

*We Remember those in God's Care*

- ❖ Imelda Mary McAleese, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ Gertrude Donovan, John Gannon, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

*We Pray for*

- ❖ Dick Sefton, Patricia O'Brien, Gloria Zunker, Trish Gowdie, Margaret Nance, Delia Price, *and all our sick.*



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

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**15 August 2010**

Recently the remains of an ancient human skeleton were discovered in Australia. Scientific examination confirmed that they dated back to a period earlier than it had been thought that humans inhabited this continent. We hear of these things with a measure of interest, and amazement, but with a certain detachment. We were not there. Whoever it was, it was not us. The past can be very remote. In any case, another discovery may well place our origins even further back.

Suppose the question moves from the origins of human life to its finality. We ask what's at the end of it? For many, sadly, their answer is death, and nothingness. As Christians we have learned from the life and teaching of Jesus that human life outlives earthly life. There is a wanting in us that cries out for more than we are. Our present human experience, wonderful, and sometimes painful as it is, falls short of our expectations.

Today, as we celebrate Mary's assumption to heaven at the end of her earthly life, we are recalling more than a gentle Jewish woman, who lived her life in or around Nazareth, who gave birth to Jesus, the Son of God. A woman who watched him grow to manhood, becoming someone who for 2 or 3 years gathered, taught and touched his followers as no others had. There must have been times when she felt he was less hers than others'. It culminated with his cruel and untimely death, which she witnessed in silence. Remarkably, in the aftermath of his death, there were signs he still lived. There were appearances witnessed by many, which lasted for awhile, and a church, his, came into life. For Mary it might have seemed that her role, if it could be called public, ended with the death of Jesus. The time and circumstances of her own death remain unknown.

**Reflection....(cont)**

In the early centuries of its existence the Church came to understand that the events of Nazareth were only the prelude to the unfolding plan of God that cannot be realized finally within the limits of what we call this world and this time. Looking for ways that do justice to the role and meaning of Mary's life, and to give her due honour, it called her by different names or titles. One of the earliest was *Maria assumpta*., Mary who was assumed into heaven. It was a way of acknowledging that Mary outlives her earthly life. She is not the solitary human survivor.

This feast is a quiet reminder to us, when we feel consumed or overwhelmed by whatever time it is in our lives, that all these small chapters must ultimately make way for what lies ahead. It takes a great heart and soul to live with this truth, doesn't it?

*.Jerome*

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**MANY THANKS**

"Thank you to all who attended and supported the NET Team Trivia Night. A fun night was had by all who were present. The Trophy was retained by Bulimba Parish. Over \$2,500.00 was raised – what a tremendous effort!"

## 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

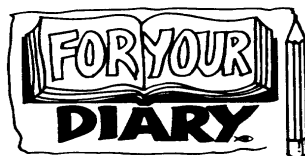
Saturdays 9.30 am – 10 am

### MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am – 7 am

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



## SUNDAY 22 AUGUST 2010

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Isaiah 66:18-21*

*Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

*Luke 13:22-30*

Baptism Sunday

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Cuppa after 9.30 am Mass

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

### Tuesday 24 August

Finance Council meeting in  
Carmel Community Room,  
7.30 pm

### Wednesday 25 August

Liturgy meeting in Carmel  
Community Room, 7.30 pm

### Thursday 26 August

Carmel Cellars in Carmel  
Community Room, 7.30 pm  
Readers Preparation in Sacristy,  
7.30pm

### Saturday 28 August

Working Bee 8 am – 10.30 am

**Hospitality Roster  
for August – Sept in  
foyer of the church.  
Please remember to  
collect your copy.**

## MT CARMEL SOCIAL CLUB

### on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August

Will be meeting for 9 am Mass then 9.30 am in Carmel  
Community Room with Guest Speaker from Council of the  
Ageing on Eat Well & Be Active at 10 am  
All parishioners are welcome to attend

## MT CARMEL PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptised children in year 3 or older are eligible to prepare to  
receive Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have a child who you  
would like to participate in this process please contact the Parish  
Office 3397 1587 Mondays - Thursdays

## WORKING BEE

Saturday 28 August from 8 am till 10.30 am

Next week there will be a notice with a list of jobs  
to be done in church foyer for parishioners  
to add your name & what tools you will bring along.  
More hands make light work, that's what they say!!

In Pakistan displaced communities, and particularly their most  
vulnerable members – children, the disabled, women and the elderly  
- are in desperate need of healthcare, sanitation, food and water,  
shelter. Caritas Australia is accepting donations to provide  
immediate assistance for up to 20,000 people with the distribution of  
shelter and hygiene kits commencing across Pakistan's north-west  
this weekend. If you wish to assist our Caritas organisations on the  
ground in Pakistan commit to a significant, widespread and long-  
term response to alleviate the devastation please feel free to ring the  
Brisbane office on 3343 8372, send a cheque made out to Caritas  
Australia to GPO Box 9830 Brisbane Q 4001 or donate online  
[www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) to the **South Asia Floods Appeal - Pakistan**

## *This week at Mt Carmel*

*Today is 15 August*

*Assumption of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary*

*Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6, 10*

*1 Colossians 15:20-26*

*Luke 1:39-56*

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Lay Carmelites meeting in Carmel  
Community Room, 10.30am

### Monday 16 August

Rosary after 9.30 am Mass

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

### Thursday 19 August

Mt Carmel Social Club Meeting in  
Carmel Community Room, 9.30 am  
Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm