



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 September 2016

THE MAN WHO NEVER NOTICED

There is something chilling about today's parable of The Man Who Never Noticed. As you may recall, the rich guy in Jesus' parable is so preoccupied, so self-absorbed, with his life of conspicuous consumption that he fails to notice the starving, destitute guy outside his own front door. By way of alerting us to just how bad things are for Lazarus (the starving guy) Jesus tells us that Lazarus is so far gone, so weak, he cannot stop the street dogs licking his open sores. Disgusting, we think, and so it is. If Jesus' parable has you feeling uncomfortable, join the club. Discomfort might have something to do with one or two life choices we are currently making. . .

Returning to the rich man, lacking even a beginner's grasp of the interdependence of human beings, empathy for another person is quite beyond him. So he goes on living the illusion of self-sufficiency. He kids himself that he doesn't need anyone, well, not anyone who lives outside his own narrow world. And he most certainly doesn't need God. This tragic misreading of what matters is his undoing. Put another way, he is completely out of touch with Love (God), with himself and the wider world.

In contrast to that dead end thinking, Jesus, right now, is inviting us to live our lives as a not-to-be-missed opportunity to find our deepest, truest selves. Paradoxically, we do this by loving and serving God in each other. This is a non-negotiable of the Spiritual life. Scripture encourages us to live in Love, to be formed by Love, in short to be one with God, ourselves and each other. This Truth, the Big True, is at the heart of how we think and pray and act. Somewhere along the line, Compassion becomes the way we are in the world. And so it is, we will end up fulfilling our ultimate destiny—to live Life forever with God.

Heather Stabler, Parishioner

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8.30am & 5.30pm

Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 9am

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

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9.30am – 10am

Rosary: Mondays – after 9am Mass



BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome

Sophie McNaughton,
Vivienne Madden,
Jordan Turner &
Joshua Nicholls

into our Catholic community.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - September 25th

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday this weekend. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: '**A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society**'.

The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable.

Next Sunday's Readings:

2 Oct (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14;

Gospel: Lk 17:5-19

WORKING BEE



Sunday

9th October

2 pm

There will be a Parish and School Working Bee on Sunday the **9th October 2016 from 2pm**. Please meet outside the school tuckshop armed with gardening equipment. If anyone has any spare council waste vouchers please bring them along or drop them off to the Parish Office. Complimentary sausage sizzle and drink will be available upon completion.

Father James Mallon

Seminar

Saturday 19 November

9am—4pm

San Sisto College

Mayfield Rd, Carina

Father James is parish priest at Saint Benedict, Halifax, Canada and the author of the bestselling book

Divine Renovation

Bringing your parish from maintenance to mission

Invitations are open to any parishioner to attend



Scripture Study Group

Ever wanted to know more about the Bible?

Here is your opportunity to have an appreciation of how the Bible can be applied to daily life. As a Deanery initiative, a Scripture Study Group is being held at St Thomas parish, Camp Hill. This will give you an opportunity for a stronger understanding of the connections between faith and life and a deeper, more personal relationship with God. No prior Bible Study or training is required and all are welcome.

“Introduction to the Bible” will run over 7 weeks commencing 3rd October.

“Acts of the Apostles” will run over 10 weeks commencing 27th September.

Contact St Thomas parish on 3398 1154 or stthomas@bne.catholic.net.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. 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!

Our next week end will held **14 to 16 October 2016 at Santa Teresa, Ormiston.**

Contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456,

dandmmurhy@optusnet.com.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au

Local Safeguarding Representative

Safeguarding our children and vulnerable adults within our community requires the responsibility of all of us.

I am very pleased to announce John Godwin has agreed to be our Local Safeguarding Representative for Mount Carmel community.

John will be available to anyone within the community who wishes to speak with him about this important area of our community's life.

John has my confidence to assist the community in bringing forward to the attention of those within the Archdiocese any concern of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults that may impact any member of the Mount Carmel community, especially when the individual concerned feels unable to bring the matter to the appropriate authorities.

In order for John to maintain a position of neutrality he has submitted his resignation from the Parish Pastoral Council effective immediately.

I thank John on your behalf for accepting this important role and for his two years of very generous service on the Council.

Fr. Wayne



All Hallows' Past Pupils

A 60 year reunion for past students who did Junior in 1954 or senior in 1956 (and those who joined them along the way) is

planned for **Saturday 29 October** beginning with Mass in the school chapel at **10am** followed by morning tea. Please call Sr Anne Hetherington on 0409 075 739 for invitation and further details.

October Date Claimers:

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| Sun 9th: | Parish and School Working Bee 2 pm |
| Fri 14th -
Sun 16th: | Marriage Encounter Weekend, Santa Teresa, Ormiston |
| Sun 30th: | Baptism Preparation 10am CCR |

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

John Cawte, Nora Mordaunt, Norm Isdale
Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, may they Rest in God's Peace.

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Joseph Mathew, Shirley McLeery
Carmelites: Fr John Cogan, Fr Albert Groenveld,
Fr Gabriel Clery, Fr Joseph Cassar

We pray for our sick...

Damien Holt, Clare Kinross, Toni Pride, Sue Fennell-
Ivas, Liliana Erceq, Mary O'Regan, Rex Bowen,
Kathleen Horne, Letty Reynolds, Norrie Brennan,
Ladi Fudali *and any of our unwell parishioners.*

There are envelopes at the back of the Church for
your Mass intentions. These can be placed on the
collection plate once completed.



Brisbane OpenHouse (BOH)

On the weekend of **8/9
October** the Cathedral
of St Stephen and St
Stephen's Chapel will
participate in
BOH. BOH celebrates

the city's architecture, giving visitors a
rare insight into contemporary, historic
and environmentally significant buildings
in the heart of the city. View the display
of Mary MacKillop artefacts in the
windows of Penola Place and follow the
Mary MacKillop Walk (opened and
blessed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on
8 August, the Feast Day of St Mary of the
Cross MacKillop).

Temporary Change to Parish Office Hrs

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on
Monday 26th September.

Next Week's Rosters - 01/02 Oct

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm: Therese Murchison
Peter Nunan

8.30am: Brenda Fennell
Peter Woods

5.30pm: Debra Austin

Cathie Johansen
(Facilitator: Debra Austin)

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm: Geoff Brown
Vanda Evison
Tracey Laing
Mary Tom

8.30am: Rachael Branch
Gerard Connors
Melissa Liddy
Tricia Eckersley
Michael Martin
Peita Ward
Georgia Marrlon

5.30pm: Debra Austin
Clare Bach
Jane Connolly
Rosemary Dall'alba,
Lesleigh Egan
John Fitzgerald
Carmel Holmes

Communion to the Sick

R Minata, C Agis, T Laing, M Dale

Children's Liturgy of the Word

No CLOW