



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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Christmas
December 2018



The Nativity of the
Lord
(Year C)

Christmas Greetings to All within our Mt Carmel Community.

“Collectively, we’re moving toward the Omega point; but every time you and I hate, fear, compete, attack, judge, separate- thus avoiding the necessary letting go- we are resisting the full flow of Love, the energy which is driving the universe forward.”
Richard Rohr o.f.m.

These words may sound a bit ‘heavy’ to be part of a Christmas reflection but I have found myself wondering a lot lately, what is it within us, as human beings, that causes the degree of anger and in some cases ‘rage’ towards one and another? Why is it that we cling to this fear of ‘difference’ of anyone I consider different to myself, and then seem to feel free to make harsh judgement?

The attitude of ‘entitlement’ seems to also give us the thinking that any level of expectation of others, be they reasonable or not, I have the right to impose on others, regardless of what pain this may cause them!

When I can see the ‘mystery of God’ within all LIFE, I have opened myself to this wonderful flow of LOVE that Richard Rohr refers to. It is then that I am being Christian and Christ is reborn in our hearts and minds.

Is this not the true meaning of Christmas to allow the Incarnate Word of God’s Love to find a home in our hearts and minds?

We can make a difference in our world NOW. May we dare to!

Christmas Blessings

Fr Wayne

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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 certain months 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.*



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Mon 24 Dec No 9am Mass

6:00pm Children's Mass

8:30pm Christmas Eve
Mass

Tues 25 Dec 7:00am Mass

9:00am Mass

No Communion Service

**Tues 1 Jan 9:00am Mass Mary, The
Holy Mother of God**

No Communion Service

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FROM FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER, RE-
OPENING ON MONDAY 21 JANUARY
2019.**

**WISHING THE OUR LADY OF MT
CARMEL COMMUNITY A SAFE AND
BLESSED CHRISTMAS BREAK.**

Parish Diary Dates



January 2019

Tues 1 9am Mass (No Communion Service)

Sat 19 Marriage Encounter Weekend in CCR

Mon 21 Parish Office re-opens
St Vincent de Paul meet at 7:30pm in
CCR

Thurs 24 Mass and Anointing of the Sick at
Casa at 11am

February 2019

Sat 2/ Little King's Movement Appeal at

Sun 3 All Masses

Mon 4 St Vincent de Paul meet at 7:30pm in
CCR

Wed 6 No 9am Mass—Mass of Anointing at
10am

RCIA meet at 7:30pm in CCR

Wed 13 RCIA meet at 7:30pm in CCR



**A beginning point for
discussion of this
week's Gospel with
children:**

Can you name all the different people
involved in the Christmas story?

Apart from the baby Jesus, who is your
favourite character? *What makes them
your favourite?*

The birth of Jesus was an extraordinary
event – God becoming human.

What are some of the things in the
Christmas story that tell us something
extraordinary is happening?

The angels told the shepherds that the
Saviour was born. What is a saviour?
How can a little baby be our saviour?

Are you passionate and committed to giving something back to the parish community?

Could your New Year's gift to the Mt Carmel Community be to become a more active member of the Community?

We are looking for **people** to become more actively involved in 2019 by assisting with:

- ♦ Cleaning the Church
- ♦ Eucharistic Ministers
- ♦ Musicians
- ♦ Sacristans
- ♦ Opening and Closing the Church
- ♦ Helping with care of the grounds

This involvement would be on a roster basis so you and your family can nominate days that suit you.

We are desperately in need for people to become involved.

Please contact Janelle or Fr Wayne at the Parish Office on 3397 1587 or mtcarmel@bne.catholic.net.au



The Most Enduring Gift This Season - A Gift in Your Will

Please prayerfully consider including a gift in your Will to our Parish (otherwise known as a bequest) to strengthen the future of our faith and pass on the Gospel message to the next generation.

It is important to include the correct reference to our Parish when updating or creating your Will.

For an information kit, please contact Anna Herbert, Donor Relations Manager - Bequests, Archdiocese of Brisbane on ph 3324 3211 or herberta@bne.catholic.net.au More information is available at www.catholicfoundation.org.au

Carmelite News



Father Januario has been appointed to our Provincial Committee to plan for our Carmelite Provincial

Chapter, which will take place from the 24th until 28th June 2019, in Melbourne.

The committee will be meeting each month between now and June, when both Janu and I will be attending our Provincial Chapter.

On Monday 17th December we welcomed to our community Avelino Dos Santos and Agostinho Dos Santos, two of our Carmelite students who are currently studying in Melbourne.

They have joined us here at Mt Carmel Coorparoo from the 17th December until the 18th January 2019. I am sure we will make them both very welcome.

Finally I am away from the 26th December until the 19th January, attending a silent directed retreat in our Carmelite Hermitage in Scipio Kansas USA.

Our Carmelite practise to ensure the living of our contemplative life in the midst of a very active ministry, is to do an annual retreat. It has not been possible for me to do this over the past three years because of the demands of the Parish ministry.

Now with the presence of Father Januario to assist in the Parish, it is possible for me to take this time.

Please keep me in your prayers as I will also.

May the joy, peace and love of the Christ Child be your gift as families this Christmas.

fr. Wayne

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Fr Bill McKeown, Matt Ayre,
Rene Oudeman, Sr Joe Maria CMC.

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord ...

Anniversaries and Memorials:

Andrew McNab O.Carm.

We pray for our sick...

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.*

ELECTRONIC VOLUNTEER ROSTERS

In response to requests last year we have moved
to an electronic volunteer sign-up rather than the
sheets at the doors of the Church.

The ministries on the volunteer sheet are Readers,
Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians and Data
Projectionists.

You can access the electronic volunteer rosters
via this link: www.volunteersignup.org/44AFX

The link is also on the Parish web page and
Facebook page.

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page.
It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Thank you for your gift



When you entered the Church you may have
noticed some Special Collection envelopes.
If you would like to support the roof
restoration, please donate using one of these
envelopes and put them in the collection
basket or hand in at the Parish Office.

Rosters for weekend of 29/30 December
- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Ministers of the Word

6.00pm: Sue Delaney, Liz Conway

8.30am: Mary White, Peter White.

5.30pm: Maggie Crowe, Cathie Johansen.

(Facilitator: Madeleine Sayer)

Ministers of Communion

6.00pm: Sue Delaney, Erica Kennedy, Brian
Kennedy, Madeleine Sayer, Mark Sayer,
Tracey Laing.

8.30am: Mark Nicol, Melissa Liddy, Melissa
Pascoe, Paddy Boyd, Rachael Branch, Sue
Mulligan, Gerard Connors.

5.30pm: Louise Pertnikovs, Jane Connolly,
John Godwin, Lesleigh Egan, Maggie Crowe,
Maria O'Leary Chay, Peter Delaney.

Communion to the Sick

No more visits until 3 February 2019.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

No CLOW.

Reflection

No newsletter until 26 January 2019—
Madeleine/Mark Sayer.

Musicians

6:00pm: Helen, Paul and Michael.

8:30am: TBC.

5:30pm: My Inheritance.

Data Projection

6:00pm: Paul Heffernan.

8:30am: John Stuart.

5:30pm: John Stuart.

Mass Welcoming - Hospitality

6:00pm:

8:30am: No newsletter until 26 January 2019

5:30pm:

Sunday 30th December Readings - The Holy Family

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (Responsorial Psalm)

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52