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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 7th 2016 Reflection

Last night I had the privilege of attending a preview of a new movie called “Risen” backed by a Sony Pictures production house. It is a drama based on the resurrection of Christ but from the perspective of a Roman Centurion who was present at the death of Jesus (and even participated in the death) and who has been tasked with finding out what happened to Jesus’ body after it went missing from the tomb.

As this movie looks at the resurrection story from a non-believer’s point of view, it raises some very interesting and thought-provoking issues: Who was Jesus that he commanded a league of followers even before his death and resurrection? Who was Jesus that he died and came back to life again? Who was Jesus that people who had encounters with him were so changed afterwards?

In today’s readings we see three people who were remarkably changed by their encounters with Jesus – Isaiah, Paul & Simon Peter. In the first reading, Isaiah is convinced of his own and his country-men’s sinfulness after seeing God in a vision, but God forgives him his sins and calls him to be a messenger for God.

In the second reading, Paul reminds the believers of his own sinful past in persecuting the Church and of his forgiveness through the death of Christ. He also reminds believers that he is God’s messenger and that the gospel he preaches is directly from God.

Likewise in the Gospel, Simon Peter has an encounter with Jesus while fishing and becomes convinced of his sinfulness, but Jesus tells him to not be afraid and to become a fisher of men instead of fish.

This series of events – an encounter of God, an awareness of our sinfulness, our forgiveness by God and God’s command to be his messengers – is not just for the people in Biblical times, it is not just for men and it is not just for people in power. This is how God still works in the world today. He still asks, as he did of Isaiah in the first reading, more than 2700 years ago:-

“Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?”

Do we have the courage to say, as Isaiah did, “Here I am, send me”?

(“Risen” the movie official release date is 18/2/16 and it will be showing at the Garden City Cinemas).

Kathy Asnicar, Parishioner

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends: Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 8.30am & 5.30pm

Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 9am

- *The first Wednesday of each month, a Mass of Anointing is held at 10am. This replaces the 9am Mass.*

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9.30am – 10am

Rosary: Mondays –after 9am Mass

LENT—Project Compassion

“In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children”. Pope Francis

With the Lenten season beginning next week, it is timely to reflect on the power of compassion.

So check out the many different things you can do to raise awareness and stand in solidarity with the world’s poorest people.

Your generous support of Project Compassion truly makes a difference.

There are Project Compassion boxes and envelopes available at the entrances to the church. Please collect one to take home.

Follow on Twitter #ProjectCompassion

www.caritas.org.au/donate/

Next Sunday’s Readings:

Year C: 1st Sunday of Lent

Deut 26:4-10; Rom 10:8:13

Gospel: Lk:4:1-13

Date Claimers

FEBRUARY

There will be a

‘Cup of Tea & Bikkies’
after the 8:30am MASS,
today Sunday 7th February.
We invite you all to stay and
enjoy a cuppa and chat!

Thanks to Sophie and the ladies for hosting.

Monday 8th

The **Friends of Zumalai**
Fundraising Committee will hold
their next meeting in the
Community room at **7:30pm.**

New members are welcome.

Wednesday 10th

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass at **9am** and **7:30pm**

Thursday 18th

MT CARMEL

SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB AGM

WILL BE HELD IN THE
CARMEL COMMUNITY ROOM
ON THURSDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

to start at 9.30AM,
with morning tea to follow.
\$5 annual subscription now due.

ALL MOST WELCOME.



Enrolments for Prep at Our Lady of Mt Carmel- 2017 Enrolments are now being accepted at Our Lady of Mt Carmel for Prep in 2017. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website (www.mtcarmelcoorparoo.qld.edu.au) or collected from the school office. Our enrolment policies can be viewed at our website.

Interviews for places at Mt Carmel in 2017 will commence 21st March 2016 (last week of Term 1).

Enrolment forms need to be submitted by the 18th March, 2016.

The table below indicates age eligibility dates for Prep for 2017 enrolments. Please contact the schools should you have any further enquiries.

Children born	Eligible for Prep Year in
1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012	2017
1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013	2018

CARMELITE COMMUNITY NEWS

Carmelite, Brother Sean Keefe, was awarded the OAM in the Australia Day Honours 2016
He is the first Carmelite in Australia to receive this award.

Br Sean, Chaplain at Whitefriars College, Donvale VIC, said he was 'surprised and honoured and a bit embarrassed' to receive the award for his services to the City of Manningham and his long-time involvement with the people of Timor-Leste. "I like to stay in the background," he said. "My most valuable resource is working with wonderful and generous friends."

Br Sean has been raising awareness and funds for the people of East Timor since 2004.

Br Sean has previously been recognised for his services to the City of Manningham, receiving the Australia Day Citizen of the Year award in 2011. Congratulations Br Sean .

Loss and Grief Program - Commencing on Wednesday 17th February, 5.30 for 6pm start at Hemmant. This is a peer support group for adults who have suffered a significant loss in their lives and may be struggling to cope and move on with life. It is a small group, the course is 6 sessions, run over 6 weeks. For information please contact : -

Annette Plummer 0418 997 017 or annette.plummer@forwardthinkingcounselling.net.au

Rosary Bouquet in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at 10.30am ; 11.30 Mass
Saturday 13th February St Stephen's Cathedral Elizabeth Street Brisbane,

We remember those in God's care...

Recently Deceased:

David Weston, Patrick Gaynor, Michael McLean, Patricia O'Neill, Joan O'Leary, Michael McNamara, Ken Levy and all who have died recently.

May they Rest in God's Peace.

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Russell Hinchliffe

We pray for our sick....

Sr Eliane OCD, John Reynolds, Kathleen Horne, Patrick McErlean, Brian Cochrane, Kathleen Horne, Brian Sykes, Joan Logan, Maryanne Faulkner,

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.

FR JEROME

Come and Celebrate with Fr Jerome his Milestone Big 80
Fr Jerome turns 80 on 16th February and we as a parish community are planning to celebrate this milestone on
**Friday 26th February 6pm
at the Carmelite Hall, OLMC School.**

You are all invited

Please RSVP by writing you name and how many are coming with your donation of \$40. This donation will cover the 3 course meal and \$10 towards a gift. Please join us !

Fr Jerome is away on leave at present. He is catching up with family and also the Carmelites at Middle Park in Melbourne. Enjoy your well earned break Fr Jerome !

Next Week's Rosters

13/14th February

Ministers of the Word

6pm: R Houston, S Delaney

8.30am: B Kreutzer, C Kreutzer

5.30pm: R Kreger, A Bach

Ministers of Communion

6pm: R Heath, M Heath, B Kennedy, E Kennedy, M Martin, M Sayer, M Sayer

8.30am: I McCarthy, P Mitchell, M Nicol, M Pascoe, M Pigram, S Robinson, C Sheehy

5.30pm: S Hale, R Kelly, R Kreger, A Mahoney, M O'Leary Chay, L Oliver, B Sullivan

Communion to the Sick

M Martin, E Martin, C Main-Down

Children's Liturgy of the Word

S Cotter, K Rigby, B McPherson

Reflection

Mark/Madeleine Sayer

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