



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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Second Sunday of Lent—21st February 2016 Reflection

We live in a world that largely promotes hard data and evidence as being prerequisite to understanding, belief and action. This foundation for decision-making and direction can push aside faith, hope and love as essential elements. These intangibles do not present the quantifiable substance to influence decision-making. Without them, however, we can tend towards a life which imitates the pursuit and demonstration of possessions rather than reflection and imitation of actions; Jesus' actions. If we strip away the 'things' of life, what is it we see that we truly need to live? Faith, hope, love, acceptance, forgiveness and mercy within and across community. This would be a spiritual awakening.

Like Jesus did with Peter, John and James, we need to rise above our physical world to gain perspective and really see. We too might then see a glimpse of glory. We might allow ourselves to be enthralled, captivated, hopeful. Ideally we would not then shrink and hide from this as did the three. What is to be gained? Lent is the perfect time for this reflection. We might stop and consider our endeavours and lived purpose. We might allow ourselves clarity in our assessment of our impact on our world; our relationships, our work, our seemingly incidental interactions with others and on the environment. We may honestly repent and redirect, even if in doing so pain is, necessarily, involved. All life includes pain and pain can invite learning, clarification and growth. We can learn a lot about ourselves when we are confronted with and tackle painful situations and circumstances. We can also exercise healthy and necessary humility. We might authentically see our need for God. Rather than give up faith and hope, take up our challenges. Sometimes God is working with, for and through us in mysterious ways. Our plan may not reach fruition but is it our plan which needs fulfilment, or God's? In God's plan we are an integral, precious member of a community, with obligations and responsibilities to live optimally for the good of all. In this year of Mercy especially, we might confront the bewildering, overwhelming or frightening and be lead to be the bigger person, sustained by the Holy Spirit. We might fight against fear, judgement and condemnation and, instead, seek to understand and embrace all with love. The love, courage and fortitude thus lived will lead us to Easter and its gift of everlasting life and entry to the heavenly community. This Lent may we actively pursue right judgement.

Catherine Allen, Parishioner.

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 8.30am & 5.30pm

Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 9am

- *The first Wednesday of each month, a Mass of Anointing is held at 10am. This replaces the 9am Mass.*

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9.30am – 10am

Rosary: Mondays –after 9am Mass

Sacrament of Confirmation 2016

As per the revised Sacramental policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, children will make their Confirmation in Year 3.

Information and enrolment forms were sent home with the Year 3 children from OLMC last week.

A Parent Information Session will be held in the Church on **Tuesday 26th April** from 7pm-8pm

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held over two nights on **Tuesday 7th June** and **Wednesday 8th June**.

For further information, please refer to the parish website, or contact the Parish Office on 3397 1587.

Next Sunday's Readings:

Year C: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8,13-15; Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel: Lk:13:1-9



We Welcome

Fr Martinho Da Costa O.Carm who has joined the Carmelite Community and this parish from this weekend.

Fr Martinho is East Timorese and for the past several years has been in the Carmelite parish of Middle Park, Melbourne.

Please introduce yourselves to Fr Martinho and make him very welcome !

Project Compassion

Tricia Ryan, one of our parishioners will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend, on the importance of supporting Project Compassion.

Your donation supports programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish food for life.

Project Compassion money boxes and envelopes are available for collection from the Church foyer.

Your generosity is appreciated.

Enrolments for Prep at Our Lady of Mt Carmel 2017

Enrolments are now being accepted at Our Lady of Mt Carmel for Prep in 2017. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website (www.mtcarmelcooparoo.qld.edu.au) or collected from the school office. Our enrolment policies can be viewed at our website.

Interviews for places at Mt Carmel in 2017 will commence 21st March 2016 (last week of Term 1).

Enrolment forms need to be submitted by the 18th March, 2016.

The table below indicates age eligibility dates for Prep for 2017 enrolments. Please contact the schools should you have any further enquiries.

Children born	Eligible for Prep Year in
1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012	2017
1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013	2018

LENTEN PRAYER

Prayer: *Let us be renewed in God's mercy,*

Let us be loved by Jesus,

Let us enable the power of His love to transform our lives;

And let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God waters the earth, protects all creation,

and makes justice and peace flourish. (Pope Francis: Urbi et Orbi)

Lenten Theme: Pope Francis in this Year of Mercy has called for us to be 'missionaries of mercy'; to be people who know and live forgiveness, faith and love. Lent is the time when, through prayer and penance, we renew our commitment to follow Jesus. We believe in this time we have been given the Spirit to help and guide us in our choices; this Lent we will reflect and pray as a community for a greater depth and insight through the Spirit's gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence and Wonder and Awe in God's Presence.

Lenten Image: We will continue the image of the Door of Mercy begun in Advent. Also, beginning with the gift of Wisdom on Ash Wednesday and following on the successive Sundays of Lent - we will reflect on one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We remember those in God's care...

Recently Deceased:

Rod Kemp, Kevin Palmer, Sr Eliane OCD, Tess Crammond and all who have died recently.

May they Rest in God's Peace.

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Thomas Butler O.Carm, Paul Knuppel O.Carm, James O'Sullivan O.Carm

We pray for our sick....

Kathleen Horne, Patrick McErlean, Brian Cochrane, Kathleen Horne, Brian Sykes, Joan Logan, Maryanne Faulkner,

To have someone included in the Newsletter, please phone or email the Parish office

Names for the sick will be removed after two months, unless notified for them to continue.

Date Claimers

Carmel Cellars:

Thursday 25th Feb in the CCR

Mass of Anointing:

Wednesday 2nd March 10am, followed by morning tea.

Working Bee:

The **School and Parish Working Bee** will be held on **Sunday 6th March from 2pm to 4:30pm** followed by a barbecue.

Next Week's Rosters - 27/28th Feb

Ministers of the Word

6pm: M Sayer, M Sayer

8.30am: A Payumo-Taylor, P Woods

5.30pm: C Boothroyd, J Bach

(Facilitator: Mark Sayer)

Ministers of Communion

6pm: R Heath, M Heath, B Kennedy, E Kennedy, M Martin, M Sayer, M Sayer

8.30am: N Ansell, R Branch, M Liddy, P Mitchell, M Nicol, M Pigram, P Weatherley

5.30pm: J Connolly, R Dall'alba, L Egan, J Fitzgerald, C Holmes, R Kelly, R Kreger

Communion to the Sick

Mary Shelly, Trish Sim, Irene McCarthy

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Martina Nagle, Catherine Brosnan, Kelly Weir

Reflection

Heather Stabler

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