



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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7th April  
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Fifth Sunday of  
Lent  
(Year C)

## The Way of Transforming Grace

My memories of Lent as a child were rather dark. The focus was very much on how bad we all were. It was about doing penance to make up for all the sinful things we had done. We were encouraged to go to church more often, say extra prayers and give up something we enjoyed like chocolate, lollies, or for the bigger folks, alcohol or cigarettes.

Not all those things were bad in themselves. But underlying all that effort was an understanding that we were pretty bad people and if we tried hard enough then we could fix ourselves up – make ourselves pure again. That approach to being Christian was eventually condemned as a heresy called Pelagianism.

Today's gospel tells of the woman caught in adultery and brought before Jesus by the Pharisees. They were trying to entrap him and using the woman as a pawn. The penalty for adultery was death by stoning. Of course, there is no mention of the man who was also caught in the act. Jesus begins to write in the ground and utters that famous line, 'If there is one among you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone'. Then he really shocks them by saying, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go away and sin no more'.

Jesus, like St Paul in the second reading from Philippians, understands that we are not perfect and so he offers us his transforming and forgiving grace. Of course, he wants us to lead the best, most loving lives that we can. But as Paul says, we cannot achieve that by our own efforts. We need faith and God's abundant grace.

I remember a priest once saying, 'Many of you think you are inadequate and don't live up to the Christian ideal. Well, you're right! But that's how God loves you and comes to you.' That's what transforming grace is all about. The three arms of Lent; prayer, fasting and almsgiving are only effective if they open us up to the transforming grace of God. So relax, we are all inadequate. Great news, isn't it!

**David Hutton, 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.*

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED FROM MONDAY 15  
APRIL, RE-OPENING ON  
TUESDAY 23 APRIL.

WISHING ALL OUR LADY OF  
MT CARMEL PARISHIONERS  
A SAFE AND BLESSED EASTER.

## **THERE WILL BE NO 9AM MASS NEXT THURSDAY 11 APRIL**

THE CHRISM MASS WILL BE  
CELEBRATED AT 7pm at  
THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN  
249 ELIZABETH STREET  
BRISBANE



**A celebration for the entire Archdiocese -  
ALL WELCOME**

## **Safeguarding Update**

Ministers who need to complete Level 1 Training  
can do so online. It involves a 20 minute video  
presentation which can be found at:

<https://www.safeguardingaob.com.au/safeguarding-training.html>

For those who need to complete Level 2 Training  
**(CLOW, St Vincent De Paul, Ministers of  
Communion to the Sick and Sacristans)**, the  
next training will be as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7pm – 9pm

**Location:** Bulimba Parish Hall, 25 Main Ave,  
Bulimba.

*Please note that you must complete Level 1 before  
you attend Level 2 Training. If you attended face to  
face training last year, then you do not need  
to complete any training at this time.*

*If you need assistance in completing the  
safeguarding requirements for your ministry such  
as copying identification documents and having  
them certified for Blue Card and Police Check  
applications, please visit the Parish Office on  
**Tuesday 9th April between 1pm and 3:30pm.** If  
you are unable to attend at that time, please  
contact the Parish Office to arrange another time  
for copying of documents and/or to be put in  
contact with a JP to certify your documents. We  
have a list of parishioners who are JPs who are  
happy to assist.*

*Thank you for your ongoing support.*

## Parish Diary Dates



### April

- Wed 10** Mass of Forgiveness at 7pm
- Thur 11** **No 9am Mass**—Chrism Mass at  
Cathedral at 7pm
- Sun 14** Lay Carmelites meet at Mass
- Mon 15** St Vincent de Paul meet in the CCR  
at 7:30pm  
Parish Office Closed—re-opens 23  
April
- Wed 17** RCIA Practice Night at 7:30pm in  
CCR
- Thur 25** Carmel Cellars Anzac Day/Timor  
Leste Charity BBQ
- 1 May** Mass of Anointing at 10am. No 9am  
Mass  
Carmel Conversations at 7pm in the  
School Hall (Our Lady of Mt Carmel  
Primary School)

## Carmel Conversations

A new initiative of the Parish Advisory Council is a series of occasional conversations, opportunities to meet in a relaxed atmosphere and talk about issues pertinent to us as a parish. The first of these is scheduled for **Wednesday 1 May from 7.00pm – 9.00pm** in the school hall. All are invited to come along, enjoy a glass of wine and a facilitated conversation on the notion of **Inclusion**.

At our recent Dialogue and Listening Encounter in preparation for the Plenary Council, **inclusion** was identified as an aspiration of our community. What does it mean to be inclusive, who do we include, how do we include, how do we as a parish become more deliberately inclusive of all?

Our first facilitator for our first Carmel Conversations will be a Carmel – Carmel Dunne, well known to many as a previous principal of Loreto College.

We look forward to conversing with you on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Jane Connolly (on behalf of Parish Advisory Council).

*(In the interests of being inclusive, if you would like to come but need a lift, please let us know at the parish office.)*



## PROJECT COMPASSION



Salma was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013. In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick and in distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and provide hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families.**

*Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.*

## EASTER MASS TIMES

Date	Mass	Time	Additional Information
Wed 10th April	Mass of Forgiveness	7pm	No 9am Mass that morning.
Sat 13th April Sun 14th April	Palm Sunday 	Regular Weekend Mass Times	Please bring your own palms and return all Project Compassion envelopes by Palm Sunday.
Thurs 18th April	Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00pm	No 9am Mass that morning.
Friday 19th April (Good Friday)	Stations of the Cross Passion of the Lord	10:00am 3:00pm	
Sat 20th April (Holy Saturday)	Easter Vigil	7:00pm	Supper after this Mass; please bring a plate if attending.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Sunday	8:30am	No 5:30pm Mass.

## Mass Intentions

### **Recently Deceased:**

Desmond Fanning, Margaretha Tijahyono, Mary Codd, Keith Hayes, Belinda Rigg, Colleen Bellett, Daniel Martin, Una Reilly, Fr Adrian Meaney MSC.

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

### **Anniversaries and Memorials:**

John Butler O.Carm

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

Jim Clifford, Ava Pearce, Peter Delaney, Sarah Hill, Daniel Hill, Muriel McNab, Phoebe OConnell.

*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.*

***Last month, while speaking about modern slavery Pope Francis said that, faced with the tragic reality of modern slavery, “no one can wash their hands of it, without being in some way, an accomplice to this crime against humanity”.***

***Thinking of buying Easter eggs? Use your money justly—please.***

What Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter? There is now a wide range of slavery-free chocolate and Easter eggs available, including a budget-priced range of UTZ certified products in ALDI, Coles and a wide selection at Haighs and OXFAM shops; Chocolatier also produces FAIRTRADE Easter chocolate.

**Good News:** The Sydney Archdiocese is reviewing and revising all relevant contractual and business practices as part of its commitment to eradicating human trafficking. They are joining a powerful movement that will change, forever, the lives of enslaved children—God’s children.

**Action:** Tell three people about the importance of buying only slavery-free chocolate this Easter and beyond. Try some and tell them how good it tastes. Join this global fight against modern slavery.

<https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter/>

For information and resources.



**Rosters for weekend of 13/14 April - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

### Ministers of the Word

**6.00pm:** Jenny Wallis, Tracey Laing.

**8.30am:** Judy Bakker, Duncan Stuart.

**5.30pm:** Maggie Crowe, Ron Kreger.

(Facilitator: Ron Kreger)

### Ministers of Communion

**6.00pm:** Madeleine Sayer, Mark Sayer, Erica Kennedy, Brian Kennedy, Jenny Wallis, Sue Delaney.

**8.30am:** Carla Sheehy, Chris Turvey, Julie Healy, Gerard Connors, Paddy Boyd, Tricia Eckersley, Kellie Wickland.

**5.30pm:** Anthea Bach, Clare Bach, Louise Pertnikovs, Maggie Crowe, Stephen O’Brien, Ros Kelly, Rosemary Dall’alba.

### Communion to the Sick

Anne Worn, Maggie Crowe, Mike Dale.

### Children’s Liturgy of the Word

School Holidays—no CLOW.

### Reflection

John Clarke.

### Musicians

**6:00pm:** Charmaine, Gary and Marion.

**8:30am:** Nerida and Craig.

**5:30pm:** Greg, Jodi-May, Cedric and John.

### Data Projection

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

**8:30am:** Aurea Taylor.

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

### Mass Welcoming - Hospitality

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

**8:30am:** Matthew Schuh and Family.

**5:30pm:** Ros Kelly and John Stuart.

**Sunday 14th April —Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Isaiah 50:4-7

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 (Responsorial Psalm)

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 23:1-49