



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

Saturday 10.00am

*First Saturday Mass followed by
morning tea*

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

4th Sunday of Lent 25th/26th March 2017



READINGS

Samuel 16: 1, 6—7, 10—13

Ephesians 5: 8—14

John 9: 1—41



*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 Bandler, 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

9th April: Pitt Street Push
16th April: Lachlan Street Push
30th April:

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

NEXT WEEKEND:

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

READERS ROSTER - NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil
Reader - Wendy
Commentator - Dave Douglas
8:00am
Reader - Joe Zavone
Commentator - Julie Keyes
10:00am
Reader - Paul Clinch
Commentator - Samuel Harianto

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

2017 Calendar

Mar 30 First Reconciliation
April 9 School Garden Working Bee



\$267.90 was collected last week giving a total of \$750.00. This amount provides resources for one child with disabilities to attend school for a year in Vietnam; plus providing a family with a piglet and the training in the care of the pig allowing them to generate a stable source of income in the Philippines.

We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace.

William Ewart Gladstone

The deepest level of communication is not communication, but communion. It is wordless. It is beyond words, and it is beyond speech, and it is beyond concept. Not that we discover a new unity. We discover an older unity. My dear Brothers [and Sisters], we are already one. But we imagine that we are not. And what we have to recover is our original unity. What we have to be is what we are

Thomas Merton

FROM THE PASTOR

During the week I attended the quarterly clergy conference. This is a chance to catch up friends and acquaintances among the priests and deacons from the Archdiocese and to hear the Archdiocesan news including up-dates on issues such as Safeguarding

Children, New Evangelisation, and Parish 2020. Usually, the Archbishop agrees on a particular topic as part of the mix. We share prayer and lunch and return home in the late afternoon. This is a part of professional development of our clergy. It is seen as becoming increasingly important in the light of the provisional findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Sexual Abuse. It is another but necessary thing that will take us away from parish duties. Hopefully, it will enable us clergy to serve you better.

May the merciful Father carry you gently through the week.

Monsignor Greg

ST ANTHONY'S CLOVELLY - Centenary Mass

St Anthony's Parish was formed in 1917, and St Anthony's School opened in 1918. Past parishioners, students and friends are cordially invited to the Centenary Mass on **Sunday, 21 May 2017** at 10.00am, at which Archbishop Anthony Fisher will be Principal Celebrant. Refreshments will follow in the parish grounds.

For more information or to indicate attendance email: centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au, Facebook: St Anthony's Clovelly Centenary.

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

"Take time, quality time. This means being ready to listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say." (Amoris Laetitia 137)

Share a meal or activity this week as a family without any distractions. Make an intentional effort to put away phones, turn off the television, and enjoy the company of those you love most.

School Shorts



It has been a busy week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel this week with lots of visitors. I actually really like having guests visit classrooms, meet with teachers and spend time discussing the goals we have at Our Lady of Mount Carmel with me for two reasons. Firstly I am very proud of everyone I work with. Our fabulous office lady, Mrs Duffy, all the Learning Support Staff and all the highly skilled teachers are all committed to ensuring that our school is a place where learning is our number one priority.

Our first visitor was Ms Sue Sinko, Ms Sinko is an Education Officer who works out of Sydney Catholic Schools head office at Leichhardt. Ms Sinko came to discuss and analyse with Mrs Sonogo and myself the classroom timetables. In each classroom is there a learning environment that allows students opportunities for growth? I can say confidently in all our seven classrooms there is in an uninterrupted two hour English session and a one hour Maths session every day. In these sessions teachers are providing learning experiences catering to all the different learning

needs of each student. Our classrooms are definitely vibrant places where individual goals are being achieved daily.

Our second Visitor was Mrs Elizabeth O'Carrigan. Mrs O'Carrigan is the Eastern Region Director. Mrs O'Carrigan has visited our school numerous times while in her role as Regional Director and is not only always pleased with the progress we are making at OLMC but she also acknowledges that we continue to explore ways of providing the students with a learning environment. Mrs O'Carrigan sat with the Leadership team and Monsignor Greg to look at how we were progressing in achieving the school's goals identified in the school's Annual Improvement Plan for 2017. Throughout the year I will share with you actions we are embarking on with the aim of achieving our school's goals.

This week as we strive to achieve our goals let's remember:

"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm possible."

Have a great week everyone,

Mrs Kelly Bouris

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

John 9: 1—41



- Are there still things which block your total belief?
- What are the signs of God's presence in your life?

DID YOU KNOW?

- In Jesus' time, blindness and other illnesses were seen as punishment for sin.
- The Sabbath was a day for God and no work could be done. The action of 'making a paste' was considered as work and so the Pharisees accuse Jesus of breaking the Sabbath laws.
- The Pool of Siloam was famous from ancient times as it was a pool inside the city walls of Jerusalem which was linked by a tunnel, built by King Hezekiah, to the Gihon spring outside the city. This meant that during times of siege, the city always had a water supply.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- This text again traces the journey towards faith of the man who was born blind and contrasts his openness to the revelation of Jesus as the light of the world to the 'blindness' of the Pharisees who do not see or recognise the truth of who Jesus is.
- In what ways have your eyes been opened? What do you see now that you did not see before?
- What have been moments of enlightenment for you?
- Describe an experience you have had of 'having your eyes opened'; of seeing or coming to understand something which you never realised before. What impact did this new awareness have on you? Share your reflections.
- Bring light and life to others this week. Is there some way you can assist in 'healing' another?

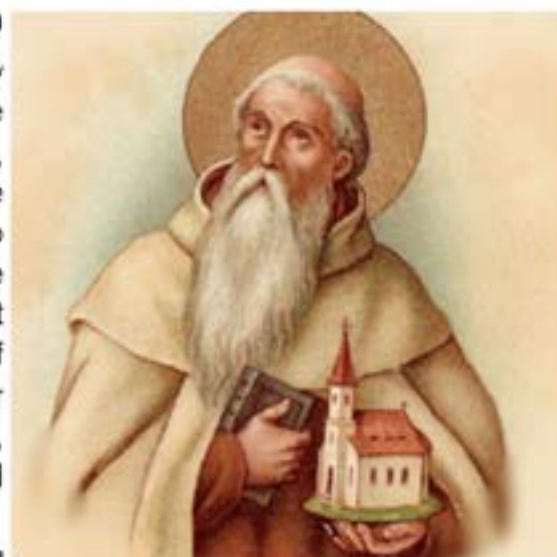
We have longed to taste the resurrection. We have longed to welcome its thunders and quakes, and to echo its great gifts. We want to test the resurrection in our bones. We want to see if we might live in hope instead of in the ... twilight thicket of cultural despair, in which standing implies many are lost.

Daniel Berrigan

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint of the Week— Saint Berthold (died c.1195) - March 29

Not much is known about this hermit who is considered by some historians to be the founder of the order of Carmelite friars. Various legends had him born in Limoges, France, educated at the University of Paris, and participating in the Crusades in Turkey. What is known is that he directed a group of Frankish hermits living on Mount Carmel in Palestine in the second half of the 12th century. The existence on Mount Carmel of a church and hermitage in the spiritual tradition of the prophet Elijah is documented from 1163 on. After Berthold's death, the hermits were led by another Frenchman, St. Brocard; Carmelite houses became well-established throughout Europe by 1300.



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