

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ Tom Faust, David Highett, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ Michael Wallis, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

- ❖ Sr Catherine Dower mfc [Sr Cassian], 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.

Alter Server training session

Thanks to the 18 young parishioners who have put their hands up to contribute to our Liturgy as altar servers. Our team consists of new comers Mitch Llanes, Chelsea Priest, Jessica Quinn, Siobhan Lyons, Alex Crew, Angus Tracey, Emma Read, Sophie Isaac, Aliasha & Kiara Meagher, Bailey Narratil, Elise Andreas, Tayla Jansen; and continuing servers Anthony Norris, Moira-Clare Lyons, Sarah Crew, Nicola Tracey and Sian Asnicar. Fr Laurie will be conducting training after the 9:30am Mass Sunday 21 March at 10:30am - 11:30am in the Church. Afterwards: 11:30am - 12 noon a pizza lunch is available for those who can stay to celebrate the forming of our altar servers' team

Contact Kathy Lyons on 0416 106 490 or kathyme@me.com if you missed the sign-on day and would like to be an altar server. There's always room for more.....

The Archbishop asked for an appeal last Sunday, for the people of Toowoomba, following the floods.

As we already had an appeal for Heather the same Sunday, the parish has made a \$500.00 donation. This has been forwarded on.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all who have been contributing to Project Compassion over the last four weeks.

REMINDER: It would be appreciated if donations through boxes and envelopes could be returned next weekend (Palm Sunday).

Receipts will be issued in mid-April.



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

5th Sunday in Lent

21 March 2010

In the Gospel reading for this weekend, we are told that Jesus had spent time on the Mount of Olives in prayer and contemplation, before going back down into Jerusalem to continue teaching.

The Pharisees, meanwhile, had become fed up with Jesus causing disturbance among the Jews and had decided to put him to the test. It sounds to us like a put up job to catch a woman in the act of adultery, even if, as seems probable, she was a prostitute. They said that the Law of Moses required adultery to be punished by public stoning of the woman and asked him for his views.

He didn't answer, but bent down and began writing in the sand.

The crowd continued to question Jesus, until he eventually said

“Let anyone among you, who is without sin, be the first to throw a stone at her.” He then went back to writing in the sand.

What was he writing? Was he just, so to speak, filling in time or, as has been suggested, listing the sins of the accusers? The scene described here is strange, isn't it? The accusers must at first have been annoyed, that Jesus was making no effort to answer their question, but rather ignoring them. How would the woman have felt hearing her accusers and what is more, hearing them become agitated and annoyed? Yet Jesus just kept on writing, while the crowd gradually melted away.

When Jesus was left alone with the woman, he spoke words she had never expected to hear. “Go your way and from now do not sin again.” Here I am reminded of Deirdre Browne IBVM's hymn, “Come as you are”, which tells us that God will love us no matter what we have done.

Quite apart from those final words, there is a message for us I am sure I'm not alone in being prone to make instant judgements, to jump to conclusions, to blame others or to judge rashly. We need to take time to think things through and respond with understanding and compassion. With his word Jesus gave dignity back to the accused woman and restored her self-worth. We are reminded of God's love for us all, his compassion, kindness and forgiveness.

Moya Hickey 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 28 March Passion (Palm) Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 23:1-49

Baptism Sunday

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Cuppa after 9.30 am Mass

Baptism Preparation for April in Carmel
Community Room, 11 am

Youth Ministered Mass, 5.30 pm
followed by Luke 18 till 8 pm in Carmel
Community Room

Tuesday 30 March

Readers Preparation for Lord's Supper
7.30 pm and for Lord's Passion in
Sacristy, 8 pm

Wednesday 31 March

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community Room, 7.30 pm
Readers Preparation for Easter Vigil in Sacristy, 7.30 pm

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 21 March 5th 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

Rosary after 9 am Mass

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

Wednesday 24 March

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Thursday 25 March

Carmel Cellars in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

Saturday 27 March

Working Bee around Church and
Priory 9am – 12 midday

Working Bee

Saturday, March 27th from 9 am till 12 pm

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. Thank You



Special Thank You for those who arranged for and contributed to last week's raffle for Heather's carport. The raffle and donations raised at total of \$3028.60

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR EASTER

Eucharist ministers required for Easter Masses. If you are able to assist place your name in Roster in side entrance of the church.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT MT CARMEL

Mon 22 March COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS
7.30 pm in the church

Sun 28 March PASSION [PALM] SUNDAY BLESSING AND PROCESSION OF PALMS
Sat 6 pm Vigil Mass;
Sunday 7.30 am, 9.30 am &, 5.30 pm Mass

Thurs 1 April Holy Thursday MASS OF LORD'S SUPPER – 7.30 PM
followed by Adoration at Altar of Repose
(to conclude at 10 pm)

Friday 2 April (Good Friday) STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 10 AM
First Rite Reconciliation – 10.30 am

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH 3 PM

Sat 3 April Holy Saturday First Rite Reconciliation – 10.00 am
EASTER VIGIL – 7 PM

Sun 4 April Easter Sunday MASS – 7.30 AM & 9.30 AM
(Note: There is NO 5.30 pm Mass)