Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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Sunday 21st May 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

"Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have."

Kath and I recently enjoyed watching the tele series *AD Kingdom and Empire* based on the book of Acts. It is quite professionally done, and brings home how the fledgling Christian movement ("the Way") was caught in the pincer movements of the Roman world and the Jewish world. After the momentous events of Jesus's resurrection and the Pentecost, the stoning of Stephen comes as quite a shock to the disciples – everything is not "fixed" after all!!

But it was also apparent that the early Christians could not disown their experience – the experience of God. Jesus promised that this "closeness" to God would continue with the coming of another Paraclete/Advocate. ("Another" because Jesus was a paraclete for the disciples). The word 'Paraclete/Advocate' comes from the world of legal dealings and represents someone who stands beside you in a time of difficulty, providing a comforting, supportive and encouraging presence. It was this experience and witness to what God had done that turned the world on its head.

It was also a witness to what God will do – "the hope" that Peter speaks of in the second reading. In Jesus, New Creation has begun. But it is a hope in the midst of the reality of suffering. To be Resurrection people, we still must live through the Cross.

Peter implies though, that we are living in such a way that people are asking us the "reason for the hope that we have."

I think that we are heading towards a "post Christian" society. I've heard it said that we are "not in an era of change, but the change of an era". Christianity will no longer be a "nominal Christianity" aligned with state power, be will instead be despised as it was in the first century. It will be "costly" to believe. But in the midst of this, and through the power of the Spirit we are called to be Resurrection people. Within suffering, trials and tribulations, people need to see a Hope in us, so much so that they ask about the source of that Hope. The way to resurrection through the cross hasn't changed: "the history of the Christian church is the story of ordinary men and women being willing to endure all manner of suffering and humiliation out of the deep love and gratitude they have for the one who suffered for them" (Mike Frost).

Paul Asnicar (Parishioner)

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Parish Mass Times

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 5:30pm

Tuesday and Thursday: Communion in the Sacristy this week.

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

Rosary: Mondays after 9:00am Mass

This weekend we welcome

Isla Andary and Benjamin Stevenson

into our Mt Carmel Community.

Parish Diary Dates

Thur 25	Carmel Cellars meet at 7.30pm
Sat 27	Confirmation—Presentation of Creed at 6pm Mass
Sun 28	Confirmation—Presentation of Creed at all masses CLOW workshop after 8.30am Mass
June	
Sun 4	Ministry Retreat at 1pm
Mon 5	St Vincent de Paul meet at 7.30pm
Wed 7	Mass of Anointing at 10am Ministry Retreat at 7pm
Tues 13	Rite of Confirmation at 5pm and 7pm
Thur 15	Seniors' Social Club meet at 9.30am

THANK YOU

The Friends of Zumalai would like to say a big **Thank You** to all who supported the Cake Stall and Gold Coin Map at last weekend's Masses by baking/donating/ buying the cakes.

A total of **$1580.55** was raised.

This money will go towards facilities for the Boarding House at our sister school in Zumalai, making living conditions more comfortable for the students.

The Friends of Zumalai presents

STATE OF ORIGIN GAME 1

on the big screen

$10 Entry, $5 for kids

7pm, Wednesday 31 May — School Hall, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic School, Norfolk St.

WIN tickets to game 3 in Brisbane!!!

RSVP by 27 May to zumalaifriends@gmail.com **or** call Michael Sullivan 0412155162

All funds raised go directly to the Zumalai community, East Timor.

TRAINING FOR CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

Carole Danby, Project Officer from the Archdiocese of Brisbane will run CLOW at the 8.30am Mass on Sunday, 28 May.

All Ministers are welcome to attend downstairs with Carole and the Children during Mass.

Carole will also run a Workshop after Mass for approximately 1 hour — morning tea will be provided.

Carole provides wonderful ideas and ways to engage the Children in CLOW, and it is highly recommended that new and existing Ministers attend.

MINISTRY RETREAT

Thank you to all those who have nominated themselves for one or more of our ministries.

Ministry Retreat 4 June and 7 June.

The Ministry retreat is for all ministers. The invitation is to a time of reflection and prayer. The times have been chosen to make the retreats an option for as many as possible.

On **Sunday 4 June** the retreat will begin at 1pm with a shared lunch and will run to 4.45pm after which is the option of attending the 5.30pm Mass.

On **Wednesday 7 June** the retreat will begin at 7pm, tea and coffee available, and will run until 9pm.

Both retreats will be in the Carmel Community Room. Greg Sunter will lead the Ministry retreats.

All new and continuing ministers are invited to attend.

Please notify Janelle at the Parish office by 31 May 2017 which Retreat you will attend.

NATIONAL WEEKEND for MEN MAX17— UNLESS

THIS A MUST ATTEND EVENT FOR MEN hosted and run by menALIVE.

The menALIVE MAX 17 weekend is an Annual National Catholic Men's Conference Event.

Now in its 14th year. It is not just a conference of presentations but a comprehensive experience.

The theme this year is "**UNLESS".** The material and experience on the weekend is all NEW to previous years and comprehensively different to the parish weekends run nationally.

The Details:

WHEN? 7.30pm FRIDAY 14th to 2pm Sunday 16th July 2017

WHERE? St Leo's Catholic College, University of Queensland, Brisbane

COST? from $245 per person includes 2 nights' accommodation 6 meals and a great event.

REGISTER NOW Contact: mail@menalive.org.au /Peter Carrigan – 0404 496 405 /Robert Falzon — 0412 745 734

More than 27,000,000 people have attended Alpha in more than 169 countries: and Mt Carmel is hosting one! Come along and invite friends and family to the **introductory talk and BBQ in the school hall at 7.00 to 9.15pm on 26 July**.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION

Please read the below dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, as there have been some amendments since the Parents information session.

Due to Bishop availability, there will only be three sessions for the Rite of Confirmation.

Presentation of Creed / Renewal of Baptismal promises	All Masses	Saturday 27th May Or Sunday 28th May	Church
Family activity session (To be attended by the Child and Parents)	7pm – 8:30pm	Monday 29th May Or Monday 5th June	Hall
Rehearsal for Confirmation	3:20pm	Friday 9th June – for those being confirmed on Tuesday 13 June Friday 16th June – for those being confirmed on Tuesday 20 June	Church
Rite of Confirmation	5pm and 7pm	Tuesday 13th June	Church
Rite of Confirmation	7pm	Tuesday 20th June	Church
Parish Celebration of Confirmation	2:15pm	Monday 17th July	OLMC School Hall

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Sue Fennell-Ivas, Marian Thomas, Sylvia Worthington, Tim Hanlon, Therese Mealey, Bruce Levien, Neville James Sinclair Clifford, Ruby Hebron, Marga Fuss, William John Kelly, Noah William, Timothy Roe.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord ...

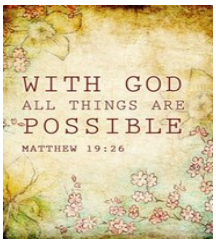
Anniversaries and Memorials:

John O'Bierne O.Carm,
Arnold Vaneman O.Carm

We pray for our sick...

Matthew Scott, Marion Peters, Francis Doolan, John Hodgkinson, Michael Quinn,
Teresa Nunan, Michael Roache, Damian Holt, Sandra Hart, David Isaacs, Clare Kinross, Liliana Erceq, Daniel Hurley.

There are envelopes at the back of the Church for your Mass intentions. These can be given to one of the Priests.



The Brisbane East Deanery Scripture Study Group

For 2017 is starting THIS MONTH.

Come and See.....

Date: Wednesday 24th May 10.00am St Thomas Parish

Date: Thursday 25th May, 7.00pm St James Parish

"Introduction to the Bible" and Gospel of Matthew will run over 10 weeks with each session approx. 90mins. No prior Scripture/Bible Study or training is required, all welcome.

Louise Simento will be in the Church foyer after Mass this weekend if you are interested.

Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care

invites you to the

Thirtieth Anniversary of Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care and the Annual St Dympna's Day Celebrations to be held this year on

Saturday 27th May, 2017

For more information, see invitation in Church foyer.

Next Week's Rosters 27/28 May

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm: Mark Sayer, Madeleine Sayer.
8.30am: Peter Woods, Patricia Mitchell.
5.30pm: Simone Fairlie, Trish Sim.
*(**Facilitator:** Mark Sayer)*

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm: L Capra, S Capra, G Pandy, M Heath, M Tom, M Moore, S Delaney.
8.30am: M Dell, L Woods, S Smrecnik, C Turvey, R Branch, M Liddy.
5.30pm: B Wright, J Connolly, R Dall'alba, R Kelly, M O'Leary Chay, C Bach, J Bach.

Communion to the Sick

Teresa Tong, Mary Shelly, Mike Dale.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Carole Danby—TRAINING FOR ALL MINISTERS

Reflection

Catherine Allen.

Musicians

6.00pm: Paul, Kate.
8:30am: Kelly's Group.
5:30pm: Youth.

Data Projection

6.00pm: Alison Buchhorn.
8:30am: Peter Johnston.
5:30pm: Youth.

Mass Welcoming - Hospitality

6:00pm: Geoff and Helen Pandy.
8:30am: Kate Thurecht and Family.
5:30pm: Joanna Masterson.

Next Sunday's Readings
28 May 2017

Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
Matt 28:16-20