

**WE REMEMBER THOSE  
IN GOD'S CARE**

- \* *All who have died recently.*
- \* *All whose anniversaries occur now.*

**WE PRAY FOR ....**

- \* George Boldeman, Roy Ewan, Janet Putterill, Heather Stabler and *all our sick.*



**Noticeboard in Foyer**

Further information on the following events being put on throughout the Archdiocese is available on the Church noticeboard –

- Zero Gravity 2012, a Dynamic Catholic summer camp for Teenagers in Years 8-12 2012, North Tamborine, 12-15 January 2012
- Champion Summer Program, Vital Skills for Life and School, 15-20 January 2012
- A Summer Retreat for men aged 18-30 on the theme "Wisdom", Manly, 10-12 February 2012
- A National Catholic Men's Event by Men Alive, 24-26 February, Brookfield Conference Centre
- Leaning into God's Graciousness, guided by Marie Thompson for the Presentation Spirituality Centre, Manly, 25 February 2012 (registration date 20 February)
- The Iona Passion Play Easter 2012 needs cast and crew – see the noticeboard for further details.

**CARMELITE  
REFLECTIONS**

**If we understand God to be love**, then each time a human denies another love, God is afflicted.

**If we understand God to be justice**, then each time a human struggle for justice is thwarted, God becomes poor.

**If we understand God as peace**, then each time peace is broken, God is shattered and distressed.

**If we understand God to be healing**, joy and wholeness, then whenever and however we disregard God's presence by committing acts such as degradation, abuse and oppression, God is broken, God is violated, God is alienated.

**God is treated the same way that the poor and afflicted are treated.** When we are not conscious of their suffering, we are not conscious of God's presence. When their needs go ignored, so does God's presence go ignored. They are alienated in the same way God must feel alienated from us-- God's own creation. The suffering, the afflicted, the marginalized are treated the way God is so often treated in this world.



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

*The Nativity of the Lord*  
25 December 2011

Christmas is a wonderful time to receive with gratitude words of appreciation for who we are and a time to give expressions of love to those significant people in our lives. It is also a time to be reminded of our Christian calling to give to those in need and to value the gift of those who give to us.

It has been a year where much generosity of spirit from many within our Mount Carmel community has found practical expression among us. This time of year has seen opportunities of generosity expressed by many as we have made possible a joy-filled Christmas for our friends in Zumalai with the money raised through the raffle and the Christmas stall. Closer to home, the Christmas hampers distributed to needy families within our Coorparoo community has again been a practical expression of the spirit of generosity among parishioners.

The Liturgies we have celebrated have involved many in their preparation, organisation and participation and again we give thanks for the generosity of time, resources and creativity people have shared. Throughout the year the involvement of so many in attending various meetings, committees and working groups has given witness to the Generosity of our God among us through the availability of so many within our community.

We can all afford to be grateful that God is born among us each day and at this time of year we remember that God's gift of birth is a gift of LOVE. We are reminded of the words of Therese of Lisieux: "Without LOVE, even the most brilliant deeds count as nothing."

This will be our last newsletter for this year and so before I conclude I would like to make mention of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Carmelites coming to Coorparoo, an event that will take place on January 10<sup>th</sup> 2012. Together since 1937 we have enjoyed the wonderful blessings that have been ours here in Coorparoo and with all members of the Parish community WE GIVE THANKS.

May the JOY, PEACE and HOPE of Christ's birth be the gift we all celebrate this Christmas.

**Wayne**

**Mount Carmel Parish acknowledges the Turrbal people as the traditional owners of the land on which we live.**

## PARISH MASS TIMES

### Weekends:

Saturday Vigil - 6pm;  
Sunday 8.30am and 5.30pm.

### Weekdays:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 9am.

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9.30am – 10am

### ROSARY

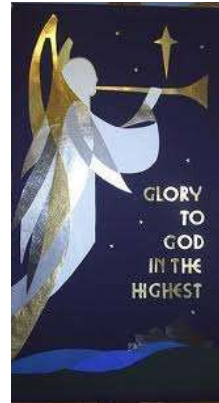
Mondays – after 9am Mass

### MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30am – 7am

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



## At Mount Carmel

### Sunday 25 December Christmas Day

Vigil Mass 6.30pm and 9pm  
Christmas Day Masses 7am and 8.30am.

**Note no 5.30pm Mass.**

### Monday 26 December

St Stephen's Feast Day

### Tuesday 27 December

St John's Feast Day

### Wednesday 28 December

Holy Innocents

### Friday 30 December

The Holy Family

### Sunday 1 January Mary, Mother of God (Solemnity)

World Day of Peace (Holy see)  
New Years Day



*Christmas wishes during this joyous time and may the New Year bring many blessings to all.*

*Enjoy this time with family and friends and may the message of Christ always be a part of your time together.*

*Fr Frank, Fr Jerome, Fr Wayne,  
Maureen and Kate*

## CHRISTMAS CRIB

Our brothers from Timor Leste, Martinho Da Costa and Angelino Dos Santos have both joined us here at Mount Carmel for Christmas and the January holidays. They have been busy working with friends from Timor to prepare our Christmas Crib.

In the spirit of our sisters and brothers from Timor Leste, we have witnessed in their preparing a real inclusion of people from our local parish community and the drawing together of resources available from what can be gathered and borrowed.

This spirit of Hospitality and Inclusion reminds us of God's choice to find in all humanity a sacred place, through the event of Incarnation which we celebrate in the birth of Jesus.

In God who dwells in our humanity all that is most human becomes Divine.

**Wayne**



## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

*The office will be closed for  
Christmas from Monday  
19 December and will reopen on  
Monday 23 January 2012.*



## VOLUNTEER ROSTERS

Volunteers are needed for Ministers of the **Word & Communion** and **Musicians, Cantors & Data Projector Operators** for the month of January. Rosters are in the side entrance of the church. For the musicians this roster has been placed in the music area.

If you are able to help please place your name on the rosters.