

We Remember those in God's Care



❖ Joan Chay (mother and mother-in-law of Allan Chay and Maria O'Leary, grandmother of Alexander and Nicholas) *and all who have died recently;*

❖ Eileen Wallis, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

❖ Fr Noel Kierce O.Carm, Margaret Nance, Leo Caffery, Tim O'Neill, *and all our sick.*



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

5th Sunday of Easter

2 May 2010

Two Hundred Percent Awesome

You probably don't remember this but, for a moment, let's pretend that you do – Last time I was asked to write a reflection for the newsletter it was on one of those frustratingly abstract passages of the Bible. I am, therefore, convinced that either Fr Laurie has a vendetta against me, or that I have really bad luck. Either way, it's time to move on to the actual 'reflecting' part of the reflection (almost as if it is the important part)!

Though I joke about this week's Gospel reading lacking a specific quality that makes it easily tangible, that's kind of the point. Yes Jesus was human, and yes Jesus gave us instructions by which we can live our human lives – but we have to remember that Jesus wasn't *just* human. In our hyper-rational world where everything must be scientifically quantifiable and explained by cold hard logic, it becomes easy to lose sight of the fact that our faith is about something *more* than just being nice to each other. Christianity isn't secular humanism, based on the teachings of a pretty rad dude from Nazareth.

It's about God.

It's about God, who we are asked to love with all our hearts and all our minds. It's about God, who is both mother and father to us. It's about God, who chose to be humbled, and was born in a rather gross little cave. It's about God, who came to show us the way to him, even though it would end with him having to endure one of the more unpleasant deaths in history.

It is about God, who is love, and who loved us more than we can possibly conceive.

So when reading this week's Bible passage – let's try and remember why we're here. I'll give you a hint: it's for Jesus, who is one hundred percent human, and one hundred divine (which makes him two hundred percent awesome, as I'm sure any mathematician will tell you).

Tim Hutton Parishioner

PS. If you're below the age of thirty and stuck on the fact I'm using the word 'rad' you're quite clearly just not rad enough to get it.

MT CARMEL SOCIAL CLUB

Bus Trip to Bribie Island

on Thursday 20 May

Leaves church at 9.30 am.

Morning Tea at the Beach at Shorncliffe.

Lunch at Bribie Island RSL.

All inclusive \$35



Bookings by 17 May

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OR RENEWING
YOUR WILL?**



Please think of us.

For more information
please contact
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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

Mass of Anointing,

Wednesday 10 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9.30 am – 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am – 7 am

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

A weekend for married couples.

Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage!

This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Weekend date: 04-06 June 2010

Venue: Mercy Place, Bardon

For bookings/details contact:

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This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 2 May

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Apocalypse 21:1-5 John 13:31-35

Cuppa after 9.30 am Mass

Monday 3 May

Rosary after 9 am Mass

SVDP meeting in Carmel Community
Room, 7.30 pm

Wednesday 5 May

Mass of Anointing, 10 am

Thursday 6 May

Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

**Australian Christian
Meditation Community Qld.**

COMMUNITY DAY

Saturday 22 May 2010

9.30 am – 3.00 pm

**At: St Peter Chanel parish hall,
41 Chaprowe Road, The Gap**

Sr Therese Wilson will speak to us on
“*The Wisdom of God brings Joy to our
Living*”. Sr Therese is a spiritual director
and gives retreats in Brisbane and further
afield. She has recently celebrated her
Golden Jubilee.

Morning tea will be served at 9.30 am.
Please bring something to share for
lunch. Books, CD's and DVD's will
be on sale during the day.

Suggested donation: \$10

For any queries contact: Gabby Nelson
email: toga@pigpond.net.au Ph 3711 4227

Healing Mass at St James

On Saturday May 15th at 10am

There will be a Healing Mass at St James Church (cnr Kirkland Ave and Old Cleveland Rds, Coorparoo) for families, mothers especially, who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, still birth or neo-natal death, for example.

If you know of anyone, family, relatives or friends who are still hurting from the loss, please let them know of this Mass.

Saturday after Mother's Day has been deliberately chosen to offer support and healing to those who were unable to receive thanks for the gift of life from these little ones. Yet, we believe they are alive with God, and grateful for the life that was given them.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA – PROJECT COMPASSION 2010

Sincere thanks to parishioners who supported the Project Compassion Appeal this year. The amount raised through donations given by means of our church collections was **\$5 162.50**.

A great effort!

(A special 'thankyou' to Paul Lynch who assisted with the counting of donations each week.)



His Grace the Archbishop of Brisbane John Bathersby
invites you to the

Annual Archbishop's Fundraising Dinner for NET Ministries

Special Guest speaker

Mr Tim Mander

Former NRL Referee and CEO of Scripture Union Queensland

Thursday 20th May 2010

 NET ministries
AUSTRALIA
www.netministries.com.au

100% of proceeds go to
NET's vital ministry

Venue: Tattersall's Club, Edward St, Brisbane

Dress: Dinner attire

Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Cost: \$135.00 per person

(includes 3 course meal and wine)

RSVP: by Thursday 13th May 2010

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