

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

- ❖ *all who have died recently;*
- ❖ *John Roelofs, Annie Stokes, 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.*

### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

Thank you to all who have been contributing to Project Compassion over the last five weeks. **REMINDER:** It would be appreciated if donations through boxes and envelopes could be returned ASAP.

Receipts will be issued in mid-April.

### **HELPERS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

- 3 people to carry oils on Holy Thursday
- 3 people for offertory procession on Holy Thursday
- Eucharist ministers required for Easter Vigil Mass, 7.30 & 9.30 am Easter Sunday Masses. Please place your name on the sheets in side entrance of the church if you are able to assist.

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### **Loreto College Coorparoo**

is now accepting enrolment applications for students wishing to attend the College in Yr 8 – 2013 Parents are requested to apply during Term 1 – 2010 Please visit the College or phone 3394 9999 to obtain an enrolment package.



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

**Passion [Palm] Sunday**

**28 March 2010**

“Can’t speak, can’t speak”. Words voiced in anguish by a friend as a small group of us emerged into a theatre foyer, shattered by events we’d just witnessed on the big screen. We had been to see the movie “Romero” – the story of Archbishop Oscar Romero, gunned down in 1980 for defending the poor of El Salvador against the murderous brutality of the ruling military junta of the day. That level of repression and fear continues as an all too common reality in our contemporary world. Indeed some of Oscar Romero’s own words provide a natural starting point for today’s reflection on Passion Sunday:

“In defending the poor I have often been threatened with death but if I am killed, yes, a bishop will have died but the Church, which is the people, will never die....Jesus’ message of love, forgiveness and salvation for all made Jesus not only vulnerable but political as well – and so we find it is with us in our struggle for justice?”

No wonder Romero ended up “crucified”.

Turning now to the Scriptures (which so shaped Romero’s life) today’s Gospel reading from Luke 23:1-49 tells the story of the crucifixion.

Yet again at Easter time it is of central importance that we engage with meaning of the Pascal mystery. Over the coming days we will find ourselves contemplating not only what happened to Jesus outside the walls of Jerusalem 2,000 years ago but in a very real sense what is still happening around the world whenever the power of living from God’s love (and putting into practice Jesus’ dream of the kingdom) collides with the power of the gun, the power of financial greed or the power of religious fanaticism where murder is excused as “necessary”.

As an exercise in exploring what you deep down truly believe about these matters take a moment or two to ponder the following extraordinary words of Jesus spoken from the cross, “Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing”. Ah, the all embracing love of Jesus and the soon to be won Victory of God on Resurrection Sunday.

Nevertheless its all too easy to feel seriously overwhelmed in the face of evil which, world-wide, appears to be winning hands-down.

## 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 4 APRIL EASTER SUNDAY

*Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43*  
*Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9*

**Mass 7.30 am & 9.30 am**

**(Note: There is NO 5.30 pm Mass)**

### Monday 5 April

Rosary after 9 am Mass

### Wednesday 7 April

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

### Thursday 8 April

Readers Preparation in Sacristy,  
7.30pm

## *This week at Mt Carmel*

### Today is 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

### Monday 29 March

Rosary after 9 am Mass

### Tuesday 30 March

Readers Preparation for Lord's Supper  
7.30 pm & Lord's Passion, 8 pm

### Wednesday 31 March

RCIA meeting in Carmel Community Room,  
7.30 pm

Readers Preparation for Easter Vigil in  
Sacristy, 7.30 pm

### Thursday 1 April [Holy Thursday]

**Mass of Lord's Supper, 7.30 pm**

### Friday 2 April [Good Friday]

**Stations of the Cross, 10 am**

First Rite of Reconciliation, 10.30 am

**Commemoration of the Lord's Passion  
and Death, 3 pm**

### Saturday 3 April [Easter Vigil]

First Rite of Reconciliation, 10 am

**Easter Vigil, 7 pm**

**All are welcome to Supper after Mass  
in Carmel Community Room**



## Reflection (cont...)

So if you're sitting there thinking something like I **am** a follower of Jesus and I do want my life to count towards building the kingdom but I know I'm far from being an Oscar Romero or a Desmond Tutu or a Nelson Mandela may I encourage you to consider the philosophical/practical approach of a believer that Peter Kearney takes in his song 'start from where you are':-

I see you lying on your bed

Pondering what kind of world is this

Peace is like the stars – seems so far away

Why don't you start from where you are, do what you can do.....

You may be only small, of everyone the least

But your contribution could be the one that tips the scales to  
Peace.....

You get the drift? How about choosing an idea from your own real world which will effect positive change no matter how small and commit to giving your choice a go for a week (a fortnight? a month?) As an Easter Act of Love – and for your own spiritual growth – tell God and someone you trust what you are doing.

Start from where you are.....

*Heather Stabler Parishioner*

## RCIA

At our Easter vigil we will be baptizing Jonathon and welcoming into full communion Shalini Matthews who have journeyed through the RCIA Program over the past 6 months. After the Vigil Mass we invite you to join us in the Carmel Community room to celebrate this wonderful occasion with Jonathon and Shalini. Could you please bring a plate of finger food for supper. Tea/Coffee will be provided.

## Help Wanted!

We need assistance helping with the setting up, the serving of tea/coffee etc and also with cleaning up after supper. If you are willing to assist in this regard place your name on the form in the side entrance of the church. Many thanks!

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## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

This weekend – available in the Church foyer