



SHRINE AND PARISH OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL WATERLOO



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5.00pm
Wednesday 8.30am
Thursday 8.30am
Friday 9.00am

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Will be prayed 15 minutes
before weekday Masses.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4.30pm - 4.45pm

BAPTISMS: by appointment

MARRIAGES: with 6 months
notice & by appointment

Palm Sunday

8th/9th April, 2017



READINGS

Isaiah 50: 4—7

Matthew 26: 14—27: 66

Philippians 2: 6—11



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine and Parish acknowledges and honours the Gadigal People as the traditional custodians of this land.

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**MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH IS FITTED WITH A HEARING LOOP.
PLEASE TURN YOUR HEARING AIDS TO THE "T" POSITION.**

INTENTIONS

We pray for:

- World and personal peace.
- Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious life.
- Asylum seekers especially in Australian detention centres.
- For all sick and injured members of ADF and their families.

Those who are sick: Jennie Brooks, Peter Glass, Patricia McBride, Elena Crooks, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Bernard Gee, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Mgr Eugene Harley, Ian Heads, Eduardo S. Sevilla, Maria Sevilla, Fr Keith Teefey CSsR, Malia Manu, John Middlemass, Peter Aplin, Khoa Nam Tran, Louisa Cregan, Mary Wiseman, Mary Carroll, Corrine Faunce, Tony Gerasakis, Ellie Irwin, Joe Milson, Sandra Truong, Elizabeth Anderson, Pat Traynor, Peter Bedford, Janice Leis, Dawn Harkins, Carla Carestia, Brenda Evans, Frances Savage, Oscar Mancuso, Jennifer Judd, Tom O'Shea, Bill Farral, Judy Shepperd, Irene Brander, Danielle Miller, Jennifer Phan, Sean Hickey, Elizabeth Single, Charlie Hayden, Francis & Maria Pham, Patricia Riordan, Lyn Muiryan, Helen Henricks, Gerald O'Shea, Neville Cameron, Howard Hastings, Delfin Lucia Jose Julio Sabina Maria, and all the housebound.

We pray for the souls of: James Carey, Marlene Isabel Newton, Lila O'Shea, Phil Newberry, Mary Hickson, Luchi Vergara-Arceo, John Lazaro, Shirley Hastings, Dorothy Blackman, Veronica McNamara, Elisabeth Carey, Bill Harkins, Anna Nguyen, Laura Skelton, Josephine Merriman, Susan Bryson, Jay Rosenstraus, Marie O'Donnell, Jan Lloyd, Maria Medrano-David, Joyce Bagnal, Gloria Lewis, Eliza Myrapich, Dunstan Wade, Richard Vincent, Marciano Gaddi, David Bendler, Daudsyah Sadeli, Anthony and Henrique Assuncao, Alim Temporza, Ronald Thew, John Mears, Zelle Bergan, Menotti & Rosina Cavallaro, Carmela, Lucia, Stella and Maria Agazio, Joseph Cusack, the Cusack and McAuffe families, Fr Terrence Purcell, Fr Leslie Bogot, Joyce Reilly, Cath and Allan Farrelly, Raymond & Dorothy Blackman, William & Mary Ann Blackman, Leonard & Rita Taylor, Mirtis Buosi Manzano, Richard Vincent, and all the Holy Souls.

COUNTERS ROSTER

16th April: Lachlan Street Push
30th April:
7th May: Pitt Street Push

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

NEXT WEEKEND:

Vigil: Yvonne Smith, Mark Blackman
8.00am:
10.00am: Tony Murillo

READERS ROSTER - NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil
Reader - Steven Belcastro
Commentator - Melissa
8:00am
Reader - Marilyn Munday
Commentator - Virginia Peloe
10:00am
Reader - Ann Kinghan
Commentator - Brad Campbell

CHURCH CLEANERS next week: 1

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH APPEAL:

Thank you for all your donations. The total amount so far is \$37,880.69

Holy Week Timetable 2017

9th April	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Masses Vigil	5.00pm
		Sunday	8.00am & 10.00am
13th April	<i>Holy Thursday</i>	Mass of the Lord's Supper	6.30pm
		Night Prayer	8.00pm
14th April	<i>Good Friday</i>	Stations of the Cross	10.00am
		Celebrations of the Lord's Passion	3.00pm
15th April	<i>Holy Saturday</i>	Church cleaning followed by morning tea	8.30am
		Easter Vigil	5.30pm
16th April	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Masses	8.00am & 10.00am



\$900 was contributed last week which brings the total to \$1800. This could provide communities with a three day workshop addressing financial and social challenges in Fiji. Many thanks and congratulations.

FROM THE PASTOR

I have struggled with myself over writing about air-conditioning on such an important celebration in the Church's year. My feeling was that it is unworthy but some things must be set out so we have a clear and agreed understanding. Therefore with your forbearance...

The installers have recommended the following: The glass internal back doors should remain closed but unlocked as should the windows when the air-conditioning is operating which should not be all the time. The fans should be on low to keep the heat close to ground level. The major concern expressed by the Finance Council is the additional electricity and cost. Hopefully we will manage this and with your renowned generosity enjoy increased coolness in the summer and warmth in the winter.

May the Father carry you gently through this most holy of all weeks.

Monsignor Greg

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our School's Family Educator, Mrs Bullen, assisted by the children of the School, designed a set of the Stations which are displayed at the front of the Church for the next couple of weeks. The children are very pleased and proud of their efforts. Please go and look at them. There is a prayer book and explanation on the Sacred Heart altar. Please inspect them.

Christ's way of acting, the Gospel of his words and deeds, is a consistent protest against whatever offends the dignity of women.

Pope John Paul II, Mulieris Dignitatem, #15

Bright Sadness is the true message and gift of Lent: ... the sadness of my exile, of the waste I have made of my life; the brightness of God's presence and forgiveness, the joy of the recovered desire for God, the peace of the recovered home. Such is the climate of Lenten worship; such is its first and general impact on my soul.

Alexander Schmemmann, Great Lent

School Shorts



As we enter Holy Week I invite and encourage everyone to come and walk through our Stations of the Cross that have been placed in the vegetable garden, around the assembly area and near the flagpoles behind the Church. The beautiful artworks made by Mrs Bullen, our family educator and students from every class depict the events of Good Friday. They are placed in areas that encourage you to stop, mediate and pray. The Stations of the Cross artworks will remain in their special places as we continue every day to be guided by Jesus in our thoughts and actions. My prayer is that we all have a safe and happy Easter break.

Kelly Bouris

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To wash the feet of a brother or a sister in Christ, to allow someone to wash our feet, is a sign that together we want to follow Jesus, to take the downward path, to find Jesus' presence in the poor and the weak. Is it not a sign that we too want to live a heart-to-heart relationship with others, to meet them as a person and a friend, and to live in communion with them? *Jean Vanier*

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Matthew 26: 14—27: 66

- In what ways do you feel the indwelling of God in your life?
- In what ways do you feel liberated and redeemed by Christ?



DID YOU KNOW?

- The words of Jesus from the cross in this text are in Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke.
- This Sunday is also known as 'Palm Sunday' and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Celebrations, similar to those carried out in Churches today, were being held in Jerusalem as early as the fourth century.
- The narratives of the Passion of Jesus – the arrest, trial, crucifixion and death – are the earliest strands of what came to be written down as the gospels.
- Since the fourth century the site now marked by the Church of the Holy Sepulchre has been revered as the site of Calvary.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- There are two central images in this week's liturgy: the palms signify the glory and triumph of Jesus as well as reminding us of his entry into Jerusalem before his death; the cross represents Christ's love for the world and the sacrifice he made so that salvation was available to all people.
- How will knowing of the cross of Christ help you to carry your own crosses in the future?
- What emotions stir in you as you read or listen to the Passion of the Lord?
- Reflect for a short time on the moments of success and triumph as well as the moments of failure and despair in your life.

Reflections on The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia) – Janette Davidson

"Christ proposed as the distinctive sign of his disciples the law of love and the gift of self for others" (Amoris Laetitia 27)

In your family consider the local, national or international news of the week. Include in your family prayer the refugee, the homeless, the families who have lost a loved one, poor familiesIn what other ways can your family be mindful of the needs of others?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint of the Week—Mary Cleophas (first century) - April 9

This Mary, wife of Cleophas and mother of James the Less and Joses, witnessed the Crucifixion, helped prepare Christ's body for burial, and waited with Mary Magdalen until the tomb was sealed. When they returned and found the tomb empty on Easter, an angel announced, "He is risen." While running to tell the disciples, they met Jesus, who said, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." Legends claimed she went to Europe, but the Gospels verify her true place of honour, performing a work of mercy for Jesus and being among the first to share the good news.



<http://www.catholicnews.com/saint-of-the-week-feast.cfm>