



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

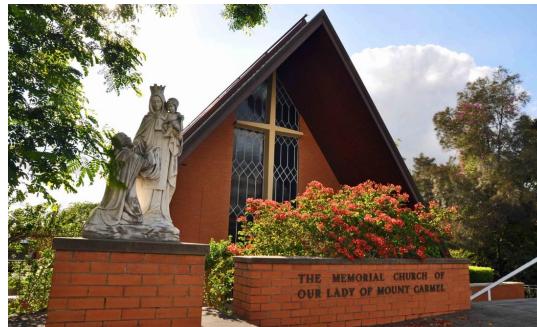
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Fourth Sunday of
Lent
(Year A)

Be Opened ... to See *Jn 9:1-41*

I knew what was happening even though I could not see. The sounds and smells were enough to know that the feast of Tabernacles was underway. I could hear people building their little booths (tabernacles) to live in for seven days as a reminder of when God led our ancestors in the desert, but also as a reminder of the promise that God would tabernacle with us one day. From my vantage point, I could sense the great ritual where, each day, the High Priest led a procession to the pool of Siloam to gather water to collect water in a large jar. This was then poured on the altar in the Temple to express our hope for a “living water” that will purify Israel to a new life and again free us from oppression. Every evening, I could hear and smell the lighting of the four golden oil-fed lamps so big that they lit up the city. Oh, how I longed to see this sight, this reminder of the pillar of fire that led us in the desert.

But perhaps such a sight was never for someone blind and banished. People would talk about me in earshot as if I couldn’t hear as well as being blind. They would wonder out loud whether my blindness was a result of my, or my parents’ sin. Mostly people decided that it was my parents’ because I have been blind from birth. I was deemed a sinner, and therefore not welcome at the Temple.

But this all changed – you will hear how in my story today. I started to hear a startling new voice on the street during the Feast of Tabernacles. A voice that was not endearing itself to the Pharisees. They didn’t like it because the voice cried out that he was the ‘Living Water’ – declared that he was the “Light of the World.” How audacious to associate these Temple symbols and rituals with himself! Oh, but it was thrilling to hear. And then... this audacity started to include me! This voice that was equating itself with the Temple spoke to me! No-one spoke to me as I was a pariah, a sinner. Then further boldness – this voice broke the Sabbath by making mud. Then told me to wash in the pool of Siloam – the very pool of the Temple ritual. It was like he was purposely provoking the Pharisees to show that he was indeed the Light and Living Water – they seem unswayed, even hostile to the return of my sight.

Amazing as all this was, the most emotional thing that happened was not that I could see again. It was that I, who had been driven away from the Temple, was sought out by Jesus. He came and found me! Me! This is when my eyes were truly opened. I don’t know how, but here was the Light of the World, the Living Water, Messiah. This Jesus was truly the Lord of the Temple, the shekinah Glory of God that was tabernacled in our midst. I was opened to a new imagination, a new way of seeing: metanoia.

The former blind man as interviewed by Paul 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.

Parish Diary Dates



March

Thur 26 Carmel Cellars meet at 7:30pm in the CCR

April

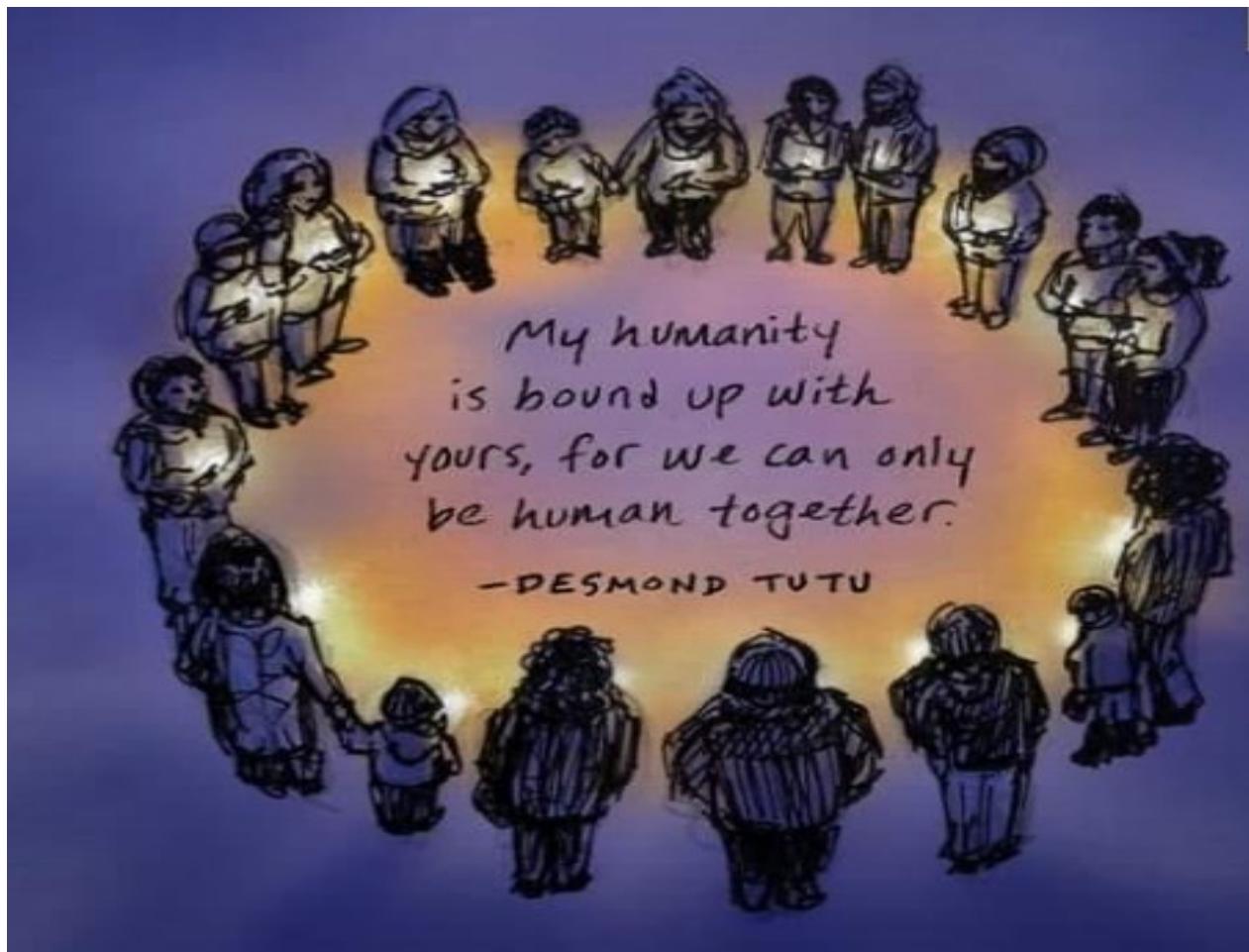
Mon 6 St Vincent de Paul meet at 7:30pm in the CCR

Sun 19 Lay Carmelites meet at 8:30am Mass

Mon 20 St Vincent de Paul meet at 7:30pm in the CCR

Sat 25 Carmel Cellars Anzac Day Charity BBQ

Sunday on the Green (FOZ) —Event has been postponed



Quote from Desmond Tutu via The Contemplative Monk.

COVID-19 and the implications for NOW

There has been much consideration and discussion about the current health crisis and we are being advised by the Archbishop and his consultants, who are receiving directives from the Australian Health Authorities, as to 'best practice' for our liturgical gatherings and guidance about our Pastoral Ministry until further notice.

I wish to inform you now of some decisions we have made and actions we will be taking:

- There will be NO Holy Water in the fonts within the Church NOW and following the Easter Vigil.
- Communion will not be given from the Chalice and all Ministers of Communion are required to wash their hands both before and after distributing the Body of Christ.
- I would encourage all to receive the Body of Christ on the hand and NOT the tongue for the present, as a health precaution.
- The Mass offering collections will be moved to the end of Mass and collected in baskets at the Church doors by our St Vincent de Paul people.
- Communion will no longer be taken to homes, hospitals or Aged Care Facilities (i.e. Janolma; Casa etc.)
- The Mass of Anointing in the Church and at Casa Aged Care Facility will cease until further notice.
- At the Sign of Peace during the Mass, simply turn to each other and wish each other words of peace.
- At this point in time, the Mass of Forgiveness, Palm Sunday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Stations of the Cross, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Mass will occur but in a simplified form in accordance with the necessary health precautions.
- The Federal Government has announced that gatherings of more than 500 people should not go ahead. With this in mind, the ceremony of the Passion of the Lord will NOT take place at 3pm on GOOD FRIDAY.
- On Good Friday, there will be the Stations of the Cross at 10am. The Church will be open from 2.30pm until 4pm on Good Friday, for people to come and bring the sufferings of our world before the Cross, in QUIET REFLECTION as individuals, and in small groups.
- There will be NO shared supper after the VIGIL Mass.

Finally, our Church will continue to remain open until any contrary directives are received from the Archdiocese or the Government.

Our priority must be the pastoral care and health of each person, especially the poor and the elderly.

Your Carmelite brothers: Wayne, Januario, Donato and Matthew.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Gavan Carroll, Fr Peter Conroy,
 Archbishop John Bathersby,
 Fr Joseph Colman Walsh OSA,
 Maeve Murphy, Keith Anderson, Joy Capra,
 John Donnelly, Carmel Holmes,
 Sr Mary Foster, Andrew Jones, Bruce James,
 Judith Hempel.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord ...

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Desmond Fanning, Alphonsus Kindelan
 O.Carm, Aloysis Farnsworth O.Carm.

We pray for our sick...

Denis Veal, John Feltoe, Dean Hall, Tricia
 Alexander, James 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.



Reach Beyond: Become Simply Rich....

All trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. They're not asking for money or gifts that contribute to degrading dependence. Your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. [Palms Australia](#) will provide you with thorough preparation and support. You will be rewarded with riches greater than you might imagine.

Look at www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0422472567, or email pals@palms.org.au

Thirty-two-year-old Sakun lives in a village in central east India. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



Rosters for the weekend of 28/29 March —

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ministers of the Word

6:00pm: Michael Barry, Tracey Laing.
8:30am: Judy Bakker, Robin Cooley.
5:30pm: Brian Egan, Br Matthew.
(Facilitator: Michael Barry)

Ministers of Communion

6:00pm: Tracey Laing, Steph Capra, Leon Capra.
8:30am: Tricia Eckersley, Laurice Woods, Lorraine Andrew.
5:30pm: Karen McIntosh, Wendy Gemmell.

Communion to the Sick

NO COMMUNION TO THE SICK until further notice.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

NO CLOW until further notice.

Reflection

David Hutton.

Musicians

6:00pm: Paul, Helen and Michael.
8:30am: Cara and James.
5:30pm: Garry and Mark.

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6:00pm: Alison Buchhorn.
8:30am: John Stuart.
5:30pm: John Clarke.

Mass Welcoming - Hospitality

NO NEWSLETTERS HANDED OUT AT MASS until further notice.

Sunday 29th March—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Ps 129 (Responsorial Psalm)

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45