



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

6th Sunday of Easter 20th/21st May, 2017



National Families Week

READINGS

Acts 8: 5—8, 14—17

John 14: 15—21

1 Peter 3: 15—18



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, Alvim 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

28th May:
11th June: Pitt Street Push
18th June: Lachlan Street Push

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

NEXT WEEKEND:

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

READERS ROSTER - NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil
Reader - Wendy
Commentator - Dave Douglas
8:00am
Reader - Marilyn Munday
Commentator - Virginia Peloe
10:00am
Reader - Linda Clinch
Commentator - Paul Clinch

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

4 June Pentecost Sunday
14 June Religion Test Yr 6 Students

Confirmation

As a family of families we were blessed through the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the candidates and their families. We are thankful for the great work of the parents and carers, the class teacher, Mr Beardsley, REC Mrs de Pater, ably supported by the Family Educator, Mrs Bullen, and all the teaching staff who were able to be there. Our thanks, too, to Bishop Tony Randazzo who spoke so encouragingly to us.

Peace, in the sense of the absence of war, is of little value to someone who is dying of hunger or cold. It will not remove the pain of torture inflicted on a prisoner of conscience. It does not comfort those who have lost their loved ones in floods caused by senseless deforestation in a neighbouring country. Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where the people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free.

HH the Dalai Lama



This week we celebrate Families Week which is sponsored by Families Australia. Its slogan is 'Stronger Families, Stronger Communities'. Over a hundred thousand people get involved in many community events during the Week in Australia's biggest celebration of families in all their diversity. Our school celebrated it by hosting a Families' Breakfast on Friday morning. We can share in it by praying for all families, whatever shape they may take and especially those within our family of families.

Families are very important to us. Not only do they nurture our children but they are places in which faith is shared. We as Catholics are taught that the family is the domestic church - that is it is the best environment where love is given and learnt so we learn of the love that God is.

May all of us encourage and support families by our word and deed.

May the Father carry you and your family gently through the week.

Monsignor Greg

CATHOLICCARE

Supporting Families Week 2017, CatholicCare services assist families to live and thrive. We provide disability services, counselling and support for children, young people and families. If you or your family are struggling, call us to find out how we help.

To find out more call 13 18 19, email connect@catholiccare.org or visit www.catholiccare.org.

ST SCHOLASTICAS COLLEGE, Glebe Point is holding its annual re-union at the College on Sunday, 28 May 2017 commencing with Mass in the Chapel at 12 noon followed by a light lunch. All ex-students are warmly invited to attend.

For further information please contact Karen Debenham (Gillespie) on (02) 9460 4462 or 0419 969 064 or email karendebenham@optusnet.com.au.

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. We saw an example of this at Confirmation. Many members of the candidate's family came to celebrate with them.

In teaching us charity, the Gospel instructs us in the preferential respect due to the poor and the special situation they have in society: the more fortunate should renounce some of their rights so as to place their goods more generously at the service of others.

Paul VI, Octogesima Adveniens, A Call to Action

School Shorts



Some of my most favourite times at OLMC are when we come together as a community to celebrate. Last Sunday we celebrated seven of our year 6 students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

At one stage I looked around the Church and there was a sea of old and new families, friends, current and past students, teachers and parishioners all united in our belief this was a special night for the OLMC community and we each had a special part. When Bishop Anthony Randazzo told us the Holy Spirit was amongst us, every person in our church nodded in agreement because we knew that the seven gifts given to us from the Holy Spirit was what got us through the good days and the tough days. That with these gifts, together we can overcome any obstacles we will face in the year ahead. And that being a member of the OLMC community is a very special membership that lasts with you even when you move on to a new school, new home, new phase in your life. I am very lucky to have the opportunity to lead a community that is rich in culture, faith and respect for each other.

Kelly Bouris

GOSPEL REFLECTION: John 14: 15—21

- In what ways does your community serve the world and cooperate with the movement of the Spirit to the conversion of the world?



DID YOU KNOW?



- The word 'advocate' means 'called to the side of ' and thus is often used to describe a mediator or assistant in a lawsuit.
- Some translations of the Bible use the word 'paraclete' instead of advocate; others use the word 'counsellor' or 'comforter'.
- In John's Gospel, the Holy Spirit continues the work of Jesus himself (14:17, 26) recalling things the earthly Jesus taught or revealing things he was unable to convey. In John's view, this spiritual knowledge or insight, unavailable until after Jesus' death and resurrection, makes Christian faith and understanding fully possible.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- One of the often repeated themes in John's Gospel is that of life. Life in abundance (10:10) is available to all who believe in Jesus and live his way. How do you understand that abundance of life which is now yours through baptism?
- When have you felt abandoned or left behind?
- What, for you, are the key commandments of Jesus?
- Who have been those people who have helped you through difficult times?

We frail humans are at one time capable of the greatest good and, at the same time, capable of the greatest evil. Change will only come about when each of us takes up the daily struggle ourselves to be more forgiving, compassionate, loving, and above all joyful in the knowledge that, by some miracle of grace, we can change as those around us can change too.

Mairead Maguire

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint of the Week—Rita of Cascia (circa 1381—1457) - May 22

Born near Spoleto, Italy, Rita wanted to be a nun but married in deference to her parents. For nearly 20 years, she endured her profligate husband's mistreatment. Following his violent death, she was admitted after three refusals to an Augustinian convent at Cascia, where she spent the next 40 years. She is remembered for her devoted care of sick nuns and for a deep forehead wound that lasted 15 years, caused she said by a thorn from Christ's crown of thorns. She has a large popular following, and is invoked in Italy for difficult situations.

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

