



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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Sunday 16th
July
2017

Feast of Our Lady
of Mt Carmel
(Year A)

Growing Pains

The Prophet Isaiah likens the Word of God to that of the life bearing properties of rain and snow, that fall on the Earth in order to nourish it and yield life. Paul in his letter to the Galatians continues with this theme of growth, albeit from another angle. For Paul the growth that comes from receiving the Spirit in our lives is often accompanied with struggle. Think of it as spiritual growing pains.

Jesus tells a parable of the sower and the seeds and how growth and bountiful harvest is not assured for all. Some seeds never get a chance to germinate, others struggle to get past thorns and yet others look promising until they hit stony ground.

I once planted a Rosemary bush that reminded me of this parable. I read somewhere that Rosemary bushes are some of the hardiest plants around. At that point I had a patch of garden that was dry and sandy and filled with bits of rubble left over from our renovations. After applying a bit of gypsum to the soil to break it down I planted the Rosemary plant. It seemed to thrive in this harsh environment and I had high hopes for it. We even harvested a few sprigs for our occasional roast lamb. It grew up to a metre or so before it mysteriously just died on me. I was perplexed at this sudden change until I dug up the dead plant and found that underneath the dirt and the rubble, about a metre or so was a concrete slab. Once the roots of the Rosemary bush had hit this slab, its growth came to an abrupt halt.

So lesson for me was dig deeper next time. I wonder though what are the 'concrete slabs' in our lives that are preventing us from growing deeper in our relationship with God? We know growth is accompanied by occasional pain and it's when we work through that pain that we get to that next level. Sometimes the obstacle can seem to be pretty immovable like that concrete slab, and we pray to God to lend us a hand to smash the slab and give us space to grow some more. God is more than willing to lend us a hand but we need to ask Him for it.

Blessings.

Ben Norris, Parishioner

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 5:30pm

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

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

*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.*

**We wish all our
Parishioners a
Happy Feast Day**



Gentle Mother, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, you opened your heart to God and brought forth our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Holy Mary, help us to be people of faith, who see God's presence within and around us. Inspire us to see the Face of God in our family and friends - and in all people.

Virgin Mother, as you embrace us with the mantle of your love, give us the grace to see God's action and will in times of light and darkness, and in the peaks and valleys of our climb to God's holy mountain.

Be with us now, in our hour of need, Beautiful Flower of Carmel. Be our Mother! God will not say "no" to you, because you, Gracious Lady, said 'YES' to him.

The Lay Carmelites will be putting on a special morning tea after this Sunday's Mass in honour of the Mt Carmel Feast Day.



Parish Diary Dates

July

- Sun 16** Mt Carmel Feast Day
Lay Carmelites meet
- Mon 17** St Vincent de Paul meet at 7.30pm
- Wed 19** Finance Council meet at 7.30pm
- Thur 20** Seniors Social Club Bus Excursion—
Government House
- Wed 26** Alpha Intro Talk and BBQ
- Thur 27** Carmel Cellars meet at 7.30pm
- 24-28 Jul** Catholic Education Week
- Sun 30** Family Mass at 8.30am

THANK YOU



**Thank you for supporting
Caritas Australia's annual
fundraising and
awareness-raising appeal
Project Compassion.**

**Project Compassion is an
extraordinary, ongoing demonstration
of the faith, love and generosity of
caring supporters like yourselves.**

**Your generous donation of
\$10,341.00 is a display of
compassion in action and makes a
life-changing difference.**

**Thank you for embracing Project
Compassion from all at Caritas
Australia.**



This weekend we welcome
Andre Theme into our Mt
Carmel Community.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Urgent appeal for **all Ministers of the Eucharist** to come to the Altar as soon as the Sign of Peace begins. Your assistance for the pouring of the wine and preparation of the hosts at the Altar is needed for the smooth flow of the liturgy to continue.

Many Thanks
Fr Wayne

FAMILY MASS



Please join the Mt
Carmel Parish
Community for a
**Family Mass at 8.30am on
Sunday 30 July, 2017.**

Catch up with old friends, make new
friends and enjoy the BBQ breakfast
that will be held after the Mass.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Where are you going



More than 27,000,000 people
have attended Alpha in more than 169 countries:
and Mt Carmel is hosting one! Come along and
invite friends and family to the **introductory talk
and BBQ in the school hall at 7.00 to 9.15pm on
26 July.**

For catering purposes, please register using the
following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mt-carmel-alpha-launch-bbq-tickets-35252099980> or by filling
out the registration form at the front of the church
and placing it in the box provided.



BOOK STALL—OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE

"As the Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Community Fete approaches
(Sunday 6th August), the **Book
Stall** is again looking forward to

receiving your preloved books. Book donations
are welcome at the school office during school
hours, or collection can be arranged by
contacting either **Paula** (0400 797 509) or
Amanda (0417 610 541). "Thank you in
advance for your kind donations."

HANDMADE STALL— OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PRIMARY SCHOOL FETE



*It's that time of year again when Our Lady of
Mt Carmel Handmade Stall is seeking out any
beautiful handmade treasures that might be
suitable to sell at our Community Fete on
6 August. Anything knitted, crocheted or
sewn are popular items, together with hand
towels (with loops), covered coat hangers
and any handmade pieces that would appeal
to children to purchase on the day. Please
contact **Kelli***

Nasser on kelli.nasser@yahoo.com.au or
Mob: 0401097427 or **Sue**

Mulligan on suepaulm@bigpond.net.au or
Mob: 0410342058 if you can help or would
like any further information. Items can be left
at the Mt Carmel school office or collected
from you if more convenient. **We would love
donations to reach us by 1 August to give us
time to organise the stall. Your help is
greatly appreciated!**

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Joy Agoncillo, Sr Val Healy FMM, ,
Fr Zenon Broniarczyk SChr,
Lesleigh Duncan.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord ...

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Anna De Mattia, Barry Wintour, Kitty Walsh,
Robert Dowd O.Carm.

We pray for our sick...

Susan Fleming, Marjorie White,
Terry Effiney, Daniel Hurley,
Carmel Spellman, Noela Wright,
Ille Yscinski, Jeni Bonell, Matthew Scott,
Marion Peters, Clare Kinross.

*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
remain or be removed.*

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!

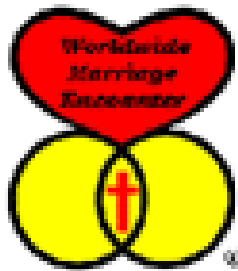
Our next week end will held **4 to 6 August 2017.**

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre,
Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane's bayside)

For bookings/details contact: Maria and David
Murphy, Ph (07) 3342 1456,

dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au

Information website: www.wwme.org.au



Next Week's Rosters 22/23 July

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm: Tracey Laing, Brendan McMahon.

8.30am: Peter Woods, Liz Conway.

5.30pm: Debra Austin, Cathie Johansen.

(Facilitator: Debra Austin)

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm: Leon Capra, Steph Capra, Geoff
Pandy, Mary Tom, Margaret Moore, Sue Delaney.

8.30am: Sue Mulligan, Tricia Eckersley, Andrea
Carter, Brenda Sullivan, Carla Sheehy, Chris
Turvey, Julie Healy.

5.30pm: Margaret Land, Wendy Gemmell,
Annette Mahoney, Bernadette Wright, Debra
Austin, Jane Connolly, John Fitzgerald.

Communion to the Sick

Irene McCarthy, Mike Dale, Jane O'Brien.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sharni Cotter, Bec McPherson, Kelly Rigby.

Reflection

Mark/Madeleine Sayer.

Musicians

6.00pm: Paul, Helen, Kate.

8:30am: Kelly's Group.

5:30pm: Youth.

Data Projection

6.00pm: Paul Heffernan.

8:30am: Peter Johnston.

5:30pm: Youth.

Mass Welcoming - Hospitality

6:00pm: Geoff and Helen Pandy.

8:30am: Matthew Schuh and Family.

5:30pm: Ros Kelly and John Stuart.

Next Sunday's Readings 23 July 2017

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Romans 8:26-7

Matthew 13:24-43