

Dear Parishioners,

The new year seems to have brought with it a parish "baby boom", with Fr. Tadgh and myself having conducted 15 infant baptisms since the New Year and another 11 scheduled for next month. It is one of the great joys of the priesthood, to see young parents bring their children to God in this way and to hear them make their commitment to raise their children as followers of Christ. These are always occasions of great hope to us as a Catholic community and we have a responsibility, as a community, to help these young parents bring up their children in faith and to feel truly at home here in the parish.

For the last two years, we have had a team of 4-5 people who have been assisting Fr. Tadgh and myself prepare parents for the baptism of their children, but unfortunately, due to transfers in work and other personal changes, we have lost three members of this team.

I would be most disappointed to see the programme, which we currently provide for these parents, need to change because of lack of willing help. Therefore, I would ask that you consider offering your help, so that the programme can continue in its present format. For many of these young parents, the meetings are the first contact they have had with the Church since their wedding, or even since their school days; which makes it vital that we give them our time and encouragement to find their way back to their faith and begin to seek Jesus once more, for themselves and for their children. Please read the bulletin notice below and respond if you can. - Fr. Sunny



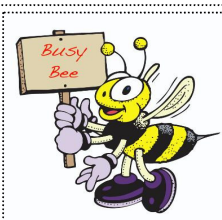
### STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

Each Wednesday of Lent in our church starting at 7.30pm. Why not make this one of your Lenten practices and enter more deeply into the Passion of our Lord?

**WEDNESDAY NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF MT.CARMEL WILL NOT BE HELD DURING LENT.**

### BAPTISM PREPARATION—CAN YOU HELP?

Our dedicated team who assist the priests in preparing young parents for the baptism of their children urgently require new volunteers. At least three new people are needed to be a welcoming face when the parents arrive and also to assist at the meetings. The commitment is to attend two 45minute sessions every second month. You need no special talent—just a warm smile and willingness to share your faith by supporting these young people. If we cannot get new help soon, we will no longer be able to offer our young parents this format of preparation. Please contact Angela on 92768500 / [ijparish@carmelite.com](mailto:ijparish@carmelite.com) if you wish to know more. Thanks so much.



### PARISH BUSY BEE FOR EASTER

SATURDAY 16th MARCH 9am—1pm

We need many hands, to help make our parish grounds and centre clean and fresh for our celebrations at Easter. There will be gardening, cleaning and small maintenance jobs to be done. Children are very

welcome to come with their parents to help. Morning tea and a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided to all the workers. Lists will be in the foyer detailing the jobs that need to be done and the equipment required for each task. If you can bring your own equipment, that would be a help, but the parish will provide equipment if you do not have your own. It would be great to see some new faces!

At the Saturday evening Vigil Mass and the Sunday evening Mass this weekend (23 & 24 Feb) Margaret Box will be speaking briefly about this new initiative—the Retired Teachers Mission Outreach.



### RETIRED TEACHERS MISSION OUTREACH

This is based on retirees (teachers) tutoring -

one child - for one hour - once a week - and gifting half of the lesson donation to Mission Partners - Morley.

This money would then be disbursed for small business loans, medical supplies and housing maintenance for desperately poor villagers, mainly in India.

*The first donation I ever received was used in Sri Lanka in 1979. The \$20 donation allowed a very poor woman to lift herself out of poverty by buying a bucket, some dye, string and a quantity of material for tie-dyeing - thus the first Small Business was born giving her no reason to beg. MUCH CAN BE DONE WITH SO LITTLE!*

Please pray for the success of the Retired Teachers Mission Outreach and tell everyone you meet about this new venture. People need to hear and know it exists as MUCH depends on WORD OF MOUTH.

Contact: Maggie Box. phone: 9272 8263 - email - [margaretbox7@bigpond.com](mailto:margaretbox7@bigpond.com)



### On This Weekend....

**ALL Welcome to a movie fundraiser in support of the "Friends of L'Arche"**

Steven Spielberg's "Lincoln"

**Sunday 24th February at 1.20pm**

**Windsor Theatre, Stirling Highway, Nedlands**

Tickets \$20.00 available at the door.



### Letterbox Drop.....

#### In this Year of Faith

*"Go out and spread the Good News"*

Please take home a pack of Lent/Easter letterbox flyers from the church foyer to distribute to those in your street. **Please only deliver to homes inside our Parish boundaries** and cross off street names which you intend to deliver to.

### ROSE LOVER NEEDED



Do you love to care for roses and know what kind of care and attention they need? Our dedicated rose garden expert has had to retire, after many years of helping our rose beds to look their fabulous best.

We need someone else to step into his gardening shoes. Besides the two elevated garden beds in front of the church, the roses in front of the priory also need your loving care. Please speak to Fr. Sunny or Angela in the office on 92768500 if you can help.

### Confessions for Easter

2nd Rite of Reconciliation.....(Communal Rite with Individual Confession)  
**20th March at 7.30pm**

*Confession times at other parishes to be advised*

Important  
DATE!

To Do:

# Our Parish Events

Don't  
FORGET!

Reminder!

## Parish Prayer Concerns

**Recently Deceased:** Pietro Marcon, Damiana & Alain Martinet, Donald Manuk, Jane Sinclair;

**Anniversaries:** Giovanni Cecchele, Pearl Tucker, Anne Robins;

**Deceased:** Emil & Gretel Tarman, Thant Zin, Addolorata Ruggiero, E. Gaetano, Fr. Joseph, Frank Curran;

**The Sick of the Parish:** Nola & Scott Leckie, Linda Gair, Maria Tomich, Tracey Demasson and all who are in need of our prayers.

***"Father of light, in You is found no shadow of change but only the fullness of life and limitless truth."***

... The "Record" is priced at **\$2.00 per copy**. It has always been sold on an honour basis.

Please make sure you tender the correct amount each time ...

### NO Foreign Coins Please.....

We have been receiving a large number of foreign coins in our Mass collections and in Project Compassion. As the counting is done automatically, foreign coins create a lot of problems for the counting team.



RAYMUNDO, NOW 24, WAS ONLY NINE YEARS OLD WHEN HE JOINED THE CIRCUS. THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF A WHOLE NEW LIFE, AWAY FROM THE INFLUENCE OF GANGS, DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND A POTENTIAL LIFE ON THE STREETS.



Your donations to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion support long-term partnerships for transformation around the world. This week we meet Raymundo who, at just nine, was destined for a life of drugs and crime. Thanks to Caritas Australia's partner, Centro Ceativo Artístico "educar es fiesta" – an organisation that provides education and teaches circus skills to vulnerable children in Bolivia – Raymundo's life changed. Please donate to Project Compassion today. With your ongoing support, we will continue to advocate for children's rights to an education and a fun-filled childhood.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FIRST COMMUNION

Parents wishing to enrol their child for First Communion at Infant Jesus this year will need to bring their family along to an enrolment Mass at **ONE** of the following times:

**Sat 9 March** at 6.30pm OR  
**Sun 10 March** at 9.30am OR  
**Sun 10 March** at 6.00pm

When you arrive at your chosen Mass, please register your child's name and contact number on the list in the foyer. The children will be called up during Mass to receive an envelope with all the necessary information, forms and dates etc in order to enrol your child. It is a requirement of the Sacramental Programme that all First Communion families attend one of these enrolment Masses. We look forward to seeing you there.



## PILGRIM STATUE:

This week in the home of Mrs Heather Triscari. 2 Thirlmere Road, Mt Lawley. Ph: 9276 3238

## INVITATION TO JOIN THE COMBINED CHOIR FOR OUR EASTER SERVICES

*'The person who sings, prays twice' – St Augustine*

Do you like to sing but are not able to commit to a choir for every Sunday of the year?

You are very welcome to be a part of our choir for the Triduum/Easter services.

It will be a very rewarding and enjoyable experience.

We look forward to seeing you at our practises in the church – which are outlined below:

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 11am – 1pm

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 11am – 1pm

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 12pm – 2pm

Ring Linda to have a chat. 0402 120 978



We welcome the following children, recently baptised in our church: Hailey Araluen Quast, Matthew David Neagle, Nuwan Aloysius Perumal, Jasmine Amelia Quast, Sasha Rose Karpinski, Aston Joseph Tartaglia, Rebecca Elizabeth Judkins, Emily May Irving and Nella Margaret Stratton. Please pray for these children and their families.



We also congratulate Michael Pisano & Jennifer Jobling who celebrated their marriage recently. May God bless them as they begin their life together as husband and wife.



**Friday 1 March at 10.30pm**

St. Martin's Anglican Church, 77 Bramwell Road, Noranda. This is a yearly service which brings people of all faiths together. All Welcome, light lunch served afterwards.

**PIETY STALL NEWS:** Copies of "God's Word 2013" only \$5.00. This is a beautifully presented diary with daily Mass readings and reflections—a lovely gift for yourself or others.

## Our Liturgical Life

**Morning Prayer of the Church:** Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am

**Morning Mass:** Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 6.30pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.

**Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:** Please contact the Parish Office.

### OUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE

**Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:**

Wednesday 7.15pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm

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