

## *We Remember those in God's Care*



- ❖ *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.*

## **Luke 18, the Mt Carmel Youth Group**

for Grades 8-11 will be meeting  
on Sunday 28 March after 5:30pm Mass until 8pm  
in the Carmel Community Room.

We would love to have some new members, who could join us for pizza, games, singing, discussion and prayer in a fun environment.

If you are thinking of joining, please contact Barbara Johnston on 38471541(AH) for any further information or just turn up on March 28.

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**YOUR GENEROSITY  
can live on!**

**THINKING OF MAKING  
OR RENEWING  
YOUR WILL?**



*Please think of us.*

For more information  
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## **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH** in the care of the Carmelites since 1937

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**14 March 2010**

### **LIE IN THE BED THAT YOU HAVE MADE**

One of the marks of a free society is that each of us has personal freedoms within boundaries dictated by legality and morality. Within that freedom is the ability to make mistakes. A sign that we can responsibly use freedom is the willingness to wear the consequences of our actions, even though sometimes blame can be legitimately placed elsewhere, but not always. A lament about modern society is that people are no longer willing to wear the consequences of their own actions. If something goes wrong as a result of an unwise decision, then someone is blamed either by litigation or by a condemnation of the Government. Drunken drivers who crash blame the hotel for serving them, broke gamblers sue clubs where they lost to a poker machine and so on.

The only country that I am aware of where people do not wear the consequences of their choices is North Korea. They have no choice there. Do we really want to live like that?

The parable of the prodigal Son is read as the Gospel this weekend. It is a parable of a mistake made and forgiveness tendered, and as such, it is a popular Gospel story in preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Every time you read it, a new dimension appears. It is a remarkable tale. But some people have a difficulty with it. They say that the younger son double dipped. He got his half at the beginning of the story and blew it, only to be brought back into the fold again as if nothing had happened. Hence the anger of the older brother.

This is also a parable of the consequences of one's action and responsibility for it. Note that at the beginning of the parable, the younger son asked for his share of the property and received it immediately. Contrast this with the end of the parable where the father tries to calm the older son down. He says to him: My son, you are with me always, AND ALL I HAVE IS YOURS.

In other words, the younger son made a mistake and lost his share, all that the father has, i.e. the remaining share, goes entirely to the older son. The younger son is welcomed back into the house, but he isn't getting a cent more.

Where we fail to acknowledge our own mistakes and fail to live by the consequences of them, let this parable be a point of reflection for us.

## 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 14 March

#### 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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 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

## VOLUNTEER ROSTERS FOR EASTER

Ministers of the Word and Eucharist are needed for Easter Masses. If you are able to assist please place your name in Volunteer Rosters in side entrance of the church.

## What's Happening?

On Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup> this year I will be leaving the parish after five years. I'm moving north to Cairns on the Sunlander (how else?) where I will engage in ministry in a variety of parishes scattered from Karumba in the west to Thursday Island in the north to Cardwell in the south. Many of these districts, especially some of the remote ones, rarely see a priest and I am looking forward to trying to do something about this. It will be a challenging and exciting ministry which should involve a lot of driving or flying in little planes. I am really looking forward to it, with the exception perhaps of the little planes! I'm not sure if you can get frequent flyer points on the Laura mail run. During the week I will be working as a chaplain for four days at St. Augustine's College in Cairns, a day and boarding school with about 580 boys, Years 8-12, which should keep me young and in touch with ipods and Wii and all those other strange things! At this stage my successor is unnamed. Our Chapter will happen in Melbourne from April 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> and someone will be appointed after that.

But there is plenty to do here before June 29<sup>th</sup>. Easter looms. Dates and times will appear in the newsletter next week. Also on March 23<sup>rd</sup> letters will go out to Grade 4 and above parents inviting them to continue the process of Sacramental preparation for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. If you have not got a letter after that date, please give the office a ring.

Today we have a raffle to help our sister, Heather Stabler. Please buy a ticket or two after Mass. They are \$2 each or a special price of 5 for \$10.

*Laurie*

## Working Bee

**Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 am till 12 pm**

With sandwiches, hot or cold beverages to follow. Please let the office know by phone or email if you can come for all or part of the time and what tools you will bring.

### Sunday 21 March

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

*Isaiah 43:16-21*

*Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11*

RCIA Rite of Healing & Strengthening, 6 pm Mass

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

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

Altar Servers practice after 9.30 am Mass

School Ministered Mass, 5.30 pm

#### Monday 22 March

Remember Me Lenten program in Carmel Community Room, 9.45am

Communal Celebration of God's Forgiveness, 7.30 pm in the church

#### Tuesday 23 March

Finance Council meeting in Carmel Community Room, 7.30 pm