



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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Third Sunday
of Lent
(Year A)

Today's Gospel was written in a period when there was significant prejudice between the Jews and Samaritans. **Who normalised the hostility which existed between the two? Why does this sort of division become acceptable?**

Prejudice exists today: between nations, religions, groups, individuals. Prejudice is sometimes handed down generationally. It is sometimes borne of ignorance or fear. People are labelled, outcast.

If we look at Jesus' actions in today's Gospel, we see his demonstration of hospitality. He interacted with the Samaritan woman as a person of value who was worthy of conversation. This action broke down the barriers of prejudice, hostility and tradition. It humanised the woman. This, in turn, brought about the ability to bring Good News and peace. His words and actions demonstrated the very heart of the universal lessons of His life. Jesus showed that no one is unworthy of God's love, nor his salvation.

The conversation about water is integral to our understanding. Water in this part of the world is scarce. The well is strategically placed at a junction between Samaria and Galilee. Water is essential to live. Members of both communities would need this water as they journeyed. This is foundational to the understanding then of Jesus as living water. He is essential in our journey through life and into eternal life. In thirsty moments of despair and unrest living water is there for us all.

What is our lesson today given that prejudice continues to exist? To learn this, we must reflect on our own prejudices. **Do we hold any? Why?**

What is the intention of holding a prejudice? Is it for superiority? Power? Dominance? Does it come from pride? Rebellion? Fear? It harbours resentment, hostility and enmity. None of these is healthy. None corroborate with being good. So, this Lent, are we brave enough to reflect on who we really are, in our actions, thoughts and words? Do we have the courage to invite hospitality where this door appears closed? Can we deliberately go out to show kindness and respect to everyone in our world? Are we thirsty for living water?

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Time Poor?

Can you think of other ways you can contribute to support our community.

E.g. By providing supplies, sponsoring our gardener or even participate in planned giving.

You're Invited to join one of our Ministries

Do you have a special talent?
Would you like to be more involved in the parish community?
Do you enjoy meeting new people or would you like to spend more time with friends?

A number of opportunities exist to use your skills while supporting your local parish.

For more information please view our website
www.mtcarmelcoorparoo.org.au

Church Maintenance

- ◆ Weeding or watering the gardens
- ◆ Raking leaves
- ◆ Pruning
- ◆ Give the parish plants some T.L.C
- ◆ Cleaning windows and glass doors
- ◆ Sweeping and mopping the floors
- ◆ Dusting



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Sacristans

Assist the Parish Priest by setting up for Masses and other special events.

Manage the Sacristy inventory.



Friends of Zumalai—East Timor

This rewarding parish group exists to maintain a close relationship between the community of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Coorparoo and Our Lady of Mt Carmel, East Timor through initiatives that enhance education, health and resources.

IT— If you are an IT specialist and would like to contribute your time and expertise, the parish would embrace assistance with updating census data.



**Lock and unlock the church.
This could be completed
during your daily walk or
run.**



Music and Data Projector

Do you have a special musical talent?

We would love to hear from organists, pianists and singers.

Data Projector operators offer support to the music ministry.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word provides the opportunity for children to hear the Word of God at their own level.

We are always looking for ministers to assist with this vital ministry to the children of our parish.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This team welcome and accept, support and encourage the active participation of all involved, especially candidates, sponsors and catechists.

Lay Carmelites form an integral part of the Carmelite way. Men and women freely commit themselves to live out the Carmelite way of life in the ordinary circumstances of our family and social life.



Mass of Anointing

To those with a love of baking..

On the first Wednesday of each month is the mass of anointing.

Parishioners are invited to assist with: Serving morning tea, providing morning tea and helping to clean up afterwards.

Ministers of the Word

If you have a love and knowledge of scripture and enjoy public speaking, then consider joining this team.

You can choose your preferred mass, and there are reading preparation sessions with facilitators who encourage readers to confidently proclaim The Word.

“We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it” Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

Hospitality



Help to create warmth and hospitality by extending a welcome to others before Mass and for morning teas at special parish occasions.

If you would like to be a part of and support a more relaxed, social environment, consider **Carmel Cellars** or the Parish **Social Club**.



Baptism Preparation Team

Parents who have recently experienced Baptism are invited to join a team that welcomes, befriends and assists families preparing for their baptismal celebration.

Eucharist Ministers



Assist the priest in administering the sacraments of holy communion, the consecrated bread and wine at Mass.

Ministers of Eucharist to the sick is another richly rewarding ministry of taking Communion to the sick and housebound in our community.

St Vincent de Paul

Be part of a community of lay people with a desire to serve the poor. Members visit people in need and sometimes provide food and other essential items for living.

Family Groups help develop a sense of belonging to the parish community.

These groups provide a network of support, friendship and social activities for members.



Community Room

If you prefer something behind the scenes, you are welcome to assist in the community room by: washing tea towels, keeping the kitchen area tidy, and ensuring there are adequate supplies of tea and coffee in the cupboards.



Confirmation

Sacramental Program

Be part of a team that supports the implementation of the parish Sacramental program.

The Ministries work on a roster, system so the more volunteers for each team, the more people you meet and the more enjoyable the experience.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Fr John Reilly SJ, William John Kelly.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord ...

Anniversaries and Memorials:

David DeLoughrey O.Carm

We pray for our sick...

Mick Moffat, Fr Paul Gurr O.Carm,
Michael Quinn, Teresa Nunan, Michael
Roache, Damian Holt, Wanda Stumpf,
Sandra Hart, Mary Hannah,
David Isaacs, Clare Kinross,
Liliana Erceq, Sue Fennell-Ivas,
Daniel Hurley, Helena Palmer,
Margaret Ebbage, Mary Halligan.

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

EASTER MASS TIMES

Wednesday 5 April

10am: Mass of Anointing

7.30pm: Mass of Forgiveness

Thursday 6 April: There will be
no Mass at 9am, but there is the Chrism
Mass at the Cathedral at 7pm.

Saturday 8 April: 6pm Palm Sunday

Sunday 9 April

8.30am and 5.30pm: Palm Sunday

Thursday 13 April: 7.30pm Mass of
the Lord's Supper

Friday 14 April

10am: Stations of the Cross

3pm: Passion of the Lord

Saturday 15 April: 7pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 16 April: 7am and 9am Easter
Sunday. There will be no Mass at 5.30pm.

Next Week's Rosters 25/26 March

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm: Leon Capra, Rae Garvey.

8.30am: Brenda Fennell, Marita Fox.

5.30pm: Clare Bach, Anthea Bach.

(Facilitator: Leon Capra)

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm: M Sayer, M Sayer, G Pandy, M Heath,
M Tom, V Evison, M Moore.

8.30am: M Martin, M Dell, P Weatherley,
L Woods, S Smrecnik, C Turvey, R Branch.

5.30pm: L Pertnikovs, B Wright, D Austin,
M Crowe, J Connolly, R Dall'alba, R Kelly.

Communion to the Sick

Jane O'Brien, Trish Sim.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Cameron Anderson, Luke Thompson, Michael
McInerney.

Reflection

Tricia Ryan.

Musicians

6.00pm: Paul, Helen, Kate.

8:30am: Kelly's Group.

5:30pm: Youth.

Data Projection

6.00pm: Alison Buchhorn.

8:30am: Peter Johnston.

5:30pm: Youth.

Mass Welcoming - Hospitality

6:00pm: Roy and Margaret Moore.

8:30am: Kellie Tesolin and Family.

5:30pm: The Sullivan Family.

Next Sunday's Readings

26 March 2017

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41