



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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### 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 31 July 2016

Well, we can't say we haven't been warned. All of today's readings speak to us strongly about the precariousness of life – here today, gone tomorrow. Life now is not as fragile as it was in the time of the scripture authors, but none of us know the day or the hour. As the psalmist says, 'Make us know the shortness of life that we may gain wisdom of heart'.

There is also a secondary message about how the 'things' in our lives can side-track us. My mother used to say, 'there are no pockets in shrouds' and my father sometimes said, 'you can't take it with you'. Wise, if not cheery words!

We all want to be comfortable and there is certainly no virtue in poverty. Most of us in Australia are fortunate enough to have the necessities of life. In fact, most of us have more than what is essential. St. Ignatius Loyola said that the problem with 'riches' (money and what it can buy) is that they lead to 'honor' (a sense of entitlement) which ultimately leads to 'pride'.

A big pay packet, a large house, nice cars, gadgets galore, lots of holidays - in themselves none of these things are bad, but they can lead to a false sense of security. St. Ignatius invited his retreatants to imagine themselves on their death-bed and to ask what they wished they had done with their lives. Sounds a bit macabre, but it is a powerful exercise. Try it sometime.

As Christians we look in hope to the fullness of eternal life with God, but that does not mean that we don't value the good things of this life. We are called to make decisions in the here and now about those 'things' – what we have, how we share them, how they affect our sense of self and how we treat others. We are temporary stewards, rather than permanent owners of what we have. It is sometimes said that we know where our 'treasure' is by looking at where we spend our money and our time. So, where's *mine*?

David Hutton, Parishioner.

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# Around and About

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## **Position Vacant: DIRECTOR OF MUSIC POSITION AT THE CATHEDRAL**

The Cathedral of St Stephen is seeking a talented music leader to develop and deliver its music program. This full-time role will be responsible for the co-ordination and development of the choral program with the assistance from the Assistant Director of Music along with organising special events/performances.

Salary \$107,500 (Total Employment Cost)+ AUD

For further details or to apply please email the cathedral office on  
cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

Applications close 31st July 2016

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## **YOUTH & VOCATIONS EXPO**

The annual Youth & Vocations Expo 2016 is being held across the weekend. The activities will centre around the Cathedral of St Stephen.

**Date:** Sunday August 7, 2016 Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Where:** Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, QLD

**Schedule:** 12pm Vocations Mass

11am-3pm: Expo: Religious, Multicultural & Youth Ministry stalls

Free BBQ. Live Music. Food & drinks

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## **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**



## **Year of Mercy**

*"In consistently refusing to "store up treasure" for our own selfish ends, we become forever "rich toward God"."*

Veronica Lawson rsm

## 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:

Bauer family, Sebastian Geisler, Bernard Rhodes, Ben Wallis, Anna De Mattia, 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 - 6 / 7 August

### Ministers of the Word

**6.00pm :** Madeleine Sayer,  
Mark Sayer

**8.30am:** Brenda Fennell  
Peter Woods

**5.30pm:** Clare Boothroyd  
Joanna Bach

*(Facilitator: Mark Sayer)*

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### Ministers of Communion

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

**8.30am:** R Branch G Connors,  
T Eckersley, M Liddy, M Martin, P Ward

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

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### Communion to the Sick

Anna Nano, Cathy Agis,  
Tracey Laing, Mike Dale

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

NO CLOW - school fete

### Reflection

Kathy / Paul Asnicar



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.