Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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Sunday 3rd December 2017

First Sunday of Advent (Year B)

We recently returned from our first trip to Europe, a quick two weeks in Paris and London. Apart from the awe inspiring architecture and sense of history that we experienced one of the things that particularly struck me, especially in Paris, was the presence of heavily armed police around the city. Understandable I suppose with the recent spate of terror related incidents but quite confronting and somewhat comforting at the same time. This was not so obvious in London, although all the Underground stations were plastered with the slogan "See it, Say It, Sorted". A reference to being watchful for terrorist related activity.

I've been thinking that, that's a pretty useful slogan for us to consider during this Advent season starting this weekend. Advent is a time for us to get ready and prepare for the arrival of the Messiah. As Jesus tells his disciples in the Gospel, "Be on your guard and stay awake, because you never know when the time will come".

"See It, Say It and Sorted" could be a little formula to help us to prepare for the arrival of Jesus. It is an exhortation to be mindful of your surroundings and being present. To be watchful, to stay awake, to be tuned in.

"See It" can help us to identify which areas in our lives we need to be watchful of, things that we think or do that come stop us from having a full relationship with Jesus. "Say It" can be us articulating out loud to ourselves and others about the areas in our lives that we want to work on. Write it down in a journal, tell a friend to keep yourself accountable. "Sorted" suggests an action to address your concerns. You can sort it by inviting Jesus into your life and handing your issues over to Him to help you get sorted. As the Psalmist sings "Lord make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved" God is always there for us, we just need to invite him into our lives as Isaiah writes in the first reading "Return for the sake of your servants".

So as we ready ourselves for the Christmas season of shopping, eating and drinking, let us take some time to remember the real meaning of Christmas, the arrival of our Saviour Jesus Christ and spend a few weeks getting ourselves ready.

Be present to yourself, and See the areas in our lives that need to change. Say it to yourself or someone else about what you intend to do and Sort it out by inviting God into your life to make it happen. I wish you a week of stillness and contemplation as you prepare for Christmas.

God Bless.

Ben Norris, Parishioner

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Parish Mass Times

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8:30am & 5:30pm

Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am

Tuesday: Liturgy of the Word and Communion in the Sacristy 9am

A Mass of Anointing is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00am followed by morning tea.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:30 - 5:00pm

Rosary: Mondays after 9:00am Mass

Our Church is always open during daylight hours, to allow you the opportunity to come in and spend some quiet time.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tues 19 Dec	7pm Communal Reconciliation
Sat 23 Dec	6:00pm Mass
Sun 24 Dec	**No 8:30am Mass** 6:00pm Children's Mass 8:30pm Christmas Eve Mass
Mon 25 Dec	7:00am Mass 9:00am Mass
Sat 30 Dec	6:00pm Mass
Sun 31 Dec	8:30am Mass **No 5:30pm Mass**
Mon 1 Jan	9:00am Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Parish Diary Dates

4 Dec	St Vincent de Paul meet at 7.30pm
6 Dec	Last Mass of Anointing for the year at 10am
7/8 Dec	**No 9am Mass**
13 Dec	Seniors' Social Club Christmas Party at 11.30am
14 Dec	Carmel Cellars Christmas Party at 6pm Finance Council Meeting at 7pm
18 Dec	St Vincent de Paul meet at 7.30pm

LAY CARMELITES — CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

The Lay Carmelites' final meeting and Christmas Function will be held on: SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER, after the 8.30am Mass in the Carmel

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY 18 December 2017, re opening on Monday 18 January 2018. Wishing all Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parishioners a safe and blessed Christmas.

Thank you

A sincere thank you to all those who have been so generous with their time and support to various ministries at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish.

We look forward to the New Year with confidence and optimism.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy Christmas.

Fr Wayne, Jenette Free and Janelle Bou-Samra

Caritas Global Gifts — We are One Human Family

Send a Christmas message to those you love, and support those in need.

When you choose a Global Gift this Christmas, you are bringing a moment of joy and helping create a lifetime of change for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

This year you can help bring the gift of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love to our one human family around the world. Each Global Gift will go towards supporting our most important work; from responding to emergency situations to supporting education programs and training farmers with new sustainable livelihood techniques.

Share a message of compassion this Christmas—Simply select one of our beautiful Global Gift cards. When you send a Global Gift card to your friends or family, you also share a gift with the world and help support our one human family.

PEACE

Order Global Gift cards online at: www.globalgifts.org.au or call us on 1800 024 413

This weekend we welcome **Liam Buckingham, Zachariah Campbell** and **Isabelle Matson-Crowe** into our Mt Carmel Community.

Mt Carmel Seniors Social Club Christmas Party

When: Wednesday 13th December

Where: Carina Leagues Club

Time: 11.30am for 12 noon

Cost $30 (payable on the day)

Essential to book: please call Bernie 3394 1465 / 0409 954 667 or Paddy on 3343 9424.

CARMEL CELLARS CHRISTMAS PARTY

When: Thursday 14th December at 6pm

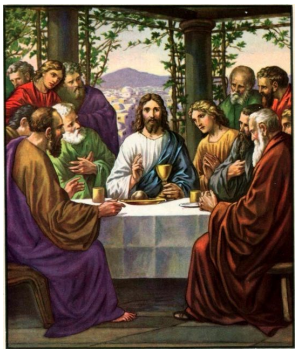
Where: Carmel Community room.

Entry is by way of a plate (main or dessert) and a bottle of wine to share during dinner.

(no financial cost to attend)

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

Now available in the St Vincent de Paul stall:



Christmas Cards - $3.00 for a pack of 8

2018 Columban Art Calendars - $9.00

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Doug Jones, Liam Goodwin, Bob McNab, Elsie Jones.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord ...

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Ruby Richards, Paul Ebbage, Tony Druery, John Piper, Neville Coorey, Anthony Moffat O.Carm, Gregory Moore O.Carm.

We pray for our sick...

Claudia Mossop, Patricia Mitchell, Mary McLoughlin, Daniel Hurley, Emily Deldot, Maree Gale, Damien Holt, John Clarke, Ille Uscinski.

There are envelopes at the back of the Church for your Mass intentions. These can be given to one of the Priests.

Names will be removed after one month. Please advise the Parish office if you would like a name to remain or be removed.

Spirituality Group

Our first meeting for 2018 will be 17th January!

Where: In the Community Lounge, 1st floor, Building 5 at The Village, Coorparoo at 3pm.

There is parking inside the complex, or on Goring or Park St.

We will discuss the Chapter on Transformation and Religion from The Gift of Years -- Growing Older Gracefully by Sr Joan Chittister.

Starting in February, we are discussing The Last Week by Marcus Borb and Jon Crossan which has 8 chapters, so we will be beginning the book a week before Ash Wednesday. I believe it assists us in understanding Jesus, His Death and Resurrection more clearly and with greater meaning. The February dates are to be confirmed.

If anyone is interested please let me know and I can order the book or advise where you can get a copy, regards Maggie Crowe—3847 1347.

Next Week's Rosters - 9/10 Dec

2nd Sunday of Advent

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm: Brendan McMahon, Maria Nolan.

8.30am: Maggie Crowe, Laura Brown.

5.30pm: Cathie Johansen, Debra Austin.

(**Facilitator**: Debra Austin)

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm: Madeleine Sayer, Mark Sayer, Erica Kennedy, Brian Kennedy, Jenny Wallis, Mary Tom, Geoff Pandy.

8.30am: Andrea Carter, Carla Sheehy, Laurice Woods, Lorraine Andrew, Nicola Ansell, Gerard Connors, Greg Woodard.

5.30pm: John Fitzgerald, John Godwin, Luke Murphy, Maggie Crowe, Margaret Land, Maria O'Leary Chay, Joanna Bach.

Communion to the Sick

Mike Dale, Maggie Crowe, Rossy Minata.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

Reflection

Madeleine/Mark Sayer.

Musicians

6.00pm: Charmaine, Gary.

8:30am: Kelly's Group.

5:30pm: Greg Sunter.

Data Projection

6.00pm: Paul Heffernan.

8:30am: Peter Johnston.

5:30pm: Ben England.

Mass Welcoming - Hospitality

6:00pm: Marie O'Brien and Helen Robins.

8:30am: Stephen Sheehy and Family.

5:30pm: Patrick and Teresa Pitman.

Next Sunday's Readings

10th December 2017 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8