



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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### The Power of Persistent Prayer and God's Infinite Mercy

24 July 2016

**Today's readings** centre on the unique nature of prayer and the power of persistence in asking God for what we need. In the first reading and also in the Gospel we learn that persistence works, why Jesus says so himself in the Gospel.

**When** I was a little boy growing up in Singapore I would accompany my Grandma to the wet markets to buy food for the day's meals. This was before refrigeration and supermarkets so we had to buy everything fresh. Grandma used to haggle the price for every item, be it vegetable, poultry, rice etc. The to and fro of the haggle was kind of a dance with its tempo before both parties settled on what was mutually acceptable.

**Abraham** and God get into a similar haggle in the first reading, albeit for much higher stakes than my Grandma's fresh vegetables. At stake is the future of Sodom and Gomorrah, cities that are destined to feel the full wrath of God until Abraham tries to intervene asking for the cities to be spared if he could find some just people. He haggles this number all the way from 50 down to 10 before the reading ends. What we see at play here is the dynamic nature of communication with God. Abraham asks God to show his mercy and God, in his infinite mercy, backs down a long way from his original asking price. We can engage in a bit of to and fro when we pray to God, he welcomes that and listens to us and he is infinitely merciful.

**Jesus** picks up this theme in the Gospel after he teaches the disciples a simple prayer. Take some time to reflect on the Lord's Prayer, it is elegant in its simplicity and at the heart of this prayer is the act of mercy, in forgiving others and seeking forgiveness from others.

**St Paul** in his letter to the Colossians in the second reading reminds them that God has already cancelled every record of debt and that "he has brought them to life with him and forgiven us all our sins." Similarly the Psalmist reminds us that in our moment of greatest need, God hears our cry for help and answers us.

So these are the four main points I've taken away from today's readings;

1. Pray like you're having a conversation with God, it's a two way process
2. Be persistent in your prayer, don't be afraid to keep asking God for what you need.
3. God is infinitely merciful and will do what's best for you in response to your prayer.
4. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, your prayer can be life changing. I can personally attest to the miraculous power of prayer in my own life, you don't always get what you pray for but you do get what is best for you and your situation. May your week ahead be filled with mercy and blessings.

Ben Norris (Parishioner)

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## PARISH MASS TIMES

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

Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 9am  
*A Mass of Anointing is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 10am followed by morning tea.*

### Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9.30am - 10am

Rosary: Mondays -  
after 9am Mass



*I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**BAPTISMS**— This weekend we welcome into our Catholic community.

Felix & April Archer,  
Samuel Hoddinott,  
Freya & Alexander Leis

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We remember our beloved **Fr Frank Shortis** on the 1st Anniversary of his passing.

Fr Frank Shortis, OCarm.  
10 July 1926 - 24 July 2015

A Carmelite for 69 years and a  
Priest for 62.

Founding Principal of  
Whitefriars College, Donvale  
and Geoghegan College,  
Boradmeadows.

Provincial of the Carmelites  
1979-1985 & 1997-2001.

A remarkable educator and  
pastor, wise counsellor and  
faithful friend.

May he rest in peace.



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*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord ....*

Readings: 31 July 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Eccl 1:2,2:21-23; Col 3:1-5,9-11;  
Gospel: Lk 12:13-21

## Thank You!

to all those who celebrated our Parish Feast day

last weekend.

It was a blessed and wonderful weekend, as we came together as a parish in honour of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

## School Fete

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Fete is only 3 weeks away now on 7th August! The Handmade Stall is still accepting donations of handcrafted items right up to the day. We know we have many talented parishioners and we would love to see your crafts on display at the stall. Please be sure to visit on the day too! Please contact Janine Reilly on [matthewbreilly@hotmail.com](mailto:matthewbreilly@hotmail.com) or mob: [0404944484](tel:0404944484) or Rachael Hale on [rachaelpidcock@hotmail.com](mailto:rachaelpidcock@hotmail.com) and Mob: [0416201959](tel:0416201959) 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. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## St Laurence's College Choral Bursary

St Laurence's College in partnership with St Stephens Cathedral is offering a unique opportunity for Catholic boys interested in attending the College and being a part of the Cathedral Choir. There are up to 10 full Bursaries available for students currently in Year 6 or 7, for admittance into Year 7 or 8 in 2017. Applications close Friday 16 September 2016. For more information or to apply for St Laurence's College Cathedral Choral Bursary, please visit [www.sl.c.qld.edu.au](http://www.sl.c.qld.edu.au)

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**Loreto College Open Day 31st July at 10am**



# Around and About

## Water Stall at the School Fete



The **Friends of Zumalai** will be assisting at the drinks stalls at this year's school fete on August 7th. The Fete Committee have kindly agreed that all proceeds from Water sales at the Fete will be donated to assist with further development of the Boarding house attached to the Mt Carmel School at Zumalai.

We ask for your support at the Fete and wish to thank The Fete Committee for their support of this fundraising for the students in Zumalai.

Volunteers are needed to assist at this stall.

Please contact Bernadette Nixon on [drbnixon@gmail.com](mailto:drbnixon@gmail.com) or phone 0421 635 525/3429 0900

## Collection



Recently, it was announced that Fr Paul Sireh and Fr Matt McPhee would be leaving the Parish in early August 2016. To show our appreciation for their contributions to, and efforts in, the Parish, we wish to take up two collections with a view to making a presentation to each of them on their last Sunday in the Parish, namely Sunday 31 July 2016.

Parishioners are invited to contribute either by placing your donation in the relevant Box for each of Fr Paul and Fr Matt, which will be located at the back of the Church after each Mass on each weekend between now and Sunday 24 July 2016 - or by direct depositing your contribution to the relevant one of the following bank accounts:- Parish Pastoral Council

For	Fr Paul Sireh	Fr Matt McPhee
Bank	Suncorp Bank	Suncorp Bank
BSB	484-799	484-799
Account No.	07-191201-1	07-191206-2
Name	MF Lyons for Fr Paul Sireh	MF Lyons for Fr Matt McPhee



## BOOK LAUNCH - The Silent Book by Bernadette Wallis

A story of the disappearing Australian-Irish sign language told through the experience of Bernadette's own family.

Bernadette, a Missionary Sister of Service, is the child of two deaf parents.

**Tuesday 9th August 2016 - 7pm for 7:30pm**

**Mt Carmel Community Room**

**Our Lady of Mt Carmel Coorparoo**

**RSVP Jenny Wallis ph: 3397 3454 or 0408 072 254**

## We remember those in God's care...

### Recently Deceased:

John Carroll, John McKeaton (Fr Michael McKeaton's brother)

*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, may they Rest in God's Peace.*

### Anniversaries and Memorials:

Ben Wallis, Anna De Mattia, Phyl Green, Sr Val Healy, Fr Frank Shortis.

### We pray for our sick...

Kathleen Horne, Damien Holt, David Lindsay, David Langbridge, Brian Cochrane, Letty Reynolds, Norm Isdale, 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.**

## Next Week's Rosters - 30 / 31 July

### Ministers of the Word

**6.00pm :** Madeleine Sayer  
Mark Sayer

**8.30am:** Aurea Payumo-Taylor  
Joe Tracey

**5.30pm:** Simone Fairlie  
Jane O'Brien

*(Facilitator: Mark Sayer)*

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### Ministers of Communion

**6pm :** L Capra, S Capra, M Downey,  
V Evison, T Laing, M Tom

**8.30am:** G Connors, T Eckersley,  
M Martin, D Moloney, M Moloney,  
S Robinson, A Thomas

**5.30pm:** A Mahoney, L Oliver,  
B Sullivan, B Wright, M O'Leary Chay

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### Communion to the Sick

J O'Brien, M Shelly, T Sim

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Elizabeth Giles, Michelle Nolan

### Reflection

David Hutton



Bridge to  
Brisbane  
2016



We invite you to walk or run in solidarity with the innocent people of the Middle East who have been forced to flee for their safety, who have lost loved ones, and who will suffer the effects of conflict long after it is over.

The event will be held on

**Sunday 28th August 2016**

Contact Joe Foley on 3324 3134 or email at [josephf@caritas.org.au](mailto:josephf@caritas.org.au)

Note: appropriate for all fitness levels - (walkers welcome).

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