



# OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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Sunday 2nd  
February  
2020



The Presentation  
of the Lord  
(Year A)

As a mother, what must Mary have been thinking as she entered into the events that surrounded today's Gospel reading? She had gone through the normal birth process, (although it must be said, not with the normal conception process), and now she had her first-born, beautiful son. In Judaism, while all first-born sons of the Father receive the inheritance, all first-born sons of the mother require purification because they have opened the wombs of their Mother (Exodus 13:2; Pidyon Haben). When Jesus was one month old, it was Mary's turn to present Jesus to the Temple to be purified, as all faithful Jewish mothers were required to do with their first-born sons – nothing extraordinary here – just doing what is expected, doing what is required – as Mothers all over the earth do every day for their children.

Except this is no ordinary Temple visit. Simeon, an old man, obviously very faith-filled, but possibly a little crazy, stops her and blesses her son, making a big deal out of him. His very words must have confounded Mary:-

You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.

I imagine Mary thinking:-

“What?! My son? He's only one month old”

“What? My son, destined for not just the rising of many in Israel, but the fall also?”

“What? My son, rejected? Why? How? By Whom?”

“What? How will my son cause a sword to pierce my own soul?”

“No, say it isn't so!”

There was also a prophetess called Anna at the Temple, an old lady who spent all her days at the Temple fasting and praying. When Anna saw Jesus, she praised God. What did Mary make of Anna's comments right on the back of Simeon's prophecy?

Today's readings remind us that it was both Jesus' humanity and divinity that enabled him to save us from slavery. The fact that Jesus was just like you and me, except without sin, enabled him to be the “refiner and purifier” foretold in the first reading from Malachi, and the atonement as stated in the second reading from Hebrews:

It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins

Together with Mary, as a mother and as a follower of Jesus, I can only ponder these things in my heart and thank God for his love and mercy.

*Kathy Asnicar, Parishioner*

## CARMELITE COMMUNITY

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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 will be held on 4th March, 3rd  
June, 5th August and 7th October 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.*

## Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux

### *The Little Flower of Jesus*



For the first time in 18 years, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux, one of the most popular saints of modern times, will visit Australia this year on a four-month pilgrimage with her parents, saints Louis and

Zelie Martin.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish will be the first place in for her to come here in Brisbane in 2020.

St Thérèse is one of the patron saints of mission. St Thérèse loved the work of mission and wanted to travel to spread the gospel all over the world and show how Jesus loves all people.

Thérèse was born in France on January 2nd, 1873. She was the last of nine children born to Louis and Zelie Martin although only five of those children lived to reach adulthood.

### Thursday 6th February

**4pm** Prayer of Welcome

**5pm** Mass

**6:30pm** Veneration of Relics

**8:30pm** Evening Prayer in the spirit of Taizé

**9:30pm** Veneration of Relics

**10pm** Close of Church

### Friday 7th February

**7:30am** Reflecting on the Story of the three Saints (led by the Lay Carmelite community)

**9am** Mass (led by Mt Carmel School)

Rosary following Mass (led by members of Mt Carmel Rosary group)

**10:30am** Prayer of Farewell

Further information can be found at <https://catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-thérèse-of-lisieux>

## Parish Diary Dates



### Feb 2020

**Mon 3** St Vincent de Paul meet at 7:30pm in the CCR

**Thur 6** 9am Whole School Mass  
Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux arrive at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish

**Fri 7** Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux depart

**Sat 8** Season for Growth Seminar at 8:30am at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Primary School Staff Room—follow this link:  
<https://carmelcare.eventbrite.com.au>

**Feb 15** Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, Belmont Services Bowls Club, 6:30pm

**Feb 17** St Vincent de Paul meet at 7:30pm in the CCR

**Feb 23** Family Mass at 8:30am  
Carmel Care Hospitality following 8:30am Mass

## Invitation to join OLMC Parish Ministries 2020

As we return at the start of a new year, you are invited to join one of the ministries that are so valued by our parish. Copies of the Ministry Booklet are available in the church foyer.

**\*Urgently needed at present are Readers and Data Projectionists\*.**

All new volunteers receive induction and support before being added to the roster.

Please contact Janelle at the Parish Office for more information and/or to add your name to the Parish Ministries.

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## LITTLE KINGS MOVEMENT FOR THE HANDICAPPED APPEAL

**This weekend!**

“The Little King’s Movement” once a year conducts a Parish Appeal, a Door Knock supported by some Catholic schools. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities.

There is no Government funding and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

If at this time you are unable to help financially you may be able to give of your time or talents. If so, please contact the Movement.

Phone: 3391 1432

[www.thelittlekingsmovement.org.au](http://www.thelittlekingsmovement.org.au)

OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH is very grateful to have received **\$2871.85** from the Mt Carmel Community to support those families and communities as they work to recover from the bushfires. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder that

**The Seasons for Growth Seminar will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

8.30am – 12 noon at

Mt Carmel School Staff Room

A Seminar that focuses on supporting people who experience grief and loss

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all those Ministers who kindly volunteered over the holiday period. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE YOUTH MISSION

Thank you to each and every one of you in your support of my involvement as a NET missionary.

Thanks to this community, I have now raised \$4,186.45, which means I have \$2,213.55 left to raise.

NET Ministries and I will be sure to send through some updates throughout the year, so keep a look-out. Please keep the young people of Australia in your prayers as we head into 2020.

Thank you for supporting His Church, His mission, and His Love. God bless and have a Spirit-filled year!

“And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

(Hebrews 12:1-2)

*Joey Bach*

 **NET ministries**  
A U S T R A L I A

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Recently Deceased:**

Bernadette Neil, Tot Vu, Aunty Joan Hendriks, Desmond Dale, Peter Michael Callinan, Fr Ray Brain CP, Fr John Rasmussen, Fr John Barry OSA.

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

### **Anniversaries and Memorials:**

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

Andrew Jones, Gavan Carrol, Judy Gray, Erwin Zerbe, John Clarke, James Clifford, Aidan Donnelly, Kieran Donnelly, Coral Ruffin, David Gibb, Athol Logan, Peter Nunan.

*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*

## **St Stephens Guides and Welcomers**

Do you enjoy meeting people and love our Cathedral?

Do you want to learn more about our Cathedral's art and it's rich history, and share your knowledge with our visitors?

If this sounds like you, the rewards of joining the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers are beyond measure.

A comprehensive and interesting training programme is provided.

If this ministry appeals to you please contact the Cathedral 3324 3030 or email [deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au) by Monday 3 February 2020 to register for the Catholic Guides and Welcomers Information Day being held in the Francis Rush Centre in the Cathedral precinct on Wednesday 5 February 2020.





## Villa Maria Open Day

22nd February 2020  
10am - 2pm  
171 St Pauls Terrace,  
Fortitude Valley

**RSVP**  
1300 951 501

## **Rosters for the weekend of 8/9 February — Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Ministers of the Word**

**6:00pm:** Michael Barry, Jenny Wallis.

**8:30am:** Marita Fox, Mary White.

**5:30pm:** Chris Clarke, Maria Murphy.  
(Facilitator: Michael Barry)

### **Ministers of Communion**

**6:00pm:** Jenny Wallis, Vanda Evison, Madeleine Sayer, Mark Sayer, Sue Delaney, Geoff Pandy.

**8:30am:** Julie Healy, Alan Sim, Kellie Wickland, Chris Turvey, Paddy Boyd.

**5:30pm:** Ron Kreger, Lesleigh Egan, Erin McGrath.

### **Communion to the Sick**

Tracey Laing, Bob Green, Michael and Elizabeth Martin.

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

TBA

### **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: Rex Atkinson.

5:30pm: John Stuart.

### **Mass Welcoming - Hospitality**

6:00pm: Geoff and Catherine Brown.

8:30am: Leysia Moore and Family.

5:30pm: Michael and Oliver Kearney.

## **Sunday 9th February—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

Isaiah 58:7-10

Ps 111:4-9 (Responsorial Psalm)

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16