



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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Sunday 11th
February 2018



6th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
(Year B)

Today's readings from Deuteronomy and the Gospel are both about leprosy – a disease that is now easily cured, although still prevalent in many parts of the majority (developing) world. There was a real fear of leprosy in past times because of its contagious nature. It was also a common belief that if you had leprosy or any other serious disease, you were being punished for a sin you had committed. People with leprosy were not only ill but 'bad', and so had to be exiled from the community.

There are still traces of this thinking in our own day about those who are on the margins of our society. The poor, the homeless, refugees, those with AIDs or addictions are often automatically seen as fully responsible for their situations. If only they worked harder, spent more wisely, lived more disciplined lives or simply 'pulled their socks up', then they would be fine. When we encounter such people in our lives, we often find that their situation is far more complex than we could imagine. Of course, there is such a thing as personal responsibility. But it is exercised within the broader context of our families and our society and this sometimes limits our responsibility.

One group who have been marginalised in the recent past have been the survivors of sexual abuse. In many cases they were made to feel guilty about what happened to them - blamed, shamed and silenced. The recent *Royal Commission into Institutional Sexual Abuse* has been one way in which many survivors of abuse have been able to tell their horrific stories. The case studies in the Commission report make for challenging reading.

Next Wednesday we commence the season of Lent. The Australian Bishops have asked that between Ash Wednesday and the following Saturday, we pray especially for all those affected by sexual abuse. We pray for their healing and that justice will be accorded to them. We also pray for our Church that it will reform, renew and make reparation such that it is worthy of the mission given to it by Christ to bring 'life to the full' to all.

David Hutton, Parishioner

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 5:30pm

**Weekdays: Monday,
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00am**

**Tuesday: Liturgy of the Word
and Communion in the Sacristy
9am**

*A Mass of Anointing is held on the first Wednesday of
certain months at 10:00am followed by morning tea.*

**Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:30 -
5:00pm**

**Rosary: Mondays after 9:00am
Mass**

*Our Church is always open during daylight hours, to
allow you the opportunity to come in and spend some
quiet time.*



Parish Diary Dates

February

- Sun 18** Lay Carmelites meet at Mass
- Mon 19** St Vincent de Paul meet at 7:30pm
- Wed 21** RCIA meet at 7:30pm
Friends of Zumalai meet at 7:30pm
- Thur 22** Finance Council meet at 7:00pm
Carmel Cellars meet at 7:30pm
- Wed 28** RCIA meet at 7:30pm

March

- Sun 4** Family Mass at 8:30am
- Mon 5** St Vincent de Paul meet at 7:30pm

Days of Fasting and Reparation, February 14-17, 2018



Dear brothers and sisters,

Last December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse handed down its final report. Like the Australian Government and many other institutions, the Catholic bishops of Australia and leaders of religious institutes are currently studying the final report and its recommendations.

In the long years since the tragedy of child sexual abuse within the Catholic community became known, the Church has committed to policies, procedures and structures to respond better to survivors of abuse and their families, to establish professional standards for all ministers and Church workers, and to safeguard children and vulnerable people. For the Church, as for other institutions, this has involved gradual learning and development, and so it will continue to be.

Through these years, Australia's bishops and other Church leaders have often expressed their sorrow and have offered their apology for what has occurred in the past – the harm suffered by victims and survivors, the instances of cover-up, the failure to believe survivors' stories and to respond with compassion and justice, and the distress that many still experience.

Our apologies have at times seemed too little – not because they were insincere, but because trust has been broken. We stand firm in our resolve to ensure that the abuse of children never happens again in the Catholic Church and to build new bonds of trust.

With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace this new moment by beginning the penitential season of Lent with four days of fasting and reparation. These are spiritual practices which express our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace.

Through fasting, we stand in solidarity with the victims and survivors of abuse whose much deeper hunger is for healing and peace in their lives.

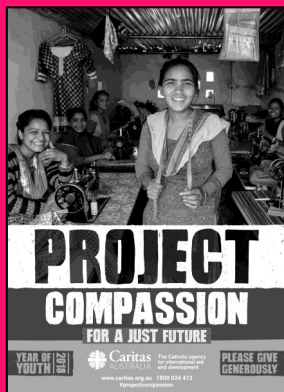
Through reparation, we make amends for the sin of those in the Church who abused children or failed to listen and act when they should have.

The days of fasting and reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and for the healing of victims and survivors will be marked by prayer – in our homes and in our Catholic communities.

Please take to heart the importance of these days in preparing the Church to respond to the recommendations of the Royal Commission and to make the journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter. We cannot undo the past. With God's help, we can make the future better. **Bishops of Australia**



Project Compassion Sunday 11th February 2018



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "A Just Future". You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities.

A Just Future starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



Calling all Retirees - Mt Carmel Seniors Social Club needs new members!!

We're all getting a little older and sadly some of our long term members are no longer able to attend our regular bus trips. We are anxious therefore to grow our membership and to keep this valued and enjoyable parish activity viable.

Please consider joining the Mt Carmel Seniors Social Club and be part of the wonderful fellowship and interesting programme of upcoming excursions in 2018. You can be assured of a very pleasant and enjoyable outing.

The first bus trip for the year will be held on Thursday 15th March - put it on your calendar now!

The Club's AGM is to be held on Thursday 15th February in the Carmel Community Room following the 9am Mass. Subscription of \$5 is now due.
ALL WELCOME.

Invitation for New Ministers - **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word celebrated at the 8:30am Sunday Mass, provides the opportunity for children to hear the Word of God at their own level. We are currently looking for new ministers to support this vital ministry. All new ministers are guided and fully supported to feel confident with leading the Children's Liturgy.

For further information or to register your interest, please contact the Parish Office on 3397 1587. Thank you to those wonderful parishioners who currently offer their time to this important ministry to the children of our parish.



ASH WEDNESDAY

14 February 2018

**Mass Times for Ash
Wednesday**

9am and 7:30pm

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD

FRIDAY 2ND MARCH, 10AM
at

ST STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN
CHURCH, CNR CAVENDISH
AND CHATSWORTH RDS.

Host Country is SURINAME.

Contact: CATHIE JOHANSEN on 3397 9114.



Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Arlen Pandy, Mary Fitzpatrick,
Inacio Soares, Kevin Kearney,
Emile Van Deurse, Thérèse McCabe,
Mary-Pat Ogilvie, Min Kerley, Deb Berrill,
Dr Grove Johnson.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord ...

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Paul Stanhope.

We pray for our sick...

Damien Holt, Maree Gale, Bill Pacey, Peter
and Teresa Nunan, Jim Clifford,
Claudia Mossop, John Clarke.

*There are envelopes at the back of the Church
for your Mass intentions.*

*Names will be removed after one month.
Please advise the Parish office if you would like
a name to remain or be removed.*

**Would you like to be a Reader,
Eucharistic Minister or be part of our
Hospitality Ministry?**

**Please call the Parish Office on 3397
1587 to register your
interest.**

**A formation session will
occur in the next few
weeks.**



**An Evening with Psyche Mae —
Cancelled**

Please note that the Caritas Australia event
'An Evening with Psyche Mae' on 13
February 2018 at 7pm at the Father Denis
Power Building, 333 Given Terrace,
Paddington has been cancelled. Apologies
for any inconvenience caused.

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE

Next Week's Rosters - 17/18 February

1st Sunday of Lent

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm: Duncan Stuart, Michael Barry.

8.30am: Brenda Fennell, Laura Brown.

5.30pm: Maggie Crowe, Brian Egan.

(Facilitator: Michael Barry)

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm: Geoff Brown, Steph Capra, Leon
Capra, Sue Delaney, Vanda Evison, Geoff
Pandy.

8.30am: Laurice Woods, Gerard Connors,
Greg Woodard, Nicola Ansell, Michael Martin,
Lorraine Andrew, Julie Healy.

5.30pm: Rosemary Dall'alba, Sandra Beiers,
Wendy Gemmell, Anthea Bach, Cathy Agius,
Vince Agius, John Fitzgerald.

Communion to the Sick

Sr Madonna Josey, Tracey Laing, Elizabeth
and Michael Martin.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Jacinta Wilson, Laura Brown.

Reflection

Tricia Ryan.

Musicians

6:00pm: Tricia Gary.

8:30am: Mick, Paul, Brian, Chiara, Joan.

5:30pm: Gary, Mark, Vanessa.

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6:00pm: Paul Heffernan.

8:30am: John Stuart.

5:30pm: Ben England.

Mass Welcoming - Hospitality

6:00pm: Geoff and Catherine Brown.

8:30am: Kate Thurecht and Family, Jen
Sexton and Family.

5:30pm: Wendy Gemmell.

Next Sunday's Readings - 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15