



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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‘Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad’, said writer Miles Kington. Today’s readings are all about wisdom and about more important things than fruit salads.

Today we have more knowledge than ever. The internet provides masses of instant information – just Google it and check it out on Wikipedia. We are told we should make our decisions based on quality information. In our personal and work lives we are under constant pressure to make numerous, speedy decisions.

But information alone is not sufficient for good decision making. First, I need to be clear what is most important to me. What sits at the foundation of my life? The aim of our lives as Christians is to grow to be more like Jesus and ultimately to live in the love of God forever. Today’s second reading from St Paul promises us that, if this is our aim, we will ‘stay forever with the Lord’. If this is our goal, then it shapes all our decisions.

Second, making wise decisions requires a reflective approach to life. Our ready access to information can lead us to believe somewhat arrogantly that we are totally in control of our lives. The volume and amount of information can rush us into thinking we must make quick decisions.

The Christian tradition of discernment advises us to take our time with the important decisions of life. Silence, prayer, reading of scripture, gathering appropriate information and taking wise counsel from those we respect are all elements of good decision making. Life is complex and at times messy. Finding our own ‘truth’ in the midst of all that means opening ourselves to the Holy Spirit and that requires a certain discipline.

Such an approach will lead us to become wiser people more attuned to the mind of Christ. A reflective attitude to life will gradually filter through all our decisions, both big and small. Then we won’t be like the unwise women in today’s gospel who were not ready when the Lord came – and maybe then we won’t put ‘tomatoes’ in the fruit salads of our lives!

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# PARISH MASS TIMES

## Weekends

**Saturday Vigil: 6pm**

**Sunday: 8:30am & 5:30pm**

**Weekdays: Monday,  
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
9:00am**

**Tuesday: Liturgy of the Word  
and Communion in the Sacristy  
9am**

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

**Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:30 -  
5:00pm**

**Rosary: Mondays after 9:00am  
Mass**

*Our Church is always open during daylight hours, to allow you the opportunity to come in and spend some quiet time.*

## WELCOME

**FR ROQUE SOARES DA CRUZ O.CARM**

Father Roque Soares Da Cruz will be joining the Mt Carmel community from Timor Leste (East Timor) in early January to study English full time here in Brisbane but to be also available to be involved pastorally within the school/parish community.

Roque Soares Da Cruz was born in Luana a coffee growing village of Ermera and his family are still involved in growing coffee.

Roque's interests are music, playing keyboard and guitar, singing and writing songs, football (soccer) and gardening.

He is looking forward to meeting new people and improving his English language skills.

## Prayer Resources

To aid us in becoming wiser and more reflective people, there are a number of excellent prayer resources available online, most of them free.

You might wish to explore the following sites which provide daily readings and prayers in a variety of formats.

You can subscribe to have the daily readings sent to your email inbox, visit their websites or download their apps to your phone or tablet. Some allow you to listen to music, readings and reflections. All very helpful for the busy life.

[www.pray.com.au](http://www.pray.com.au)

[sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie)

[pray-as-you-go.org](http://pray-as-you-go.org)

[universalis.com](http://universalis.com) provides access via website or app to a full Catholic calendar, daily mass and breviary readings for a small one-off fee.

[cac.org](http://cac.org)—Center for Action and Contemplation

Life is busy, but you might find one of these sites helps you connect with God at your preferred time - early in the morning, late at night, on the bus or train or even driving (audio only of course!). Remember: pray as you can; not as you can't. A few minutes can change your day.



## Parish Diary Dates

- 15 Nov** RCIA meet at 7.30pm  
Friends of Zumalai meet at 7.30pm
- 16 Nov** Seniors Social Club—Albert River  
Winery Adventure
- 18 Nov** Alpha Masterclass at 9.30am
- 19 Nov** Lay Carmelites meet at Mass
- 20 Nov** St Vincent de Paul meet at 7.30pm
- 26 Nov** Friends of Zumalai Cake Stall
- 29 Nov** RCIA meet at 7.30pm
- 30 Nov** Carmel Cellars meet at 7.30pm  
Parish Pastoral Council meet at 7pm



## FRIENDS OF ZUMALAI CAKE STALL

The Friends of Zumalai Parish Fundraising Committee are holding their annual Christmas stall on the weekend of Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> at the 6pm Mass and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> at the 8.30am Mass.

Funds raised go towards the cost of completing the kitchen facilities and bathroom for the boarding house at Zumalai. There will also be a raffle; tickets for sale at these Masses.

We would greatly appreciate any donations of baked goods, Christmas cakes, or any sweet treats. Donations may be dropped off from 4pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> or on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> from 7am.

Otherwise, please support us by purchasing these lovely goodies from the cake stall on the day! **Thank You.**



This weekend we welcome Alister Bell and Thomas Gillick who wish to begin their journey into our community.



THANK YOU for your prayers and generous contributions for this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal supporting the forgotten farming families of Vietnam, and throughout the world.

Your considered gifts will help provide a new clean drinking water filtration system for the people of the coastal mountain region of Xuan Son.

**We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continue your support of the life-giving work of Catholic Mission.**

**Freecall: 1800 257 296**  
**[catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam](http://catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam)**



## SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB BUS EXCURSION

**Where: Albert River Winery Adventure**

**When: Thursday 16 November**

**Time: Bus departing Mt Carmel 8.30am**

**Morning tea (always spectacular) at the Logan River Parklands. Tour of the winery will include sheep dog trial and whip-cracking demonstration.**

**Lunch at the venue.**

**Scenic drive home to Coorparoo by 4pm. Cost \$45**

**For bookings, please call Bernie 3394 1465/0409 954 667 or Rita 3397 6802.**

## Mt Carmel Parish St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hamper Appeal



The Mt Carmel Parish St Vincent de Paul Society is running a Christmas Hamper Appeal. We'd love your help by donating non-perishable festive food items to create hampers for local families. These hampers will bring joy on Christmas day and define the day by making it a little more special than every other. Suggested and greatly appreciated items include: Christmas Cakes, Plum puddings, Chips and Pretzels, Antipasto items such as olives and tapenades, Nuts and chocolates, Sweet or savoury biscuits, Soft drinks and juices and other non-perishable **festive food** items. As you can appreciate, **festive foods** are what makes these hampers special, this isn't a general food drive.

If you are able to help, even in a small way, all donations will be greatly appreciated and we thank you in anticipation of your generosity. Donations can be dropped off at the church foyer up until Friday 24 November, or by contacting Natalia Meyer on 0430 209 896.

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Recently Deceased:**

Elsie Jones, Leo McMahon,  
Fr Michael McKeaten,  
Sheila Harcourt-Cooze, Don Harvey.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord ...*

### **Anniversaries and Memorials:**

Elias Elliott O.Carm.

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

Emily Deldot, Daniel Hurley, Maree Gale,  
Damien Holt, John Clarke, Ille Uscinski,  
Judith Walker, Irene O'Regan, John  
Cavenagh.

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

*Names will be removed after one month. Please  
advise the Parish office if you would like a name to*

## **NOVEMBER MASSES**

**DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER  
WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS  
AND EUCHARIST, ALL WHO HAVE  
DIED WITHIN OUR FAMILIES AND  
COMMUNITY.**

**THE NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES  
ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL NOVEMBER  
MASSES. PLEASE COMPLETE THE  
ENVELOPE AND PLACE IN THE BOX  
AT THE ALTAR.**



## **Next Week's Rosters - 18/19 Nov**

### **Ministers of the Word**

**6.00pm:** Madeleine Sayer, Mark Sayer.

**8.30am:** Anne McKenny, Peter Woods.

**5.30pm:** Clare Bach, Joanna Bach.

**(Facilitator:** Mark Sayer)

### **Ministers of Communion**

**6.00pm:** Madeleine Sayer, Mark Sayer, Sue  
Delaney, Mary Tom, Geoff Brown, Geoff  
Pandy, Vanda Evison.

**8.30am:** Gerard Connors, Greg Woodard,  
Mark Nicol, Mark Pigram, Melissa Liddy,  
Melissa Pascoe, Paddy Boyd.

**5.30pm:** Anthea Bach, Clare Bach, Joanna  
Bach, Bernadette Wright, Debra Austin, Cathy  
Agius, Vince Agius.

### **Communion to the Sick**

Sr Madonna Josey, Tracey Laing, Elizabeth  
and Michael Martin.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

John Godwin, Ita Dumont.

### **Reflection**

Tricia Ryan.

### **Musicians**

**6.00pm:** Tricia Ryan.

**8:30am:** Mick Lyon's Group.

**5:30pm:** Garry, Mark, Vanessa.

### **Data Projection**

**6.00pm:** John Stuart.

**8:30am:** Mary Tom.

**5:30pm:** Ben England.

### **Mass Welcoming - Hospitality**

**6:00pm:** Pat McGregor and Tricia Alexander.

**8:30am:** Jan Seymour and Sheila Crisp.

**5:30pm:** The Sullivan Family.

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

**19th November 2017**

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6      Matthew 25:14-30