



# 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

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd/24th September 2017



## READINGS

Isaiah 55: 6—9      Philippians 1: 20—24, 27  
Matthew 20: 1—16



*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 housebound.

**We pray for the souls of:** Stephen Coleman, 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, Aluin 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

1st Oct:  
15th Oct: Pitt Street Push  
22nd Oct: 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 - Steven Belcastro  
Commentator - Melissa  
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

30th Nov Ham Wheel

### 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](http://www.acmfc.org.au)

### It's OK to say NO

You can vote no in the postal plebiscite and still love your same-sex attracted relatives and friends. Voting no does not make you a bigot. Serious consequences will follow any redefinition of marriage in Australia. Just this week no campaigners have been physically and verbally assaulted and have lost their jobs. Vote no to protect our freedoms.

To volunteer, donate or for more info visit: [www.coalitionformarriage.com.au](http://www.coalitionformarriage.com.au)

## FROM THE PASTOR

I was asked a question last Sunday which led me to reflect upon the wonderful liturgical legacy which Fr John left this family of families. The question was about the way we do the offertory procession. This procession arose out of the people bringing a portion of the goods they made or grew for the poor and the upkeep the clergy. It has been simplified so now we bring forward the altar breads and wine only. These gifts are symbols not only of our prayers but us. Ideally, the gifts should be handed over the altar which is the altar/ table of Christ's sacrifice. This is not possible with the current configuration of the sanctuary. The procession enters the sanctuary as a sign we share in the universal priesthood of the baptised and hands the gifts to the celebrant at the altar, who offers them on behalf of us all. The procession lingers until the offering is completed. This is a very powerful symbol of our active participation in the great act of thanksgiving which is the Mass.

May the Father carry you gently through the week.

**Monsignor Greg**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our First Holy Communion programme is over for another year. It is a wonderful sign of the continued growth of our family of families. Six families presented their child for the Sacrament. We thank them for living up to the promises they made at their child's Baptism and acknowledge their prime role in the education of their children. The journey of faith continues so our prayers for them ought to continue.



We remember and thank also our teachers and all those who contributed to the celebration: from the students of our school who helped with the banners to our Family Educator who provided her expertise and the morning tea celebrating our children's growth in the knowledge of God and practice of the faiths. THANK YOU. May you all have a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday! The banners will be taken down and out away but please remember in your prayers all who participated and assisted.

### AROUND OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Most of this week seems to have been spent in our schools including our Regional High Schools celebrating the Graduation of Yr 12. It has been good to see the hopes and expectations on our graduates' faces as they embark upon their futures. Let us pray for them as they begin their final school exams in a few short weeks. Our School held its annual musical concert during the week. It was a mixture of drumming and song performed at the usual very high standard. It was good to see the concentration and pride on the students' faces as they knew that they had done their best. Something of the same pride was seen on the parents' and teachers' faces too. →

### School Shorts



As we have arrived at the final week of Term 3 I shared with the OLMC families and students how it is important for us as a community to stop, celebrate and reflect on the successes we have had during Term 3. Academically we have witnessed every student show growth. Some students have reached individual benchmarks, some students excelled past our original goals and some students have only taken a small step forward but even these students have grown. We have shared many exciting and successful events together: Waterloo in the Future Production, Multicultural music concert, Book week Parade and Awards Assemblies. And this Friday we come together to celebrate a group of our students making their First Holy Communion. These events have continued to strengthen the partnerships between home, Parish and school.

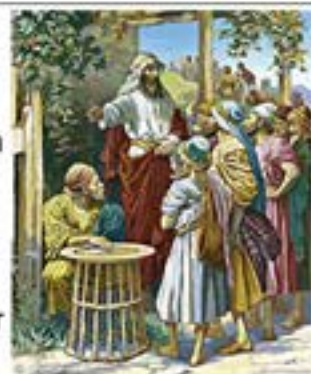
I thank Monsignor Greg, all the staff and our families. It is through their commitment and hard work we can celebrate Term 3. We still have goals to achieve and mountains to climb so I am looking forward to Term 4. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

**Kelly Bouris**

Mrs Bouris and I visited an expo of the work of Family Educators. A number of school / parishes were involved. It show-cased many wonderful ideas and practices, some of which we may use, and the wonderful work that this group of dedicated people do almost unnoticed and unsung in our schools and parishes.

Finally, I was present at the short-listing of applicants for Assistant Principal at our school for next year. Congratulations to those who were short-listed. They will be interviewed in due course. Thank you, too, to all who applied because without their hopes, dedication and enthusiasm the system would not work.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 20: 1—16



- Are there examples in our world of people being generously rewarded when some may consider that they do not deserve such generosity?

### DID YOU KNOW?

- In the Greco-Roman world, casual labourers used to gather in the *agora* or town-square waiting for employers to hire them.
- In the early Church there was sometimes a jealousy between those who had believed in the risen Christ from the earliest days and thus suffered persecution for their faith and those, especially Gentiles, who came to belief later on.

### MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Do you sometimes experience jealousy or resentment? What causes this response? How does it make you feel?
- Imagine the feelings of the workers who arrived last when they were paid for a full day's work. What might they say of the generosity of God?
- Share together a time when you have experienced overwhelming generosity.
- Is there a difference in how we react if we are the recipients of generosity compared to our reaction when we see others being treated with generosity which we believe they do not deserve? Do we live in a generous society?
- Look for occasions this week to be generous, not only with money, but with time, attention and attitude.

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

*"... Other responses (to the Family Synods) pointed to the effect of severe stress on families, who often seem more caught up with securing their future than with enjoying the present. There is a broader cultural problem, aggravated by fears about steady employment, finances and the future of children." (Amoris Laetitia 50)*

School holidays often provide an opportunity to 'enjoy the present' as there is a break from many of the activities and schedule of the busy school term. Parents who work during these holidays may be able to get home early to enjoy family activities. As parents it is important to find a balance between work/commitments and family time and this is a challenge worth the effort.

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint of the Week—Therese Couderc (1805—1885) - Sep 26

Born to a French farm family, Marie-Victoire Couderc joined a new religious teaching order, but was sent to manage a mountain hostel for women pilgrims at the shrine of St. John Francis Regis. It became a successful retreat house under her guidance, and the order split into a teaching ministry, the Sisters of St. Regis, and a retreat ministry, the Congregation of Our Lady of the Cenacle. Mother Therese was superior of the Cenacle sisters until 1838, when Jesuit advisers began replacing her with a succession of wealthy women. She lived out her days as an ordinary nun, suffering deafness and painful arthritis at the end. She wrote that "the surrendered soul has found paradise on earth," and was canonized in 1970.

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

