



# 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

## 3rd Sunday of Lent 18th/19th March 2017



## READINGS

Exodus 17: 3—7      Romans 5: 1—2, 5—8  
John 4: 5—42



*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 Rosenstrauss, 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.



A number of children from our Year 3 are preparing for the celebration of their First Reconciliation. Of course, the preparation and celebration of any sacrament effects the whole family which includes us, the family of families of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It is a celebration of a child's development, that their parents as first educators of the faith have worked hard to this point so should be congratulated and that our family continues to grow both physically and spiritually. It is our responsibility to pray for and support them but perhaps more importantly in this season of Lent that we should consider celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation ourselves as a positive model for them and for our own good. The Church requires us to go to Reconciliation (Confession) at least once a year. Now is the time.

May the Father carry you gently through the week.

**Monsignor Greg**



\$280.15 was donated last week. This is sufficient funds for Caritas Australia to provide resources for one disabled child to attend school for a year in Vietnam and one day's food for a woman staying in shelter in Timor Leste (East Timor).

**LENT  
2017**

Supporting the people of Sydney for 75 years. Our Early Intervention team work hard to ensure every child who is part of our programs can achieve their full potential.



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### COUNTERS ROSTER

26th Mar:  
9th April: Pitt Street Push  
16th April: Lachlan Street Push

### 2017 Calendar

**Mar 30** First Reconciliation  
**April 9** School Garden Working Bee

### MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

**NEXT WEEKEND:**  
**Vigil:** Yvonne Smith, Mark Blackman  
**8.00am:**  
**10.00am:** Sabby Gonzaga, Salome Li

### READERS ROSTER - NEXT WEEKEND

**Vigil**  
**Reader** - Melissa  
**Commentator** - Wendy  
**8:00am**  
**Reader** - Louise Zavone  
**Commentator** - Joe Zavone  
**10:00am**  
**Reader** - Linda Clinch  
**Commentator** - Paul Clinch

### CHURCH CLEANERS next week: 2

### PAINTING OF THE CHURCH APPEAL:

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

### School Garden Invitation

On the **19th March** after the **10am mass**, to spend some time helping out in the school garden. We would share some refreshments and work until **12noon**. Each week many students work voluntarily during their lunchtimes and are very proud of their achievements keeping on top of the weeding, composting and planting.

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

*"The family must always be a place where, when something good happens to one of its members, they know that others will be there to celebrate it with them" (Amoris Laetitia, 110).*

Celebrate something this week with your family! If nothing immediately comes to mind as a cause for celebration - celebrate the gift each family member (including grandparents) brings to your family and share this with them.

### School Shorts



It is hard to believe we are already halfway through term 1. It is very pleasing to be able to write that the first 7 weeks has been amazing. In every classroom I visit the students are motivated and rising to the challenges their teachers are providing. The play times are running smoothly with children playing cooperatively and respecting each other's rights. And I can say confidently I can match every student to the carer and I am very grateful for the way all our families stop and chat to me daily.

This week I shared with our school families the significant role of Staff Professional Development. Research shows that an inspired and informed teacher is the most important school related factor influencing student achievement, so it is crucial we continue to support teachers in their professional development. Ongoing Professional Development keeps teachers up to date on new research about how children learn new technology for the classroom, new curriculum and new resources. We are fortunate in that

Sydney Catholic Schools provides the teachers with professional development opportunities and on occasions teachers will participate in courses ran by external agencies.

This week at differing times we have teachers attending professional development looking at Diverse Learning Needs. Oliver (the Library system), a new Maths Assessment tool and I will be attending a Regional Principals Meeting. After attending a professional development opportunity the teacher will then run a staff meeting and share with the whole staff what they have learnt.

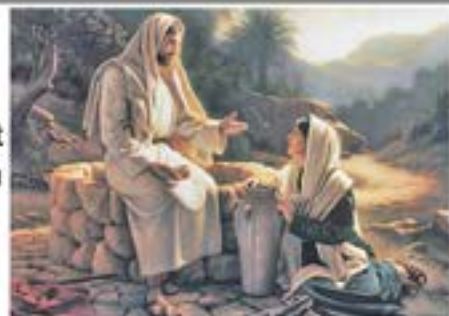
This week the thought for the week comes from Nelson Mandela *"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."* Have a great week everyone and let's keep learning together.



**Mrs Kelly Bouris**

## GOSPEL REFLECTION:

John 4: 5—42



- Do you sometimes have a superficial understanding of what Jesus offers? How can you continue to deepen your appreciation of Jesus?
- What 'thirst' characterises your life at the moment?

## DID YOU KNOW?

- There was an ancient enmity between the Jews and Samaritans which sprang from the split of Israel and Judah into two kingdoms after the death of Solomon. Samaria was the capital of the northern kingdom while Jerusalem remained the capital in the south. The Samaritans built a 'break-away' Temple on Mt Gerizim.
- In speaking to a woman who is unknown to him, and a Samaritan woman at that, Jesus is contravening the acceptable social customs of his time. This causes shock in the disciples but indicates that the Kingdom of God is open to all who recognise Jesus.
- The First Scrutiny for those preparing for baptism or reception takes place today. A Scrutiny is a rite in which people are encouraged to uncover 'all that is weak, defective and sinful in their hearts' so that God may heal it, and to recognise 'all that is upright, strong and good'.

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

- This text is really about the woman's journey towards faith in Jesus. She begins with surprise that he even speaks to her and gradually deepens in her conviction that he is the Messiah and finally leads others in her village to faith in Jesus as well. Does this echo something of your own journey?
- 'How will you get this living water?' Reflect on your journey so far.
- 'If you only knew what God is offering...' What is it that you are being offered by God? What would you ask of Jesus?
- What sense do you have of the spring welling up inside you?

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint of the Week— Saint Dismas (First Century) - March 25

Two thieves were crucified with Christ; Dismas is the "good thief" who rebuked the other thief for reviling Jesus. In Luke's Gospel, he accepts his guilt and proclaims Christ's innocence. He asks Jesus to remember him, and Jesus promises, "Today you will be with me in paradise." This feast date was assigned because by tradition Jesus died on March 25. But how an unnamed thief came to be called Dismas is less clear. One explanation is that early Syrian representations of the Crucifixion showed a sun and moon over the thieves' heads; Syrian coins also showed a sun and moon with the words "east" and "west." And "dismas" is similar to the Greek word for east. Dismas is a patron of funeral directors, prisoners and repentant thieves.



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