



Ministries

at

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

Coorparoo

WELCOME

We would love to hear from you

For parishioners who are already involved in parish ministry, the giving of your time and talents is very much appreciated and we welcome your further involvement over the next twelve months. **(You are not required to fill out a new form if you are continuing on our roster.)**

For others who are not yet involved, we would ask that you consider directing your talents in helping maintain the ministries that are in place in our parish.

We all have gifts – please consider the ministries in this brochure and offer your support where you feel your talents could be directed.

If you are interested in participating in a ministry, please complete the **MINISTRY RESPONSE SHEET** and forward to the parish office, by scanning and emailing to mtcarmel@bne.catholic.net.au or dropping it into the post box on Norfolk Street.

If you would like further information on our parish ministries, please contact the parish office.

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Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy

Mt Carmel Parish Community is committed to protecting all of its parishioners, in particular, its children and vulnerable adults. As such it strongly supports the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy and its implementation.

The Carmelites, the Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish Community and the Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan *Code of Ethical Behaviour* and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites, including Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

In order to support this policy it is mandatory that all Parishes and Agencies of the Archdiocese engage in the following four strategies:

1. Safe recruitment and selection practices – helping prevent those who pose a risk to children from holding positions of trust;
2. Adhering to the code of ethical behaviour – having clear guidelines that set out what is and is not acceptable behaviour as an essential part of keeping children safe;
3. Operating safe activities for children – can help ensure a safe environment for children;
4. Mandatory reporting of harm or suspected harm.

The Archdiocese is committed to safeguarding children through vigilant prevention and protection practices as prescribed by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and legislation.

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10.14

Thank you for supporting the Mt Carmel Community in its ministries. We very much appreciate your support and no doubt the many people who receive the life giving care provided by our many volunteers greatly appreciate your generosity and goodwill.

Mt Carmel has implemented the Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy. As it is the case with the local sporting organisations and any other organisation that deals directly with children or vulnerable adults, you will be required to have an up to date Blue Card and Police Check. If you do not have a current Blue Card, the Parish office will provide you with the relevant applications and submit the documentation for you. This simple and straightforward application process will take place once you have registered your interest to take part in a ministry.

Once again thank you for your generosity—it is deeply valued.

Ministers of the Word and Facilitators of Readers' Preparation

If you would like to consider joining other readers who enjoy proclaiming The Word each month at the Mass of your choice, you will be required to attend the Thursday night preparation sessions during the week preceding your rostered Sunday. Here, facilitators who have a love and knowledge of scripture encourage readers to confidently proclaim The Word.

Ministers of Communion

Each Sunday we gather together to recognise and be fed by Christ's presence in the bread we break and eat, and in the wine we pour and drink. At the Sunday masses seven Eucharistic Ministers are needed. There is an introduction prior to beginning in this ministry and new ministers are rostered with experienced ministers.

Communion to the Sick

We welcome volunteers to undertake this richly rewarding ministry of taking Communion to the sick and housebound in our parish on Sundays.

*Ministers are rostered on a monthly basis;

*All visits are within the local Mt Carmel Parish;

*An experienced minister accompanies new ministers on the first few visitations.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

CLOW provides the opportunity for children to hear the Word of God at their own level. A large number of children attend the program at the 8:30am Mass each Sunday (with the exception of school holidays). We are always looking for new ministers to assist with this vital ministry to the children of our parish.

St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul is a community of lay people animated by the desire to serve the poor. Members visit people who are in need and sometimes provide food, clothing, furniture and the basics of living. Members also organise the presentation of gifts and the collection at Sunday Masses.

Music/Data Projector Ministries

These ministries help the community to attend to prayerful liturgy through music and song. This dedicated group who provide music each week are in need of more members. We would love to hear from organists, pianists and singers.

Data Projector operators offer support to the music ministry at all our weekend liturgies.

Baptismal Preparation Team

Parents who have recently experienced Baptism are invited to join a team to welcome and help families preparing for their baptismal celebration. An important part of this ministry is the welcome and friendship extended to other young families in the parish. Preparation sessions take place monthly, with each team required once or twice per year.

Lay Carmelites

Lay Carmelites are men and women who freely commit themselves to live out the Carmelite way of life in the ordinary circumstances of family, working, and social life and as such are an integral part of the Carmelite family. The Lay Carmelites meet on the third Sunday of each month in the Carmel Community Room after 8:30am Mass.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA team oversees the RCIA at Mount Carmel and provides pastoral support for all involved, especially candidates, sponsors and catechists. The program begins in September each year and runs through until Easter. We would love to hear from parishioners open to being a sponsor, team member or catechist.

Hospitality

There are many ways we extend a welcome to each other and create moments of warmth and hospitality through welcoming people before weekend Masses, helping with refreshments at functions after Mass and being a part of special celebrations.

Church Cleaning

Parishioners attend to the sweeping of passage ways, foyer, outside sacristy and the dusting of pews and window ledges in the church.

Church Grounds

Mowing, pruning and tidying grounds on a roster basis, supports the parish in a practical way.

Friends of Zumalai-East Timor

This parish group exists to create a living bridge between the community of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Coorparoo, Queensland and the community of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Zumalai, East Timor, through the support of projects which will enhance the education, health and resources of the East Timorese people, especially those in Zumalai.

Carmel Cellars

Carmel Cellars is the parish wine-tasting group which meets on the last Thursday of each month in the Carmel Community Room at 7:30pm. A selection of wines and cheese, together with expert commentary and score sheets are available at each meeting.

Family Groups

Family Groups help develop a sense of belonging to the Mt Carmel Community and provide a network of support, and friendship for members.