WESTERN HIGHWAY DEANERY

Mark's Gospel Tuesday 17th February, 10.00am OR 7.30pm
Join Sr Denise for one session on Mark’s Gospel, in the new meeting room at St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs

LENTEN PRAYER - Sunday Scripture Readings
Tuesdays, 24th Feb, 3rd, 17th & 24th March, 10.00-11.00am OR 7.30-8.30pm
Join Sr Denise for four one hour sessions in the new meeting room at St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs

LITURGY PREPARATION
Meeting on Tuesday 10th February, 7.30pm at the Presbytery.

BURNING OF PALMS
Will take place after all Masses next weekend.

.EVENING PRAYER GROUP
Thursdays, 7.00pm at Queen of Heaven. All welcome.

COLLECTING ALUMINIUM CANS
Pleases bring any aluminium cans (rinsed out & crushed) and put them in the container at the church. A fund-raising idea everyone can help with!

CLEANERS Sat 14th Feb (QH) E Princi, R Buttigieg, J Farrugia. (MG) J&T Badzaj, G&J Wrzesinski (StT) A Nadalin

THANKSGIVING Weekly TG Pledge: $1645
Last Week’s Giving: $1449 Presbytery Collection: $674

COUNTERS 15th February
Team 3: M Azzopardi, C Scicluna, E Correya

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE
Remembering Gallipoli and the First World War. Available free today at each Church.

KAIROS First issue of the year. Cost $2.00

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Psalm 147 Psalm 32
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MASS TIMES
ST THERESA’S
Drummartin St, Albion
8.30am Friday
10.30am Sunday
4.00pm Sunday
(Syrian Orthodox)

MOTHER OF GOD
Blanche St, Ardeer
10.00am Wednesday (Pol)
9.00am Thursday
6.00pm Friday (Polish)
6.00pm Saturday
10.30am Sunday (Polish)

QUEEN OF HEAVEN
Holt St, Ardeer
9.00am Sunday
4.30pm Sunday
(Syro-Malabar)

COMMUNION SERVICE
9.00am Wednesday at Queen of Heaven.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 14th February, 10am at queen of Heaven.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING
At Marian College, Glengala Rd, Sunshine West on Wednesday 11th February from 7:00pm-8:30pm.

INNER PEACE DIVINE LOVE RETREAT Tuesdays, 24 Feb, 3, 10, 17 and 24 March, 7.30–9pm
The Old Convent, Corpus Christi Community, 855 Mickleham Rd, Greenvale
In this popular retreat offered by the Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, we remember all God’s gifts to us. We explore how love is about giving and receiving. Bookings are essential, as places are limited. Register and more info: Jane Phelan on 0449 725 425 or at campion@corpuscc.org.au.

SHORT COURSE IN JESUS’ PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION
Wednesdays 25 Feb, 4, 11 & 18 March, 6.30–8pm
Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, 115 Victoria Pde, Fitzroy
It is an opportunity to explore the most important topics of Christian faith during the season of Lent. The course will follow the events of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday), as they are stated in the Apostles’ Creed.
Refreshments provided from 6pm. Registration is essential and closes Friday 20 February.
Register: http://www.acu.edu.au/686192 Contact: Dr Joel Hodge at joel.hodge@acu.edu.au

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At first sight, today’s readings seem to have conflicting messages. Throughout history, Job has been remembered as a person with a totally negative outlook on life – a man who had worked hard, kept the law, cared for his family and who had been ‘rewarded’ with extraordinary calamities. He saw everyone having positive experiences while his life was full of woe.

The psalmist is just the opposite; he praises the all loving God who has showered him with blessings and given him the best of everything. He finds it easy to love a generous God but is reminded to not just rejoice in the gifts and forget the giver. Our assets, talents, personalities are gifts from God and should not be taken for granted but used for the good of all.

Paul reminds the people of Corinth that, in life, we will meet people with a wide range of personalities. Each of us is an unique creation of God. Some of us are Job like and others are positive like the psalmist. Some are good and some not so good. Some are rich and some are poor. Some are generous and some are selfish. Some are weak and some are strong. We have to meet people where they are and accept and love them.

The gospel also speaks of contrasts. Jesus is among friends and cures Simon’s mother in law. This same love is extended to the crowds of poor and sick and even those possessed by devils. The last part of the gospel reminds us of the importance of quiet reflection with God if we are to have the ability to react positively to the wide range of personalities with which we will come into contact in our daily life.

Sr Martin