

We Remember those in God's Care



- ❖ all who have died recently;
- ❖ Norah Gannon, 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.

MT CARMEL SOCIAL CLUB

First Bus Trip on Thursday 18 March

Leaves church at 9.30 am. Morning Tea at Queens Gardens Ipswich. Then on to Historical Rosevale Hotel. [est 1852] for 2 course lunch. After lunch you can visit a Heritage Listed Church & Cemetery for \$2 (*This is optional*).

\$35 cost - includes bus,
lunch and morning tea

Bookings by 13 March

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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

3rd Sunday in Lent

7 March 2010

Be the best that you can be

In this weekend's readings we get a wonderful insight into what it means to be in relationship with God. We start in the first reading watching Moses experience a close encounter with the "God of his Father". It's an awesome, magical experience involving a burning bush (that does not burn) and a promise by God to his people that he would free them from slavery. It's an encounter where we see both the power and compassion that God has for his people and we learn of the mission that has been entrusted to Moses. This reading of course follows on from last weekend's reading about the Transfiguration, where we once again literally and symbolically witnessed the power of change.

The responsorial psalm reminds us of the kind and merciful side that God has for his people whilst the second reading shows Paul chiding and encouraging the Corinthians not to "slacken off" in living a life based on the teachings of Jesus. He encourages the members of this early Christian community of Corinth not to take God's gifts for granted reminds them of what can happen to those that do. He reminds them of what happened to the Israelites when they took God for granted..."their corpses are littered in the desert". One gets the impression that there must have been a fair bit of bitchiness and complaining going on in this early Christian community and Paul's patience must have been tested somewhat.

Finally in the Gospel we come across the parable of the fig tree. Again there are a couple of levels on this story about a vineyard owner getting impatient with a non fruit bearing tree and threatening to cut it down as it was of no use to him. And the gardener of the vineyard pleading with the man to give it another chance and promising to rejuvenate it so that it could realize its fruit bearing potential. Again there is the message that God expects you to realize your potential, to express the gifts that he has given to each and every one of us and yet he is also there, through Jesus the Gardener, to work and nurture us to come to this realization.

So now that we are well on our journey to Lent, these readings are a timely reminder about what God expects of us;

1. That we take him seriously at his word
2. That we do not squander the gifts that he has given us
3. That we use these gifts to fulfill his mission for us
4. And that Jesus, his Son, is always there to help us to discover and express these gifts

So in this time of preparation for Easter, let us use this time of Lent, not so much to deny ourselves (although that's fine if it helps you to remember God's love for us) but rather to uncover and express the Gift or gifts that God has given to you. Take a moment now or sometime today to reflect on what gift God has given you and how you can be the best that you can be so that God comes alive through you. God Bless

Ben Norris 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 14 March

4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

Baptism Sunday

RCIA Rite of Healing & Strengthening
and Presentation of the Lord's Prayer,
5.30 pm Mass

Monday 15 March

Remember me Lenten program in
Carmel Community Room, 9.45am

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

Wednesday 17 March

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Thursday 18 March

Mt Carmel Social Club Bus Trip

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

Pray 2010:

A Place for Everyone

Whether you struggle with how to pray, desire to understand the Eucharist more, want to learn about a new form of prayer or go deeper with a prayer style with which you are familiar, then Pray 2010 offers a wide range of prayer workshops and presentations to meet your needs. For the full program go to: www.pray2010.org.au

What's Happening?

Well the recent rains have certainly been welcome, even if they were a bit too heavy out west. The gardens around the church and priory are starting to resemble a scene from the planet Pandora with all manner of exotic and not so exotic undergrowth rearing its head. So, it is time yet again for one of our famous working bees to tidy up the place before Easter. The emphasis this time will be on weed elimination (no chain saws allowed!) and cutting back of bushes to clear a route through the paths for Holy Thursday night! Some trees might need a bit of a haircut as well as some creative lawn mowing (the lawns are currently growing at about a centimetre an hour!!) and whipper snipping.

The date for all this excitement is Saturday, March 27th from 9 till 12 p.m. with sandwiches, hot or cold beverages to follow. Please let the office know if you can come for all or part of the fun and what tools you will bring.

Laurie

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 7 March 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

Luke 13:1-9

RCIA Rite of Healing & Strengthening,
7.30 am Mass

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Monday 8 March

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Remember me Lenten program in
Carmel Community Room, 9.45am

Wednesday 10 March

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Thursday 11 March

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

To bring about the kingdom of God, we must be transformed within ourselves and our community. This week's story takes us to East Timor where Domingas is being supported in a Caritas-funded Family and Community Violence Prevention Program. Domingas, like many women in her community was the victim of violence and abuse.



The program has provided her with ongoing counselling and a small grant to enable her to build a business and give her economic independence. Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion helps to support women survivors of violence and to work for just relationships.

With Grateful Hearts by Dr Margaret M. McKenna rsj.

A book of Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph in Qld 1870 – 1970 Cost \$27. Also Mary MacKillop Posters & Cards available. More details on noticeboard or parish office 3397 1587