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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 June 2016 Although we are in ordinary time, the concepts in today's Gospel are anything but ordinary. But then, ordinary time is not about ordinariness, it is a season of hope and growth reflected in part in the choice of green vestments. That said, it is difficult on first reading of the Gospel to find hope, growth or ordinariness in Luke's description of Christ's journey towards Jerusalem. Rather, the predominant themes are anger and rejection. Firstly, the Samaritan villagers reject Jesus causing anger and aggression on the part of his disciples and then Christ himself rejects his would be followers. Deciphering these complexities and apparent contradictions takes a fair amount of pondering. How does this particular reading fit?

After a triumphal arrival, more anger, aggression and rejection will await Jesus in Jerusalem. Is this story hinting at what is to come? People will turn their backs on his suffering and deny him just as the Samaritan villagers are doing in denying him a place to sleep.

In the second part of the reading Jesus accepts no excuses from those seeking to join him. He applies some tough love as he sends these would be followers away. Is this dismissal of those who want to follow some kind of message about what true discipleship means? Jesus has drawn the crowds, healed the sick, become a bit of a celebrity. He is Top of the Galilean Pops but soon he will experience the ignominy of a criminal's death. He will become yesterday's hero. In a very cryptic way we are being told that following Jesus requires an unconditional commitment no matter the popularity stakes.

As my first reading of this week's Gospel had me perplexed I found myself thinking of the offertory hymn sung at last Sunday's 5.30pm Mass. In contrast to today's Gospel it is such a beautiful and simple prayer. And also, I believe, an appropriate one in response. In our own ordinary times, as we provide a place for Jesus in our lives and follow him unconditionally, using the words of that hymn we pray *Jesus take me as I am, I can come no other way.*

Jane Connolly, Parishioner

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



BAPTISMS— This weekend we welcome into our Catholic Community the following children: Bailey & Lachlan Petrie, Lily Quinn, Jocelyn Hare.

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit forever"

Mercy Moment

Lord, You are good and forgiving Most loving to all who invoke You; Yahweh, hear my prayer, Listen to me as I plead.

Next Sunday's Readings: 3rd July Year C 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Gospel: Lk 10:1-12, 17-20



PARISH PICNIC

Sunday 17th July after the 8:30am Mass is our

Parish Picnic

This picnic is being held to celebrate the Feast Day of

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

This year's celebration is extra special, as it is also the 75th Anniversary of OLMC primary school.

So pack your picnic basket with some food to share, byo drinks, throw in your deck chairs or picnic rug and come along !

The picnic is being held on our school oval and will kick off after the 8:30am Mass.

There will be games organised for the kids and the Lay Carmelites will be providing tea and coffee out of the tuckshop.

We invite you all to come along and enjoy a relaxing and fun morning as we come together at this combined school and parish event. Feel free to invite along





Fr Richard Leonard SJ presents: - Why Bother Praying?

The Depth and Richness of Catholic Prayer

Thursday 7 July: 7pm – 9pm at St Bernard's Church, Upper Mt Gravatt Free admission: Bookings not required. Please see flyer on the church notice board.

Reminder: The Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for

collection from the back of the church.

Thank you for contributing through the Planned Giving Program, your generosity is appreciated.

Position Vacant: Applications are invited for the position of Parish Secretary/Administration Officer at Our Lady of Graces Parish, Carina. 30-38hrs per week Monday to Friday (negotiable). Contact: Peter Carius on 3324 3149 or Cindy Hayer on 3367 6332. Closes 3/7/16

Position Vacant: Looking for an interesting afternoon/morning once a week? I am a lady with a physical disability that limits my mobility. I live in Holland Park. I am looking for a woman to assist me for 4 hours once a week to go on outings such as shopping, attending classical matinee concerts, go for meals.

Drivers Licence and own vehicle required. This is a paid position. Would suit mother or student. Computer proficiency (Mac) advantageous.

If you think that we could enrich each other's lives please email Laura on laura.m.mandeville@gmail.com.



Take action for a Fairer World

Whoever wins the upcoming election, let's make sure our next Prime Minister hears our call for a world where all people live with dignity. Speak up for fairer policies for people experiencing poverty and injustice, using Caritas Australia's action cards [at the back of church] or take action online at www.caritas.org.au/fairerworld

"As the **Mt Carmel School Fete** approaches, the **Book Stall** is looking for your preloved books. Donations are welcome at the school office or collection can be arranged by contacting Rachel Dearness on 0404 834 204. Thank you in advance for your kind donations."



We remember those in God's care... Recently Deceased:

Malcolm Twaddell, Sr Dorothy Maher, RSC *Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, may they Rest in God's Peace.*

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Patricia Bergin, Marie Rhodes, Gerard Moganti, Leon Francis, Billie Francis, Patricia Moore

We pray for our sick... Damien Holt, David Lindsay, David Langbridge, Brian Cochrane, John Carroll, 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.

Parish Mass Statistics

Again, this weekend at all the Masses, an attendance count will be conducted. This is to help with Parish planning and resources.

This is a pre-curser to a full parish census which will be undertaken later in the year.

It will be conducted after the homily and should only take a few minutes.

Priory Renovations

The renovations are now completed and this week both Fr Paul and Fr Jerome moved back into the priory.



Many thanks to Peter and Mary White and the Augustinians at St James, for their generosity and hospitality in having the priests stay in their residences for the past six and a half months of construction.

Next Week's Rosters - 2 / 3 July

Ministers of the Word

- 6.00pm : David Hutton Tricia Ryan
- 8.30am: Aurea Payumo-Taylor Peter Woods
- **5.30pm:** Jacqueline Weidman Amthea Bach

(Facilitator: Tricia Ryan)

Ministers of Communion

6pm : G Brown, M Downey, V Evison, T Laing, M Tom

8.30am: R Branch, G Connors, T Eckersley, G Keating, M Liddy, M Martin

5.30pm: D Austin, C Bach, J Connolly, R Dall'alba, J Fitzgerald, C Holmes

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Communion to the Sick

Anna Nano, Cathy Agis, Mike Dale

Children's Liturgy of the Word

No CLOW (school holidays)

Reflection Fr Paul

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