



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

5th Sunday of Easter 13th/14th May, 2017



Mother's Day

READINGS

Acts 6: 1—7

John 14: 1—12

1 Peter 2: 4—9



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, Patricia McBride, Elena Crooks, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Bernard Gee, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, 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 Geraskis, Ellie Irwin, Joe Milson, Sandra Truong, Elizabeth Anderson, Pat Traynor, Peter Bedford, Jarice Leis, Dawn Harkins, Carla Carestia, Brenda Evans, Frances Savage, Oscar Mancuso, Jennifer Judd, Tom O'Shea, Bill Farral, Judy Shepperd, Irene Brander, Danielle Milller, Jennifer Phan, Sean Hickey, Elizabeth Single, Charlie Hayden, Francis & Maria Pham, Patricia Riordan, Lyn Mulryan, 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: Mgr Eugene Harley, Peter Glass, 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 Sadell, Anthony and Henrique Assuncao, Aluim 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

21st May: Lachlan Street Push
 28th May:
 11th June: Pitt Street Push

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 - Julie Keyes
Commentator - Marilyn Munday
10:00am
Reader - Dennis Timmins
Commentator - Linda 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

2017 Calendar

4 June Pentecost Sunday
14 June Religion Test Yr 6 Students

Happy Mothers' Day and Congratulations to those confirmed and their families.

As a family of families, we are grateful to you parents and carers who constantly support and educate your child in the ways of the faith as promised at Baptism. Thank you. Also, thanks to the staff of our school, especially Mr Beasley (Yr. 6 Class Teacher), Mrs de Pater (REC) for all their work and the choir and servers.

Mothers' Day Raffle

Two winners are B McDonnell and A Whilam but left no useable phone number. Does anyone recognise them? Please contact Mgr Greg.

Faith Circles

Those of you who have enjoyed the Lenten Programme provided by the Diocese of Wollongong, may enjoy this couple of pages that you can access electronically. Simply go to the diocesan website (www.dow.org.au) and click the tab Faith Circles.

FROM THE PASTOR

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in our church this weekend. Bishop Tony Randazzo, one of the new auxiliary bishops, is the Prelate. We have seven candidates whose photos are up in the Church. It is a wonderful time for our family of families as we experience the out pouring of the Holy Spirit upon the

candidates, their families and us.

Baptism, Eucharist (Holy Communion), and Confirmation are the sacraments of initiation: that is the sacraments that celebrate the beginning of the sharing of the life of the Risen Jesus with us. In many Eastern (Orthodox) Churches these sacraments are celebrated at one time but the Latin Church has chosen to separate them so that these sacraments can be more clearly prepared for and understood. We are very thankful for the many wonderful blessings that arise from this celebration among our family of families.

May the Father carry you gently through the week especially all mothers and the significant women in our lives.



Charitable Works Fund

From everyone in our parish, we wish to thank you for supporting last weekend's **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal** for the benefit of our agencies such as Catholic Care, Ephpheta Centre, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Seminaries and Catholic Chaplaincies. Through you, they can continue their passion for making a positive contribution in people's lives.

Federal budget funding for national redress TJC

Francis Sullivan 11 May 2017

This week's budget announcement by the Commonwealth that some \$33 million has been set aside to set up a national redress scheme for survivors of sexual abuse is welcome news.

It sends a strong signal that the federal government is committed to putting in the ground work needed for such an ambitious scheme.

Ambitious, because to be successful, the scheme demands buy-in from the states and territories, as well as the many institutions responsible for the sexual abuse of children.

The Royal Commission released its final report calling for a national redress scheme in 2015 and the Catholic Church was right behind the idea. A number of the states have come on board but a few are still sitting on the fence.

The bottom line is that not one dollar of taxpayer's money will go to paying compensation to victims who have been abused in Catholic institutions, the Catholic Church will pay its own way.

Funding for the scheme will come from the institutions where the abuse occurred. This is how the scheme operates.

School Shorts



Mother's Day



This Friday we will celebrate and give thanks for all the women in our community who love us like a mother. We are very appreciative and grateful for all the mums, grandmothers, aunts and big sisters who are very supportive of our school. We hope this Sunday is a special day for all our OLMC families.

NAPLAN

This week our year 3 and year 5 students sat the NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN is a like a snapshot in time, showing teachers, parents and students what skills and abilities each student has in numeracy, reading, writing and language. Just like we have photos to record moments in our lives that we can look back on and see our growth, NAPLAN is one way to record and watch how students are growing in their education. Teachers and parents can then look at these snapshots to help them make decisions about how to best help students learn more and how to gain the most from their education. NAPLAN is one of many tools teachers use to assess students strengths and areas they find challenging.

Kelly Bouris

GOSPEL REFLECTION: John 14: 1—12

- In what ways does living this life of faith get tested each day?
- What great works are you now called on to perform?
- What are some ways to continue to deepen your knowledge and love of Jesus?



DID YOU KNOW?

- This text comes from a long section of John's Gospel known as the 'farewell discourse' during which Jesus gives final instruction to the disciples at the Last Supper.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- The Father's house, of which Jesus speaks here, refers to that spiritual state of being in which we will live knowing God as we are already known so intimately by Him. It is Jesus who grants access to this 'house' or state of being. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life for those who believe. In what ways do you feel 'at home' in the Father's house?
- Now that you have come to the Father through Jesus Christ, what sense do you have of the Father living in you?
- What are the things which cause your heart to be troubled?
- What are the things which cause you to be satisfied?
- 'I am going to prepare a place for you.' Share reflections on those places which are special to you for some reason. Is there a particular place where you find it easiest to experience the presence of God in your life?

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

"My advice is never to let the day end without making peace in the family. 'And how am I going to make peace? By getting down on my knees? No! Just by a small gesture, a little something, and harmony within your family will be restored. Just a little caress, no words are necessary. But do not let the day end without making peace in your family'. (Amoris Laetitia 104).

Tonight, think over your day and your relationships with your family if there's someone you should reconcile with before bed go and do it!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint of the Week—Blessed Blandine Merten (1883—1918) - May 18

Maria Merton was the ninth child in a devout German family. She taught school for six years until 1908, when she and a sister entered the Ursulines near Ahrweiler. She took the name of an early Christian martyr, and in 1913 added a fourth vow at her consecration to religious life: She offered herself as a willing sacrifice to Christ. But Blandine soon contracted tuberculosis, and in 1916 entered a sanitarium at the Ursuline convent in Trier, where she died. Calm and cheerful as she faced prolonged suffering, she wrote, "I want to love God more than any creature has ever loved him." She was beatified in 1987.

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

