



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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Sunday
11th December
2016



Third Sunday
of ADVENT
(Year A)

We're halfway through Advent, with today being Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means rejoice. Today we are invited to stop and be joyful. The lead up to Christmas is often frantic. We are busy preparing to celebrate, organising catch-ups, reflecting on the year, being confronted with commercially designed needs and wants; making lists and checking them twice. Sometimes the festive season is exhausting. We feel like we're on a treadmill. We need to hop off and reflect on all we have and enjoy, and be thankful and generous. We need to give ourselves permission to appreciate and be grateful for all the good things God has given us. We need to rejoice..

Christian joy is based on an attitude of gratitude. We must be mindful to not fall into a mindset of compare and despair. We need to guard against filling our minds so much that there is no room at this inn for Christ.

In this season of preparation, expectation and hope, it's important to embrace joy and know we are loved unconditionally. With Faith and Love we are a part of a community of vision, hope, harmony and great strength which God protects, sustains and loves. As Pope Francis said, 'Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the Light of God and Man.' May we prepare our hearts to be Bethlehem for Christ in our lives, in our world. May our actions, love and care support the healing that Christ brings. These are our gifts to give and receive, humbly and joyfully.

Catherine Allen, Parishioner.

Carmelite Prior & Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Stanhope O.Carm
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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8.30am & 5.30pm

Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 9am

Please note there will be no 9am Mass this Wednesday

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

Next Sunday's Readings 18th December
4th Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7;

Mt 1:18-24



Christmas Mass Times

Mass of Forgiveness

Wednesday 14th December 7.30pm

Christmas Eve

Saturday 24th December

6pm (Children's Mass) & 8.30pm

Christmas Day

Sunday 25th December

7am & 9am



Christmas Carols will be sung
half an hour prior to the
commencement of each Mass.



Third Sunday of Advent

Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
Send your Holy Spirit
upon our preparation for Christmas.

We who have so much to do
Seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things

Look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for

The complete joy of your Kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy

Seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people,

Walking in darkness yet seeking the light.

To you we say

"Come, Lord Jesus".

Amen

Henry Nouwen

Mass of Forgiveness



Wednesday

14th December

At 7.30pm

Pregnancy Crisis Inc. are looking for live-in **Volunteer House Supervisors**. Free rental etc provided. Training seminars will be held in the near future. For more information contact Patti on 1300 777 777 or email: pci777@bigpond.com.

Piano & Keyboard Summer School -

Brigid Foley Piano Tuition will be conducting a **Piano and Keyboard Summer School** in Highgate Hill throughout the upcoming December – January School Holidays.

Contact - phone: 0432 275 923 / email: bfoleypiano@optusnet.com.au

The JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM airs 12 December 2016

This week on The Journey we have some great music, all of our wonderful presenters and a brilliant interview with Briony Mowbray. Tune into or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.



The Carmel Cellars Christmas party

will be held on

Thursday, 15 Dec. at 6:00PM
under the sails outside
the Community Room.

Please bring a plate & bottle of wine to share.
Contact Ron on 0418 876 251



Mt Carmel Seniors Social Club Christmas Party

When: **Wednesday 14th Dec 2016**

Where: **Carina Leagues Club**

Time: **11.30 am for 12 noon**

Cost: **\$30 (payable on the day)**

For bookings please call:-

Bernie: 3394 1465 / 0409 954 667 or

Paddy: 3343 9424



Christmas Choir

If you would like to join the
choir for the
8.30pm Mass on
Christmas Eve,

please email your interest to
John Clarke at jck@lhc.qld.edu.au.

There will be a rehearsal at 7pm on
Thursday 22 December.



Now available in the
St Vincent de Paul stall

**Christmas Cards—
\$3 for a pack of 8**

2017 Columban Calendars - \$9.00

Baptisms



This weekend we welcome into our
faith community the following children:

Charlotte Carrafa

Jake Madeo

Frances Tiernan

Frieda Newcombe

*“through water and the word you are sealed
as Christ’s own forever.”*

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Rita Carroll

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord ...

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Desmond Dooley, Paul Ebbage, John Hunter,
Joan O'Leary, Ruby Richards,
Kevin Hannan O.Carm, Peter Slattery O.Carm

We pray for our sick...

Teresa Nunan, Michael Roache, Damian Holt,
Wanda Stumpf, Sandra Hart, Mary Hannah,
David Isaacs, Clare Kinross, Sue Fennell-Ivas,
Liliana Erceq.

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

December

December Diary

Sun 11: Lay Carmelites meet at 8:30am Mass,
followed by morning tea

Wed 14: Seniors Christmas Lunch 11.30am
Carina Leagues

Wed 14: Mass of Reconciliation 7:30pm

Thur 15: Carmel Cellars Christmas party 6pm

Mon 19: SVDP 7:30pm CCR

Sat 24: Christmas Eve- Mass 6pm & 8:30pm



Reach out. Give life.

It is not uncommon for
children to want a bike
for Christmas. They want
to play and have fun on
them. For some children,
however, in countries

served by missionaries, a bike is essential for children
to access a life-changing education. Through Catholic
Mission's Life Giving Gifts catalogue, you can ensure a
child receives the education they need for a positive
future. Visit www.catholicmission.org.au/gifts to find
out how your gift of \$53 can transform a life.

David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Archdiocese

Next Week's Rosters - 17 / 18 December

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm: R Garvey, M Barry

8.30am: P Woods, M Fox

5.30pm: C Bach, J Bach
(*Facilitator: Michael Barry*)

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm: G Brown, L Capra, S Capra,
M Moore, G Pandy

8.30am: N Ansell, M Dell, A Sim, A Thomas,
P Weatherley, G Woodard, L Woods

5.30pm: D Austin, C Bach, J Godwin,
L Murphy, L Pertnikovs, C Turvey, B Wright

Communion to the Sick

Sr Madonna Josey, Mike Dale

Children's Liturgy of the Word

No CLOW ... *school hols*

Reflection

Mark / Madeleine Sayer

Musicians

6pm: Paul, Helen, Kate

8:30am: Kelly's Group

5:30pm: Mark, Vanessa

Data Projection:

6pm: John Stuart

8:30am: Ben England

5:30pm: Sophie Moloney

Church Cleaning:

T Pitman, E Foley, S Foley