tackle this reading? How do we make this extremely 'supernatural' (for lack of a better word) event something to which we can relate?

And herein lies the importance of this week's second reading,

Whilst trying to put together a response to this week's readings, the temptation to quote William Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and make reference to our bodies as 'mortal coils' that we will eventually 'shuffle off' has been overwhelming. So there, I've done it and can now move on.

Tim Hutton 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

Wednesday

Mass of Anointing, 10 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 28 February

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Philippians 3:17- 4:1 Luke 9:28-36

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Baptism Preparation for March in Carmel
Community Room, 11 am

Youth Ministered Mass, 5.30 pm

Monday 1 March

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Remember me Lenten program in
Carmel Community Room, 9.45am

Tuesday 2 March

Liturgy meeting, 3.30 pm

Wednesday 3 March

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

Thursday 4 March

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

Friday 5 March

World Day of Prayer, 10 am

Work wanted

Cleaning, ironing etc

Contact Josephine

0402 118 605

Wanted

A local member of the community who enjoys working with children and would like to assist with looking after children before & after school on a casual basis. Contact details on noticeboard in the foyer of the church

What's Happening?

Sr Eufemia

Eufemia is a Canossian sister who has been very very active in support of the East Timorese community here in Brisbane and in our own parish here. Eufemia is moving on to other ministries and will leave us. A farewell Mass and dinner for her will happen at 5.30 p.m. on Friday March 5th at Sacred Heart Church, Rosalie. Interested people are welcome to attend.

Jenny Wallis

Jenny needs no introduction to most of us. Jenny heads off on March 1st to spend several weeks in East Timor. During her time there she will visit our Carmelite communities in Dili, Hera and Zumalai and get a feel for the country and what we are trying to do there. Jenny will also be spending some time helping our Carmelite students with the English. Good luck Jenny and we look forward to hearing your reflections on your return.

Heather Stabler

Heather is a well known parishioner here at OLMC having spent many years as a teacher at the primary school and now a regular sight around the parish. Heather contracted MS some years ago which has compromised her physical mobility but not her fine mind and her fighting spirit. Heather is largely confined to a wheelchair now and is seriously handicapped by hot environments. She still drives but her car sits in the hot sun all day and as you can imagine, the car gets very hot which is likely to cause a total loss of joint mobility. Heather recently arranged for the construction of a basic carport in her yard which will alleviate much of her difficulty with heat.

To assist her with the cost of this facility, the parish will try and offset some of the cost by having a raffle after all Masses on the weekend of 13/14 March. The Pineapple Hotel has offered to donate some prizes from their bottle shop for which we are grateful. I'm sure that Heather's many friends will embrace this opportunity to give her a helping hand.

Pray 2010: A Unique Faith Event - Not to be Missed

You can attend Pray 2010 for a **single session** (any morning, afternoon or evening), a **number of sessions** over the 3 days, a **full day** (either Thursday, Friday or Saturday) or **the full program** (from Wednesday evening till Saturday evening).

This is an event in the life of the Archdiocese that people will be talking about for years to come. Don't miss out. Register today online at: www.pray2010.org.au

Project Compassion

As Christians we are called to walk with those who are in need. This week's story introduces us to Teneille, from Derby in Western Australia. Limited job opportunities, low family literacy levels and poor health and housing are some of the issues affecting poor school performance amongst Indigenous children in the area.

Teneille participates in a Caritas Australia-supported program that is empowering children to attend school, have healthy and nutritious food and improve the school performance amongst the area's children.

Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps to work towards the goal of ensuring primary education for all children.

