



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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**Sunday**  
**10th March 2019**



**First Sunday of  
Lent  
(Year C)**

## Finding The Way Through The Desert

What image comes to mind when you think of the desert? What are your feelings about this image?

Is the desert a place for survival, struggle, solitude or salvation? Do we see the desert, or the idea of a desert as a place that is devoid of life, a place abandoned or do we see it as life itself stripped down to its very core? A place to find solace, a place to think, to spend time alone and to face truths devoid of distractions.

In today's Gospel, for the first Sunday of Lent, we find Jesus spending time alone in the desert. Jesus however rebuffs each temptation He receives with scripture, even when the Devil tries to trap him by using a verse from scripture itself.

And yet the desert can be a place of fruitfulness. Moses reminds his people in the first reading that God has led them out of slavery and to give thanks to God for his providence. In the second reading Paul restates this core belief of the new Christians that it is through Faith that we are saved.

Right now the Catholic Church in Australia and indeed the western world is going through a deep spiritual crisis, exacerbated by two current high profile cases of historical sexual abuse. Archbishop McCarrick of Washington has recently been defrocked and laicized and our own Cardinal George Pell has been convicted of historical sexual abuse although the appeals process for that needs to run its course.

Many Catholics feel a deep sense of shame and sorrow about what is happening to our Church and feel a deep sense of loss and grief for the Church we love and want to belong to. Many will go through the stages of grief and loss described so well by Dr Elizabeth Kubler-Ross; that is of denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance and not necessarily in that linear order.

This crisis however, coming as it is just before Lent, gives us an opportunity to take stock of not only where our Church is and needs to go to but also more importantly ourselves, for we are the Church, the Body of Christ.

So I invite you to take that journey into the desert and see it not as a place of abandonment and exile but rather as a place of solitude and reflection. A time to get back to your core beliefs and a time to find your unique faith connection with God.

Do as Jesus did by focusing on the Word of God to rebuff temptations and you too will find the way through the desert. God bless you on this journey.

***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 the month (except Mar and Dec) at 10am 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.*

## Parish Diary Dates



- Sun 10** Parish and School Working Bee 2-5pm
- Thur 14** Carmel Care meet at 7pm in CCR
- Sun 17** Lay Carmelites meet at Mass  
RCIA Presentation of the Creed at 8:30am Mass
- Mon 18** St Vincent de Paul meet at 7:30pm in CCR
- Wed 20** Applied Safeguarding Training Level 2 at 6:30pm in the Church
- Sun 24** RCIA Presentation of the Lord's Prayer at 8:30am Mass
- Wed 27** BED Meeting at Sts Peter and Paul, Bulimba at 7pm for 7:30pm start
- Thur 28** Mass and Anointing of the Sick at Casa at 11am  
Carmel Cellars meet at 7:30pm in CCR

## ROOF RESTORATION PROJECT

The safety of our community has been paramount to the Finance Council's decision to approve the replacement of our Church roof tiles with Colourbond sheeting.

The Plant and Resources Committee discovered that the previous roof tiles were unsafely positioned on the Church roof, and there was a serious possibility of major damage occurring to either the building or more importantly to people.

The removal of them revealed how serious the situation was and it required immediate action, for the protection of the safety of our children and families.

The cost of the restoration of our Church Roof, including for skylight repairs (which incidentally still needs to be done) was \$370,000.

We have been able to pay a certain amount from our Parish Investment Account, which has left the remaining \$123,00 still outstanding.

The Current Loan amounts to \$123,000, which we are required to repay to the Archdiocese. The outstanding loan will increase to a range between \$180-185,000 when the skylight repairs are complete.

I am appealing to ALL PARISHONERS to contribute in whatever way you can to the repayment of this outstanding Loan.

Some people have already given generously to this appeal.

**PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A  
CONTRIBUTION, ANY AMOUNT is  
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.**

This is about the **SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN  
and FAMILIES.**

Thank you  
Fr. Wayne



## Mt Carmel Seniors Social Club Bus Excursion

**Thursday 21st March**  
to Coolangatta and 'Super Bee' - Including Light Rail trip from Helensvale to Broadbeach (bring your GoCard!)



**\$50 includes usual fabulous morning tea, lunch at Tweed Heads Golf Club and entry to Super Bee.**

We'll pop into Yatala for a pie on the way home.

Come and enjoy a great day out.

Bus departs church 8.30am.

## **Safeguarding Training Level 2—CLOW, St Vincent de Paul and Communion Ministers to the Sick**

**Event:** Applied Safeguarding Training Level 2

**Venue:** The Church of Our Lady of Mt Carmel  
Coorparoo

**Session Time:** Wednesday, 20 March 2019  
6:30PM—8PM



**Please register online for this training.**

**PLEASE NOTE: you must complete  
Safeguarding Essentials Presentation (Level 1)  
Training before you attend Applied  
Safeguarding Training Level 2.**

**If you attended the face to face Safeguarding  
Training last year then you are welcome to  
attend, however you are not required to  
attend this training at this point in time.**

Please contact the Parish office if you have any questions. *Thank you for your ongoing support.*

## **For your Calendar**

<b>Fri 22</b>	World Water Day
<b>Mon 25</b>	International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
<b>Sat 30</b>	Earth Hour



## **From the Parish Safeguarding Committee**

The Parish Safeguarding Committee has been continuing its work in developing an Implementation Plan to ensure that our parish complies with the requirements of Government, The Archdiocese and the Carmelite Province for all in the parish. Key parts of that strategy have already been implemented in those ministries with a high exposure to children and vulnerable adults, namely Children's Liturgy of the Word and Communion to those in homes and aged care facilities.

The Archdiocese has mandated requirements for each ministry in the parish. We are now moving to the next phase of implementation and many of you who are involved in ministry will be contacted in the near future by your Ministry Coordinator to advise of the requirements for your ministry.

For some, this will involve applying for a Blue Card (Working with Children check or equivalent), having a Police Check, attending Safeguarding Training or other requirements. Others will have fewer requirements. If you are in more than one ministry, the requirements may differ from one to the other. In that case you will need to meet the more extensive requirements.

We realise that these procedures may seem daunting. Through the Parish Office and the Safeguarding Committee, we will be offering support to ministers who need assistance in completing the various forms and training.

We very much appreciate the ministry of so many in the parish and we urge you to bear with us as we implement these mandatory processes. Thank you for your contribution to the mission of our parish and to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our care.



## **Mass Intentions**

### **Recently Deceased:**

Norah Carroll, Daniel Martin,  
Robert McCormack, Una Reilly,  
Barry McGuire, Tim Herbert,  
Helen Arkadieff, Fr Adrian Meaney MSC.

***Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord ...***

### **Anniversaries and Memorials:**

Henry Geary, Catherine Geary,  
Peter Murphy, Mary Josephine Murphy.

### **We pray for our sick...**

Ava Pearce, Peter Delaney, Luke Campbell,  
Ken White, Brock Miller, Phoebe O'Connell,  
Ava Pearce, Muriel McNab, Sarah Hill,  
Daniel Hill, Jim Clifford.

*There are envelopes at the back of the Church for  
your Mass intentions.*

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

***Pope Francis said that "every person ought to  
have the awareness that purchasing is always  
a moral—and not simple an economic—act."***

Cocoa is a key ingredient of chocolate and many  
children in West Africa are enslaved to pick the  
cocoa beans. They will never taste the delicious  
chocolate their slavery helps produce.

Buy only slavery-free chocolate to ensure no  
enslaved children were involved in the production.

To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate, look for any  
of these three certification symbols (below) on the  
wrappers: FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance and  
UTZ. It's delicious and you can buy it at ALDI,  
Haigh's, Oxfam and other leading supermarkets  
and shops.

**Good news:** Late in 2018 the Federal Government  
passed the Modern Slavery Act, which will ask big  
companies to report on their efforts to introduce  
slavery-free goods and services.

**Action:** Watch the Pope's video at:

[https://acrath.org.au/pope-francis-invites-prayer-  
for-human-trafficking-victims/](https://acrath.org.au/pope-francis-invites-prayer-for-human-trafficking-victims/)



## **Rosters for weekend of 16/17 March - Second Sunday of Lent**

### **Ministers of the Word**

**6.00pm:** Jane O'Brien, Libby McGahan.

**8.30am:** Margaret Land, Claire Mitchell.

**5.30pm:** Debra Austin, Cathie Johansen.

**(Facilitator:** Debra Austin)

### **Ministers of Communion**

**6.00pm:** Madeleine Sayer, Mark Sayer, Libby  
McGahan, Geoff Brown, Steph Capra, Leon  
Capra.

**8.30am:** Lyn Montgomery, Brenda Sullivan,  
Paddy Boyd, Stephanie Smrecnik, Kellie  
Wickland, Julie Healy, Georgia Marrion.

**5.30pm:** Annette Mahoney, Bernadette  
Kreutzer, Jane Connolly, Louise Pertnikovs,  
Stephen O'Brien, Harry O'Brien, Maggie  
Crowe.

### **Communion to the Sick**

Sr Madonna Josey, Jane O'Brien, Maggie  
Crowe, Michael Martin, Elizabeth Martin.

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

No CLOW.

### **Reflection**

Kathy/Paul Asnicar.

### **Musicians**

**6:00pm:** Tricia and Gary.

**8:30am:** Mick Lyon's Group.

**5:30pm:** Garry and Mark.

### **Data Projection**

**6:00pm:** Paul Heffernan.

**8:30am:** Mary Tom.

**5:30pm:** John Stuart.

### **Mass Welcoming - Hospitality**

**6:00pm:** Geoff and Helen Pandy.

**8:30am:** Kellie Tesolin and Family.

**5:30pm:** The Sullivan Family.

## **Sunday 17th March—Second Sunday of Lent**

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14 (Responsorial Psalm)

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Luke 9:28-36