



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH
in the care of the Carmelites since 1937
2nd Sunday of Advent - 6 December 2015

'Privit' declared the large childish lettering on the front of the note left on the teacher's desk late one lunch hour. Picking up the note I turned it over. On the reverse side was a carefully drawn box. Written beside the empty box was a seven year old's heart-felt plea: teecha pleez tick if u luv me. (Yes, little kids can indeed be that direct.) Of course such a question belongs to the universal hunger for relationship and Love — which brings us neatly to today's readings.

Both New Testament readings for today advance our understanding of Love, particularly Love as the overarching revelation of God's nature and by extension our nature too. The Gospel reminds us of the critical importance of turning away from negativity in all its guises. Instead, we are invited, right now, to respond to the Gospel imperative of turning our hearts and minds towards the only offer which can deliver us from those beliefs / behaviours which are damaging to our own spiritual and emotional wellbeing as well as the spiritual and emotional wellbeing of others. At this point enter the Incarnation and with it Jesus' invitation to live from the transforming power of Love, Service and Salvation for all.

Finally, as we seek to take on the big Advent theme of renewal in the Love and service of the Kingdom, it seems more than appropriate to give God the last word. Remember God's angels telling the shepherds "Do not be afraid"? (The Bible says the great enemy of Love is not hate but fear). An important Advent message for us to internalize is the message of freedom, especially freedom from fear. Right now God is empowering us to freely love each other, ourselves and our Creator, the "Other" as my spiritual director calls God. Such Freedom to love. . . is ultimately the heart of the Incarnation. What do you think?

Heather Stabler, Parishioner

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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

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

This Week at Mt Carmel

Renovations to the priory will commence tomorrow Monday 7th December and are expected to continue for approximately 6 months.

Thank you to Mike Connelly and Mick Lyons for their hard work and expertise in assisting with many aspects of these renovations.

*Plans of the renovations are in the foyer.

The funeral for Joan O'Leary will be held this Monday 7th December here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 10:00am.

Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord, may she Rest in Peace

Next Sunday's Readings:

Year C: Third Sunday of Advent

Zeph 3:14-18; 1 Phil 4:4-7;

Gospel: Lk:3:10-18

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve—6pm Children's Mass

Christmas Eve—9pm Mass

Christmas Day - 7am and 9am

Christmas Carols will be sung half an hour before the start of each Mass.

Please note there is no evening Mass on Christmas Day

Congratulations Fr Paul

This Thursday 10th December is the ten year anniversary of Fr's Paul's ordination to the Priesthood.

He will celebrate this wonderful milestone with Mass at 6pm followed by a cup of tea.

All parishioners are invited to come along and join in this special occasion.

The Year of Mercy

This Tuesday 8th December marks the commencement of Pope Francis' 'Extraordinary Year of Mercy'.

It coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.

Pope Francis—"The Catholic Church wants to show herself as a loving mother to all: patient, kind, moved by compassion and goodness towards her separated children".

Rosters

If you are able to assist at our Christmas Masses, by being a Communion Minister, please fill out your name on the sheet (on the table outside the Sacristy).

We are also looking for Communion Ministers for January, as some of our Ministers will be away on holidays. Thank you



St Vincent de Paul Society—Christmas Hamper Appeal

As can be seen by the photo, the hampers look wonderful

A total of around 70 hampers are ready for delivery to those most in need in our local community.

Thank you for your wonderful donations. A special thank you to Margaret Land, St Vincent de Paul and to everyone who has assisted.

The spirit of Christmas is truly alive and well here at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Friends of Zumalai Christmas Cake Stall



Congratulations to our lucky winners of the Friends of Zumalai Christmas raffle—

Wines of the World—Elva Henley (ticket - purple F57)

Voucher for Full Ham— .. Bach (ticket blue F38)

Australian Wine trio— .. Hayes (ticket green D89)

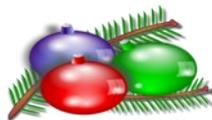
\$100 Coles Voucher— .. Delaney (ticket yellow 073)

Villeroy & Boch 4 champagne glasses—G Murphy (ticket black D24)

Bottle of Baileys— C Johansen (ticket green B33)

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Mt Carmel Seniors Social Club Christmas Party



***The Club will hold its end-of-year break-up Christmas luncheon on
Wednesday 16th December***

at the Carina Leagues Club, to commence 11:30am

Cost \$30 (payable on the day)All seniors welcome

Please let us know if you require transport.

For bookings please call Bernard Ford 3394 1465 or Paddy Boyd 3343 9424.

We remember those in God's care...

Recently Deceased:

Joan O'Leary, Raymond O'Connell, Sean Atkinson, Ester Carlevaro, Anna Moroavia, and all who have died recently.

May they Rest in God's Peace.

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Des Dooley

We pray for our sick....

David Weston, Brian Cochrane, Kathleen Horne, Brian McErlan, Brian Sykes, Joan Logan, Maryanne Faulkner, John O'Loughlin
To have someone included in the Newsletter, please phone or email the Parish.

Names for the sick will be removed after two months, unless notified for them to continue.

Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards are now for sale at the SVDP stall at the front entrance to the Church.

Columban Calendars \$9.00

Christmas Cards—\$3.00 for packs of 8

Next Week's Rosters

12-13th December

Ministers of the Word

6pm: J Wallace, T Murchison

8.30am: D Stewart, S Mulligan

5.30pm: J O'Brien, J Weidman

(Facilitator—Tricia Ryan)

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 R Kelly, R Kreger, A Mahoney, L Oliver, B Sullivan

Communion to the Sick

Michael Martin, Elizabeth Martin

C.L.O.W.

No CLOW—school holidays

Reflection:

Tricia Ryan



Today, we light
our second
Advent Candle,

The candle of Peace

It is sometimes called the Bethlehem candle, to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle Christ.

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