



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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If each of you were asked which of the commandments gives you the most trouble and is the greatest challenge, I suspect it would be an interesting list that would include ***do not lie*** which is a great test for us all, tempted as we are day by day to twist the truth and hide behind a lie. I am sure that ***do not covet*** would be on that list because of the materialistic consumer society in which we find ourselves. There is another commandment however, that ought to be there if you have not already thought of it, and it comes out of today's Gospel. It is certainly a commandment that gives me a lot of challenge: "***Do not let your hearts be troubled.***" In a world where terrorism and economic instability are in the news every day, there is plenty to worry about. Yet, the commandment is clear and forceful:

***“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”***

Jesus says this to a people who have every reason to be troubled. They are anxious and they are worried. He is saying other things to them that are deeply troubling. They have left all to follow him, and he has just told them that he is leaving. "***I am going away***" he says. Then he adds: "***But I will not leave you.***" What in the world does that mean? How can anyone go away and not leave? They are struggling not only to understand this, but to believe in someone who keeps getting into trouble and then talks of going away. Their questions betray their concern and anxiety. "Where are you going?" "How can we know the way?" "Show us the Father!" they cry out.

Being lost is one of the great occasions that stirs up anxiety, especially if you are in a hurry. This experience comes to mind often when I hear Jesus say: "Follow me." It comes to mind again when I read Thomas' anxious interruption: "We don't know the way." The only way to the Father's House is to follow the one who leads and is himself, "the way."

As Jesus speaks to Peter, Thomas and Phillip, they suddenly came to see the Truth of who He was and where he would take them. For those who have not seen the Truth and followed the Way, there is no understanding, much less interest in going to the Father's House. To them it would seem that Jesus was leading them to Jerusalem and Calvary, but in fact, it is not death that he leads to, but to Life. So, as a church full of disciples, in spite of the temptation to be anxious and afraid, worried and concerned about many things, we hear John's Gospel speak to us in this Easter season about the Way, the Truth, and the Life. To those who have not seen the Way, we must be the Way. For if having seen Jesus is to have seen the Father, then seeing us must be to see the risen Christ. In the very next verse not included into today's proclamation, Jesus begins to speak with those words that mean, "Pay attention!" He says: "Amen, Amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do and will do greater ones than these because I go to the Father." It occurs to me then that even though Jesus does go away, this world is not left without him because his disciples remain to do his work until he returns. That understanding of our vocation and Christ's expectation of us is enough to give us anxiety and plenty to worry about, except for the power and the gifts of the Holy Spirit which we are soon to celebrate at Pentecost. For those gifts; for the courage, wisdom, and joy to set aside our anxiety, worries, and fears, we must pray.

Fr Thomas Boyer

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# 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



This week all four of our Priests will be away for the entire week, as they attend the Provincial Chapter. It is a very significant time for the Province to discern their lives and to elect their new Prior Provincial and the Council.

*We ask for your prayers for the success of this Chapter.*

**Week day Masses will continue as usual this week, as Bishop William Morris and Fr Pete Winneke have kindly offered to say these Masses for the Parish.**

*We thank Bishop Morris and Fr Winneke for assisting us.*

## Next Sunday's Readings:

Year C: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts: 15:1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23;

Gospel: Jn 14:23-29

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School, Coorparoo

## 75<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration

### Help us to Treasure Our Story

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School celebrates their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. We are calling on all past teachers, pupils and families to contribute to our special celebration by sharing some of your memories of your time at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary. We would love to gather your reflection of your experiences to help us capture the spirit of this much loved parish school. We hope to weave together the many stories to create a timepiece, a collective memento to commemorate the rich fabric of this special community. There will also be several celebration events planned that you may like to attend.

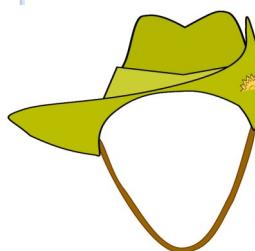
We have developed a short survey to make the story gathering an easy task. If you can assist us, or you would just like to be on our celebration mailing list, please contact Tracey Halstead at [tmhalstead@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tmhalstead@bne.catholic.edu.au)

## The Sacrament of Confirmation

### Parent Information Session



Is being held in the Church this Tuesday 26th April from 7.00pm - 8.00pm.



An **ANZAC DAY MASS** will be celebrated this **Monday at 9am** with a special **ANZAC Liturgy** as we remember those who have served our country and also those who are currently in war zones overseas risking their lives for us all.

**Lest we forget .....**

This weekend we have in our Parish, two Priest's from East Timor, who have travelled over for the Provincial chapter. Please keep an eye out for **Fr Antonio** and **Fr Roque** and say 'hello' to them and make them welcome.

There will be a **BBQ next Sunday after the 8:30am Mass** with about 16 Carmelite Priests from East Timor. Everyone is invited and we ask you to please bring a plate to share. Looking forward to a great parish get together !

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**The Friends of Zumalai Fundraising Committee** are holding their annual **Mother's Day Cake Stall and Gold Coin Map of East Timor on Sunday 8th May**. The Gold Coin Map will be at all Masses that weekend, and the Cake Stall will be held on Sunday at the 8.30 am Mass.

Any donations of baked goods, cakes or sweet items greatly appreciated and accepted. Please bring them to the 8.30 mass on Mother's day. All funds raised go to education projects in the Parish of Zumalai , East Timor.

**The Friends of Zumalai Parish Committee** raised a total of **\$12,358.32**

The **Mt Carmel School** raised a total of **\$20,509.70**.

We wish to say a huge thank you for your generous support of all the fundraising activities within the parish and school during the past year.

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There will be a **Cuppa & Bikkies** after the **8:30am Mass** today, so please stay behind and enjoy a cuppa and a chat !

*Thank you to the ladies who help with hosting this !*

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We welcome the following children who are being Baptised today.

Archer Philp, Eva Toscano, Charlotte Ison,  
Eloise Spiller & Mia Durant.

*"May God bless you on this day, as through water and the Word, you are sealed as Christ's own forever"*

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**PROJECT COMPASSION** - This year our parish donated **\$7260-70** for Project Compassion throughout Lent. We thank you for your generosity.

**We remember those in God's care...**

**Recently Deceased:**

Peter Holland, Kathleen Matthews, Noreen Swifte, Maureen McGahan, Carmelo Capri and for all who have died recently.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, may they Rest in God's Peace.*

**Anniversaries and Memorials:**

Penelope Gilbert, Marie Sefton, Richard Sefton,

**We pray for our sick....**

Norm Isdale, Kate Parry, Paula O'Sullivan, Lanie McPhee, John Eide, Ille Uscinski and any of our unwell parishioners at this time.

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.**

## Deanery Trivia Night

**On Saturday 7th May at 7pm**

**At St Thomas' Parish Camp Hill**

*Get together your own table (max. 10) or we can place you at a table.*

*\$10 per person, cash bar, BYO nibbles for your table, lucky door & best dressed prizes for 'On Our Way to Rio' theme'*

*Forms available at the back of the church*

Date Claimer: **The Friends of Zumalai** are holding a fund-raising fun night with **State of Origin 1** - on the big screen on **Wednesday 1st June at 7pm** in the school hall.

## Next Week's Rosters - 30 April/1 May

### Ministers of the Word

**6pm** : Jenny Wallis, Tracey Laing

**8.30am:** Patricia Mitchell, Marita Fox

**5.30pm:** Simone Fairlie, Ron Kreger

**(Facilitator: Ron Kreger)**

### Ministers of Communion

**6pm** : G Brown, M Downey, V Evison, T Laing, M Tom

**8.30am:** R Branch, G Connors, T Eckersley, G Keating, M Liddy, M Martin

**5.30pm:** D Austin, C Bach, J Connolly, R Dall'alba, L Egan, J Fitzgerald, C Holmes

### Communion to the Sick

Anna Nano, Cathy Agis, Tracey Laing, Carmen Main-Down

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Luke Thompson, Cameron Anderson