



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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The Ascension of
the Lord
(Year C)

The ascension provokes its fair share of wonder and awe. Off Jesus went into the heavens, so it suggests; way beyond us and into infinity. And so, we lift our eyes to the heavens and what do we see? All kinds of cosmic wonders – planets and galaxies, nebulas and supernovas, comets and cosmic clusters. Amazing stuff.

It can make us feel a bit small though. Maybe even insignificant. The universe is so vast, all but beyond the comprehension of little old you and me. Our sphere of influence, our planet earth, can seem but a speck in the vastness of eternity.

A question is asked of the apostles: "Why are you standing here looking into the sky?" Why search for God in the great beyond? This question encapsulates the very reality check we so need. When we get mired in the misery of our smallness, looking only outwards, we can easily miss the real wonder of the ascension. God is not up there, out there!

God is here, deeply imbued in our everyday experience.

In the ascension we celebrate the final reunion of what appeared to be separate – earth and heaven, human and divine, matter and spirit. Far from being about our separation from the heavens, it is about the oneness of all.

And so, as we turn our gaze within, to the here and now, we find intimations of the divine in wild abundance. If we but look. As Jesus did. God is here in the daily reality of our sisters and brothers; right here where we are. Jesus once walked on the wrong side of the road with the wrong kind of people. Jesus was in the wilderness. He befriended the vulnerable and the marginalised. It is our turn now to do the same. We are to be God's witnesses.

The ascension calls us not to look up, but to trust that Christ's promise is down and in and around us. Right here. Right now.

Christine Clarke, 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



- Mon 3** St Vincent de Paul
meet in the CCR at 7:30pm
- Wed 5/** Mass of Anointing at 10am
- Thur 6** Family Activity Session for
Eucharist—First Holy Communion in
the School Hall from 6:30-7:30pm
- Fri 7** Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary
Whole School Pentecost Mass at 9am
in the Church
- Sat 8** Amazing Grace—Marriage Encounter
at 8am in the Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Primary School Hall
Deanery Trivia Night at Sts Peter and
Paul, Bulimba at 7:30pm
- Sun 9** Pentecost Sunday
- Sat 15/** First Holy Communion at all
- Sun 16** Masses
Lay Carmelites meet at Mass

Food for thought from our first Carmel Conversation

On May 1st, approximately thirty parishioners gathered in the school hall for the first in our series of Carmel Conversations. A new initiative of the Parish Advisory Council, Carmel Conversations are designed to provide the opportunity to meet in a relaxed atmosphere and talk about issues pertinent to us as a parish community. In our first conversation, so ably facilitated by Carmel Dunne, we explored the aspiration of inclusion.

The discussion was rich and diverse with as many questions raised as answers given. Responses to Carmel's invitation to explore the notion of inclusion centred on our individual readiness to do so, ways in which we as a parish could be more inclusive, how the broader church speaks of inclusion and ways in which we could reach out to others. Activities such as taking risks, participations, engagement and being intentional in forming community were common to all four themes which emerged.

We were reminded that inclusion is a gift we can give to others; that it is a form of authentic liberation. It does not presuppose or require us to approve of all values and behaviours, but true inclusion does require us to be slow to judge and anchored in a spirituality of humility. We were reminded of the words of Thomas Merton: *Inclusion is fostered with great simplicity of heart.*

Providing hospitality as a means of welcoming, outreach and growth as a more inclusive community was a recurring comment. To celebrate our Parish Feast Day we intend to do just that. All are invited to come together at **10am on 21st July for Mass in the school hall** which will be followed by a **BBQ celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel**. You will hear more of these plans in the weeks to come.

Our conversations and explorations of how to become a more inclusive community will continue so that the words of one of our conversationalists become a lived reality. *Let all who come to Mt Carmel know that they are loved and never alone.*

Join us on July 21st!

Parish Advisory Council

2019 PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

THE CARMELITES OF AUSTRALIA & TIMOR-LESTE

deep wells / living water

From the 24th until the 28th June the Carmelites of Australia and Timor Leste will gather in Melbourne for the Triennium meeting called Provincial Chapter.

This year's theme chosen for the meeting is: Deep Wells/ Living Water; reminding us of the encounter between Jesus and the woman of Samaria in the Gospel of John (chapter 4; 5-42). An appropriate theme given the challenges of our 'cross-cultural living' within the communities we are now forming, with brothers from Timor Leste and Australia.

The Provincial Chapter is described as a 'meeting with the Holy Spirit' as both brothers and sisters gather in dialogue with one another, set policies and make decisions for our future, and elect a new Team to lead the Carmelite community, and those who minister with us, within the two countries we are actively present in, for the next three years.

There will be about 70 gathering together, brothers from around Australia, Timor Leste, and various representatives from our different places of ministry.

Madeleine Sayer (Advisory Council), Peter White (Prior of Lay Carmelites) will come from the Coorparoo community, along with Januario and myself. We would all welcome any input you may wish to express for our coming together.

Please join us in praying the prayer, in preparation for this most important meeting, of two cultures coming together, and men and women from our places of ministry, to listen, to hear with an attentive silence the movement of God's Spirit among us:

"Tender-hearted God, you know our thirst. We ask for the living water, Jesus your Son. As we meet Christ together at the well, may his Spirit re-shape us in his image, form us as brothers and sisters, and overflow in loving words and actions for all people.

Together, seeking the face of the living God like Elijah, may we live in allegiance to Jesus Christ. Our Lady help of Christians pray for us."

Fr. Wayne



This weekend we welcome **Willow Cullen, Leo Kim, Henry Kim and Zara Wendt** into our Mt Carmel Community.

Key Dates for the Sacrament of Eucharist—First Holy Communion

Activity	Date	Time	Location
Family Activity Session	Wednesday 5th June <u>or</u>	6:30-7:30pm	Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School Hall
	Thursday 6th June	6:30-7:30pm	
First Holy Communion	All Masses	Saturday 15th June/	Church
		Sunday 16th June	
First Holy Communion	6pm	Saturday 22nd June	Church
	8:30am	Sunday 23rd June	

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Brian O'Hagan, Peter Grealy, Jean Vanier,
Aristeo Avenia, Owen Hendy,
Terry McMahan, Zhiding Gong.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord ...

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Patrick O'Dwyer, Philip Moore,
Patricia Moore, Mary M Meacham.

We pray for our sick...

Nancy O'Dea, Dulcie Shimmen,
Michelle Windsor, Gina Giufre,
Connie Pizzato, Jim Clifford, Peter Delaney.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2019

We see this feast day as an opportunity to celebrate diversity in our community.

Thus we are asking if you are fluent in another language, if you would pray the following prayer during the Prayers of Intercession in the clothing of your country of culture.

We pray for the Spirit's gift of peace.

*Peace in our world, peace in Australia;
peace in our community; peace in our
families and peace in our hearts.*

Lord hear us.

Copies of this prayer are also available in the Church foyer.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK

We welcome parishioners to undertake this richly rewarding ministry of taking Communion to the sick and housebound on Sundays.

Please contact the Parish office on 3397 1587 for further information.

You will be required to complete relevant Safeguarding requirements. Thank you.

Rosters for the weekend of 8/9 June - Pentecost Sunday

Ministers of the Word

6:00pm: Therese Murchison, Tracey Laing.

8:30am: Peter Woods, Patricia Mitchell.

5:30pm: Debra Austin, Cathie Johansen.

(Facilitator: Debra Austin)

Ministers of Communion

6:00pm: Tracey Laing, Sue Delaney, Geoff Pandy, Madeleine Sayer, Mark Sayer.

8:30am: Laurice Woods, Peter Leighton, Stephanie Smrechnik, Tricia Eckersley, Carla Sheehy, Michael Martin, Melissa Pascoe .

5:30pm: Lesleigh Egan, Cathy Agius, Vince Agius, Ros Kelly, Karen McIntosh, Clare Bach, Joanna Bach.

Communion to the Sick

Michael Martin, Elizabeth Martin, Anne Worn, Maggie Crowe.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Skye Carroll, Belinda Fritz, Jen Sexton.

Reflection

Catherine Allen.

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: Trish McGregor and Tricia Alexander.

8:30am: Kylie Burns and Family.

5:30pm: Ros Kelly and John Stuart.

Sunday 9th June —Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 (Responsorial Psalm)

Romans 8:8-17

John 14:15-16, 23-26