Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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Palm Sunday 20th March 2016

They say a week is a long time in politics. Holy week is certainly a momentous week for Jesus. He is a celebrity this Sunday with people cheering him in the streets. By Friday he is dead on a cross. Then by next Sunday he is risen. A big week by anyone's measure.

The pattern of Holy Week is central to our understanding of what it means to be a Christian. We call this pattern the Paschal or Easter Mystery. That is, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus help us to understand the shape of our own lives.

So why did Jesus have to suffer and die? Our tradition often refers to the sacrifice of Jesus' life and its saving effect. Does that mean that God wanted Jesus to suffer and die? That would seem a rather strange thing for a loving father to do to his son. Perhaps a way of understanding Jesus' life is that the Father sent him to show us what it means to love – to empty yourself completely, as it says in the second reading.

By being a person of enormous love and integrity, Jesus challenged the authorities and they decided to eliminate him. So it's not so much that the Father wanted Jesus to die, but that dying was a consequence of his living out a life of love, compassion, justice and peace. Of course, Jesus' resurrection is God's message to us that there is always new life and hope even in the face of what seems to be the greatest defeat – death.

The Paschal Mysteries of our lives are usually less dramatic. The day starts well, then things 'go pear shaped', but if we are people of faith, hope and love we eventually move to a place of new life. This cycle can all happen before we get to lunchtime on a given day or it may happen over months or years depending on the issue. The call is to share in Jesus' victory over all that brings death. Holy Week is a time for us to look through the prism of Jesus' life, death and resurrection to our own lives. What do we see?

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Parish Mass Times

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

Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 9am

The first Wednesday of each month, a Mass of Anointing is held at 10am. This replaces the 9am Mass.

Reconciliation:
Saturdays 9.30am – 10am

Rosary: Mondays – after 9am Mass

Easter Ceremonies

Holy Thursday 24th March:

Mass of the Lord's Supper ***- 7pm***

followed by quiet prayer and Adoration until around 9:15pm

Good Friday 25th March:

Stations of the Cross ***- 10am***

Veneration of The Cross ***- 3pm***

Easter Vigil 26th March:

Mass: Saturday 7pm

Easter Sunday27th March:

Mass at ***8:30am***

Vespers Prayers at ***5:30pm***

(no Mass at 5:30pm)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Year C: Easter Sunday

Acts: 10:34, 37-43 Cor 3:1-4

Gospel: Lk 24:13-35

PALM SUNDAY

FROM "Hosanna to Crucify" — in five short days:

Has your life every turned from being fabulous one minute to a mess the next.?

Jesus must have felt that way in the five short days between Palm Sunday & Good Friday .

"I tell you Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me" (Luke 22:34)

Easter Vigil Supper

Please join us after the Easter Vigil Mass next Saturday night for a celebration supper in the Community Room, to welcome our RCIA candidates David, Candice & Catriona.

Please bring a plate to share for supper.

School Holidays: Mt Carmel school holidays commence Good Friday and school resumes on Monday April 11th Happy Holidays !

REGINA CAELI FOUNDATION RAFFLE '2 NIGHTS FOR 2 PERSONS' TICKETS $5
1ST PRIZE IS A CHOICE OF A... *MONTVILLE MISTY VIEW CABIN RESORT PAMPER PACK* ***OR*** *P&O CLASSIC PACIFIC JEWEL CRUISE*
2ND PRIZE: '*SCRATCHIES'* TO THE VALUE OF $50,
3RD PRIZE:*WINE COMFORT PACK, B'SELLER PRIZE: $50, DRAWN EASTER SUN, MAR 27*

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Thank you to everyone who donated to the Fiji Appeal.
Your generosity is appreciated.

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Priory Renovations: The renovations for the Carmelite Priory are well under way and are due for completion in June.

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Year of Mercy Parish seminar—with noted missiologist Fr Stephen Bevans SVD
Saturday 30 April 9am—1pm St Bernard's Hall, Upper Mt Gravatt
No cost, morning tea provided. RSVP: ebadmin@bne.catholic.net.au by 26/04/16

We remember those in God's care…

Recently Deceased:

Mary Quinn, Margaret Shaw, Kathleen Greene, Shane Giblin (Ireland), Magdalena Dominik, Eluh Kaor and for all who have died recently.

May they Rest in God's Peace.

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Michael Wallis, Warwick Parer, Katie McPhee, Fr Gerry Iverson, Henry & Catherine Geary, Peter & Mary Josephine Murphy

We pray for our sick….

Kate Parry, Paula O'Sullivan, Lanie McPhee, John Eide, Ille Uscinski 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.

Contact: Paul Skippen
mobile: 0412 850 883
Email: info@boundlessmercy.com.au

Next Week's Rosters - 26/27 March

Ministers of the Word

7pm Easter Vigil: Jenny Wallis, Leon Capra

8.30am: M Barry, P Woods

5.30pm: No 5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday

***(Facilitator:** Michael Barry)*

Ministers of Communion

7pm Easter Vigil: S Robinson, B Kennedy, E Kennedy, L Egan, J Godwin

8.30am: N Ansell, R Branch, M Liddy, P Mitchell, M Nicol, M Pigram, P Weatherley

5.30pm: No 5:30pm Mass
Vespers Prayers

Communion to the Sick

J O'Brien, M Shelly, T Sim, I McCarthy

Children's Liturgy of the Word

NO CLOW

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