



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.

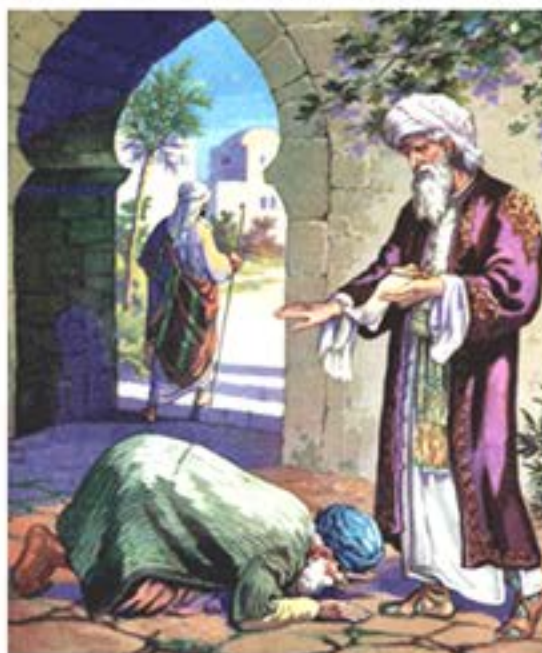
RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4.30pm - 4.45pm

BAPTISMS: by appointment

MARRIAGES: with 6 months
notice & by appointment

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th/17th September 2017



READINGS

Ecclesiasticus 27: 30—28: 7 Romans 14: 7—9
Matthew 18: 21—35



*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: Renae Aslanis, Julius Soedama, 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 Gerasikis, 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 Mulryan, Helen Henricks, Gerald O'Shea, Neville Cameron, Howard Hastings, Delfin Lucia Jose Julio Sabina Maria, and all the household.

We pray for the souls of: Marie Billett, Ariel Abrogar, Marlene Isabel Newton, 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

24th Sept: Lachlan Street Push
1st Oct:
15th Oct: 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 - Dave Douglas
Commentator - Steven Belcastro
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

22 Sept First Holy Communion
School closes Term 3

First Holy Communion

Sandy Constable will celebrate her First Holy Communion at 10am Mass this Sunday while the five from our school will celebrate at the 9am Mass next Friday (22 Sept). All are invited. Please continue to pray for these candidates and their families.



Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Families:

In October, Catholic parishes around Australia will participate in a month of prayer and fasting for marriage and families. There is a theme for each week of October and prayers of intercession for each Sunday. Posters and prayers will be sent to your parish. A video explaining this initiative featuring Bishop Michael Kennedy, delegate of the Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council and materials to use in your parish can be found at: www.acmfc.org.au

FROM THE PASTOR

Seven (7) ex-students of our school will sit the HSC in a few weeks' time. This is wonderful. It is the largest number for some time. They have shown determination and tenacity to get this far when some of their colleagues have opted out.

They are a tribute to their parents and carers who have encouraged them constantly and, also, to our teaching staff, past and present, who gave them the basics of learning and encouragement to fulfil their dreams. I can still hear Mr John Farrell, our past principal, telling our children: "Mount Carmel kids can do anything!" These students have much of which to be proud. We share their pride. Let us pray that they remain calm in the face of these examinations and do the best they can. May the Father carry you gently through the week.

Monsignor Greg

First Holy Communion



In preparation for the **First Holy Communion** on *Friday 22nd September* for the OLMC children Mrs Bullen, Ms Maree and I have been working with the first communion candidates and their families to create four beautiful banners to hang in the church on this special occasion.

The children printed repeating patterns onto coloured material which Mrs Bullen cut into shapes to represent four messages: Take, Bless, Break and Share. Antonio's mum, Chris, came to assist us to iron these designs onto the banners for all to see.

We have hung these banners in celebration for all those receiving the Eucharist for the first time and all the community who come to share at the table of the Lord.



Mrs de Pater
Religious Education
Coordinator
OLMC

School Shorts

Last Friday I had the pleasure of visiting our three feeder high schools with our school captains and Mrs Bullen, our Family Educator. We had the opportunity to speak to ex-Waterloo students who are preparing for their HSC exams. The year 12 students are excited, nervous and anxious as they are so close to completing thirteen years of schooling. We are so proud of them and wanted them to know they are in our thoughts and prayers over the next few months.

Throughout all our lives we experience a variety of transition periods. A transition marks moving from one part of life to another, for instance starting school, high school, TAFE or university. Although these are very exciting times in a child's life, there can also be fear and worry about the unknown. In partnership we need to work together in supporting our children through these times of change.

Dear past, thank you for the lessons.

Dear future, I'm ready.

Dear God, thank you for the opportunities.

Have a lovely week and you all obviously supported the Roosters as they continue on to play for another week.

Kelly Bouris

Marriage Plebiscite

As survey forms begin arriving in letterboxes across Australia, it is important that we are fully equipped with information about the consequences of changing the definition of marriage and the impacts this will have on individuals, families, education and churches. The Coalition for Marriage has released a comprehensive guide to some of the key consequences and questions around this important conversation.

Go to www.coalitionformarriage.com.au/handbook to download your free copy.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 18: 21—35

DID YOU KNOW?

- The sum of ten thousand talents would have been an impossibly huge debt. A Jewish talent was made of silver weighing 43,620 grams!
- A debt of one hundred denarii was still a hefty sum. The denarius was a commonly used Roman coin made of silver weighing 3.64 grams. A denarius was the wage paid for one day's casual labour.
- The use of the word 'torturers' in this text is problematic. The Greek term is linked to the notion of 'tormentors'. It may be that the debtor's friends and relations would more vigorously try to raise the necessary funds if the culprit is undergoing torment but it may also be an eschatological reference given what follows in the next verse.



MAKING CONNECTIONS

- To whom are you indebted? Can you acknowledge what you owe to these people?
- Reflect on a time when you felt wronged. What happened? What were your feelings? How did you react to the perpetrator? What was the outcome? Were you able to forgive the action and move on? How do you experience God's forgiveness? Write down some responses and share them with the person next to you.
- What needs healing and reconciliation in your life? Work on that this week.

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

"Love inspires a sincere esteem for every human being and the recognition of his or her own right to happiness. I love this person, and I see him or her with the eyes of God, who gives us everything for our enjoyment" (1 Tim 6:17). As a result, I feel a deep sense of happiness and peace" (Amoris Laetitia 96).

This week, compliment members of your family, and try to choose something meaningful/sincere that you may never have said to them before. Think about what it means to see someone with "the eyes of God."

Calling all University students!

Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at University? Each University has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus.

Visit: www.unicatholics.org.au to find out what is happening on your campus.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint of the Week—Joseph of Copertino (1603—1663) Sept 18

Because this Italian Franciscan was seen to levitate and move through the air, usually toward a tabernacle or statue of Mary, he is a patron saint of airline pilots, crews and passengers, as well as astronauts and test-takers. A poor, unschooled peasant from Copertino, Joseph entered a friary in 1620. He was dismissed for failing to complete even simple tasks, but joined another friary through family connections. There he learned to read his missal and breviary, and he approached exams by praying hard. He was ordained in 1628. The "flights," which he could not control, prompted investigations by two Inquisitions; Joseph was exonerated, but could not celebrate Mass publicly or participate in public functions. He was canonized in 1767.

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

