



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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There are four words that emerge from this text that ought to stop us in our tracks and bring about the most profound change in our sense of who we are and our behavior. Yet, most of us do not know what those words are, because we have a habit of listening to the Word of God as a **spectator**. For the Word of God to be effective, none of us can be mere spectators.

Today we are still in that upper room, and it is still the night before Jesus Christ was betrayed, handed over, and abandoned by his so-called friends. He has spoken to them about their relationship with him in terms of sheep and shepherd; in terms of vine and branches. Now he speaks in terms of friendship and love, inviting them to discover and share what he shares with his Father. They don't get it yet, because they have not yet recognized their need for it. They think their friendship with Jesus is all about what he can do for them, and how he will restore the power and prestige of the Jewish people. They are impressed by the healing, the feeding, the promise, and the opportunity that being his friend offers them, and so they have chosen to follow him.

Not until they have doubted, hidden and run will they begin to hear and understand those four words that will transform and empower them, and make something of them other than simple ordinary fishermen, tax collectors, and sinners. He has spoken of this before, but they did not yet understand. He spoke in parables about guests invited to banquets. His first message to them is summed up simply in four words, **"I have chosen you."**

These are words spoken to the apostles a long time ago, but if that was all there was to it, there would be no point in repeating or remembering them. These words were spoken for all time and for all people, who like those apostles gather around a table sharing bread and wine, broken and given to us as the Body and Blood of Christ. These words are still spoken directly and specifically to you and to me. We are chosen, you and me !

Being chosen is an extraordinary experience. We have been chosen. Believing and understanding this changes everything about us. It means that no matter what we have done or what anyone else thinks of us, **we are chosen by God** and there is a purpose and something to do as a chosen people. The Word of God spoken to us gives us reason to rejoice again. Not just because Christ was raised from the dead, but because we, who have been dead in our own self-pity and sinfulness, have been **chosen by God**. God has greater promise and more reward than we can ever imagine. But imagine it, if you can, because he has called us "his friends".

"I have chosen You"

Fr Thomas Boyer

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 8.30am & 5.30pm

Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 9am

There is a **Mass of Anointing** this Wednesday at 10am. This replaces the 9am Mass.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9.30am – 10am

Rosary: Mondays –
after 9am Mass



Our Priests have spent this past week at St Teresa's Ormiston at the Provincial Chapter, which is held every three years.

The elections for new Prior Provincial and Provincial Council were held Friday morning

The following friars were elected.

Prior Provincial: Fr Paul Cahill

First Councillor: Fr Hugh Brown

Second Councillor: Fr Aniceto Maia Da Costa

Third Councillor: Fr Bruce Clark

Fourth Councillor: Fr David Hofman

This Provincial Chapter was among the most significant in the history of the Province. For the first time 14 Timorese members of the Province were present at the Chapter.

Fr Aniceto Maia Da Costa is the first Timorese member of our Province to be elected to the Provincial Council.

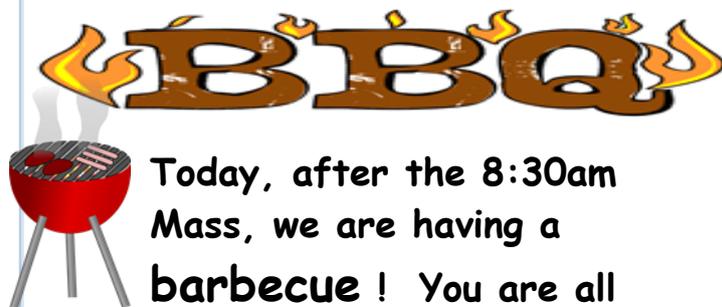
We offer our congratulations and prayers to them all on their new appointments.

The **St Vincent de Paul Society** will be meeting this Monday evening at 7:30pm in the CCR and again on Monday 16th May at 7:30pm

Next Sunday's Readings:

Year C The Ascension of the Lord

Acts: 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23



Today, after the 8:30am Mass, we are having a **barbecue** ! You are all invited to join us for a **burger**, a cool drink and the opportunity to meet some of the **Carmelites** who have travelled over from **East Timor** for our **Provincial Chapter**.

This week-end at all the Masses, there will be a '**Rite of Enrolment**' for the children who are commencing their Confirmation preparation.

**Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Primary School, Coorparoo**

75th Year Celebration

Help us to Treasure Our Story

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School celebrates their 75th 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



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.

May is the Month of Mary

In calling the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis invites us to contemplate the face of mercy, Jesus, through Mary.



Pope Francis has a deep devotion to Our Lady.

“Let us invoke Mary’s intercession, May she help us to be open to God’s surprises”

Pope Francis

“Our Lady is always close to us; especially when we feel the weight of life and all its problems..... ***Pope Francis***

“Our Mother Mary is full of beauty, because she is full of grace”

Pope Francis

Let us in this month of May become closer to Our Blessed Mother, through the Holy Rosary and our own personal prayer.



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 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

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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 - 7th / 8th May

Ministers of the Word

6pm : Madeleine Sayer, Mark Sayer

8.30am: Marita Fox, Joe Tracey

5.30pm: Sarah Norris,
Jacqueline Weidman

(Facilitator: Tricia Ryan)

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Ministers of Communion

6pm : R Heath, M Heath, B Kennedy, E Kennedy, M Martin, M Sayer, M Sayer

8.30am: I McCarthy, P Mitchell, M Nicol, M Pascoe, M Pigram, S Robinson, C Sheehy

5.30pm: S Hale, R Kelly, R Kreger, A Mahoney, M O'Leary Chay, L Oliver, B Sullivan

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Communion to the Sick

Mike Dale, Marie Maddison

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Mother's Day—No CLOW

Mount Carmel Parish acknowledges the Turrbal people as the traditional owners of the land on which we live.