



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.

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.

If you are interested in participating in a ministry, please contact the parish office, by email mtcarmel@bne.catholic.net.au or phone **3397 1587**.

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

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy

Mt Carmel has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy. Further information about this policy is available on the [parish website](#) and the [Archdiocesan website](#). As it is the case with the local sporting organisations and any other organisation that deals directly with children or vulnerable adults, engagement in some ministries will be require you to have an up to date Blue Card and Police Check. The parish office will provide assistance in obtaining a current Blue Card. 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.

Thank you for supporting the Mt Carmel Community through ministry. *There is no us without us!*

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 three Eucharistic Ministers are needed. There is an introduction prior to beginning in this ministry and new ministers are rostered with experienced ministers. After Mass the Ministers of Communion wash up used utensils.

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)

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. Meetings are held monthly.

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 the 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.

Carmel Care

Carmel Care is a ministry of support to those in our community who are experiencing hardship, usually through ill health. Members accept an invitation to provide meals or other practical assistance to those requiring it for a specific period of time. Carmel Care also caters for the monthly Carmel Place initiative of the St Vincent de Paul group.

Leadership Ministries

The **Plant and Resources** Committee assists with the coordination of the maintenance of Church buildings and projects. It meets monthly as required.

The **Liturgy Committee** supports the Parish Priest in planning regular and upcoming liturgical events. The committee meets 6 times per year.

The **Parish Advisory Council** shares in the leadership of the parish with the Parish Priest, establishing priorities and directions. It meets monthly.

The **Finance Council** supports the parish and advises the Parish Priest regarding the financial administration of parish resources. It meets quarterly.