



THE CARMELITE

Parish of Port Melbourne and Middle Park
in the care of the Carmelites since 1882

*We acknowledge the Yalukit Willam Clan, the traditional owners and
custodians of this land. We pay our respects to them.
May we walk gently here.*

The Ascension of the Lord

16 May 2021

Dear Parishioners, Neighbours and Visitors

Our two churches are currently closed each day except for the 9.00am Masses (timetable in the outside notice boards) due to the current COVID restrictions operating in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Public access to the churches currently requires a consuming clean after each Mass. Unfortunately we are not able to do this after each private visit and we have no way of being able to check with signing in and with cleaning after each individual visit.

We trust that you will understand this decision we have had to make at this time.

Laudato Si' Week 2021.

Laudato Si' Week will be celebrated between May 16 and May 25 2021. The theme for this year is "for we know things can change" (LS 13). Pope Francis is asking the world's 1.3 billion Catholics to help our communities convert and change in order to care for your common home. Pope Francis has recorded a special message for 2021 in English on YouTube at #laudatosi6. Some ideas for each of us to consider are:

- Community or urban garden festival. Meet with friends in a community and personal garden, share tips and techniques, encourage teamwork and inspire others to grow their own food.
- Laudato Si Reading. Have you read the encyclical? Google the encyclical to read, meditate and act on some passages of Laudato Si.
- Recycling. Pay special attention to purchasing items where packaging can be recycled. Check your recycling bin and compare it to the number of items in your general rubbish bin.
- Sit in one of our two church garden areas for personal prayer and meditation and focus on the natural beauty, colours and shapes in these environments.

Both our Churches are fitted with a hearing induction loop. Please use the 'T' or other appropriate switch on your hearing aid. Please tell us if you experience any difficulty.

OUR PARISH

Churches

St Joseph's
cnr Rouse & Stokes Streets
Port Melbourne

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
cnr Richardson & Wright Streets
Middle Park

Sunday Masses

6.00pm (Sat) Mount Carmel
9.00am Saint Joseph's
10.30am Mount Carmel

Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

Carmelite Parish Office

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Parish Website www.sj-mc.org.au

Carmelite Website

www.carmelites.org.au

Office Hours 9am-4pm (non COVID times)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday (CLOSED TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS)

Parish Priest

Fr Hugh Brown OCarm

Parish Secretary

Anne Ierardo

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Michael Murray

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THIS WEEK

Monday 17 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 18 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 19 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's *followed by*
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 20 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 21 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 22 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel
6.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 23 May - Pentecost Sunday

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's
10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Thecla Broderick, Paul Caghi - Cao, Nawal Cox, Maria De Nittis, Kelly Edwards, Judy Fairhall, Frances Farrugia, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Gerard Friary, Ivy Hermence, Marino Mihocic, Felicity Morgan, Marie O'Connor, Sylvia Poliakova, Rafal Rafalski, Michael Ristevski, Lucie Carmen Rodriguez, Dennis Rohan, Lorraine Rohan, Keith Ryder, Teresa Sheehan, Jane Spiteri, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Jonathon Wil, Vivienne Williams, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently: Theody Advincula, Lily Junkovic, Ernie Knight, and all those affected by COVID_19 throughout the world.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Bernardo Aldana, Cesar Galutera, and Carmelites, Patrick Shaffrey, Michael Gerhard, and Ignatius Carr.

IN OUR PARISH

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Safeguarding Compliance

We would like to thank you for your support and help in completing the safeguarding compliance requirements of the working with Children Check and signing the Code of conduct. The response has been fantastic. We understand things can get busy, we have a very few volunteers who still need to complete these requirements. It would be great if you could please complete.

Safeguarding Corner

The safeguarding committee is creating a safeguarding corner (at the back) of both churches. Thanks to Elaine, Anne and Tris for creating a "Safeguarding Board" our first step towards this end. The board currently has some child friendly posters, please take some time to view these. We will use this board to share safeguarding resources and information with you. Any feedback, suggestions, questions are welcome, you can use a form we have on the website at <https://sj-mc.org.au/contact-safeguarding-committee/>

We hope to also have a brochure stand in time with safeguarding resources you may find useful.

Parent and Children Resources

We have updated our parish website with parents and children resources. These consist of resources for children in poster form or child friendly language, but also resources for parents to help them discuss and communicate with their children. These can be found at <https://sj-mc.org.au/safeguarding-useful-resources/>

Safeguarding Children

A special note to parents/carers/guardians. If you are attending one of our liturgies within the church, please make sure you are able to supervise your child at all times. Please note that our toilets are **not** within the church (except for one in the foyer of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church), so all children will require adult supervision. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

MINISTERS

22/23 May

Pentecost Sunday

6.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Mary Chow

Readers: Abramo Ierardo

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Chow

Communion to the Sick: N/A

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: John Molloy

Reader: Marita Molloy

Eucharistic Ministers: Jacek Glenda

Counters: Jim Power & Brian Rochford

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Clive Wansbrough

Readers: Marlene Halim

Eucharistic Ministers: Clive Wansbrough

Childrens' Liturgy: Pam Newman

Hospitality: Michael Murray

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

*Carmelite and
Parish Offering* \$592.00

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

*Carmelite and
Parish Offering* \$1,892.00

May 2021 Parish Men's Dinner

6:45 pm Wednesday 26 May 2021, O'Connor-Pilkington Rooms, OLMC.

Speaker: Brian Ashworth, Honorary CEO, Disaster Aid Australia -

"Helping people in developing countries"

RSVP: John Molloy - 9699 2031 Cost: \$35

Spiritual Reading Group

10.30am - 12.00 midday - Wednesday 19 May (VIA ZOOM)

You are invited to share a favourite passage of spiritual writing. It can be from any period of time, prose or poetry, and not longer than one page. The writing will be 'shared' on zoom, where it will be read, after which you talk about what you value in the words. Others are then free to discuss the work as well.

Please send your contribution to Philip Harvey at
librarian@carmelitelibrary.org before the day,
so he can have them ready to 'share' during the session.

Please book for the May group by contacting the Carmelite Centre.

What's On at the Carmelite Centre

Tuesdays: Centering Prayer, 5.00pm (Via Zoom)

Thursdays: Meditation, 7.00pm

Fridays: Lectio Divina, 9.30am (Via Zoom)

Join us in the Carmelite Library last Friday of each month starting

Friday 28 May between 11.30am and 1pm.

This is an opportunity to meet in person and also as we plan to gather in the library you may like to browse and borrow books. Even though the library is not officially open at this time we can organise for you borrow books if needed.

We can share a cuppa and also you may like to bring some nibbles to share.

Look forward to seeing some of you in the library each month.

These get-togethers may be hosted by various members of
our Carmelite Centre community.

The Carmelite Centre is a joint venture of the Carmelites of Australia and East Timor and our Parish of Port Melbourne/Middle Park.

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Carmelite Centre Program Bookings

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REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Aren't we lucky we don't take the Scriptures literally? If we did it would appear from today's Gospel that only multilingual, snake-wrangling, poison-drinking exorcists, with a gift for healing, would be seen as the genuine Christian article. That would leave most of us out in the cold.

This passage, however, is a dramatic addition to Mark's Gospel to show that even though Jesus is now at the right hand of God, he sends his disciples out to the whole world to carry on his ministry, and that he will protect us when trials come. And even though there have been tragic and shocking chapters in our 2,000 year history, it's good for us to remember what God has done in and through us as we have gone out and proclaimed the saving love of Christ. Today 33% of the world's population are, at least nominally, Christian, numbering 2.1 billion people, making us the largest religion in the world. Our Catholic family accounts for just over half this group. We have around 1.1 billion Catholic brothers and sisters worldwide. Many Christians continue to be persecuted or discriminated for their faith, and some continue to die for their love of Christ which impels them to seek justice for all.

But the feast of the Ascension is not just an opportunity for us to look back on how we have tried to fulfil the command of the Lord to go out to the world. Indeed, this feast is primarily focused on where we are going from here on in. The Ascension promises us that just as the Father raised Jesus from the dead, so too the Father, Son and Spirit will welcome us into heaven as well, to be at Christ's right hand for eternity. This parable demonstrates the point.

In 1939 a father and son were famous art collectors. When World War II broke out, the son volunteered. In 1944 the son died in battle while rescuing another soldier. A year later, a young man came to see the father. 'Sir, you don't know me but I was with your son when he died. I want you to know he didn't suffer.'

'I know you both loved art, and though this isn't much, I want you to have it.' He gave the father a package. Inside was a portrait of the son. It was rough work, but the father welled up with tears. 'It was the least I could do for your son because he saved my life.'

A few months later, the father died. At the art auction which followed, investors gathered from around the world. The first item up for bid was the portrait of the son.

The auctioneer tried to start the bidding, '\$200 ... \$100 ... Any bids? Any at all?' The investors called out, 'Skip this one. Where are the Rembrandts?' Just then a man spoke up from the back. 'I'll give you ten dollars for the painting. It's all the money I have.' It was the gardener at the father's estate. So the auctioneer brought down his gavel. 'Sold for ten dollars!' An investor called back, 'Can we now get on with it?'

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OUR LITURGY

GATHERING HYMN

BEHOLD THE GLORY OF GOD

REFRAIN:

Be-hold the glo-ry of God, the Day-Star a - ris - ing! Christ

Je - sus shines on the earth with mer - cy en - dur - ing!

VERSES:

1. Night of hope, night of glo - ry di - vine - Dark - ness con -
2. Dance for joy all you an - gels of God, Let the pow'rs.
3. Let the earth in its beau - ty re - joice, Ra - diant as

1. - quered ev - er more. Christ tri - um - phant
2. of heav'n ex - ult. All cre - a - tion,
3. the morn - ing sky. Chains of death lie

1. shines on the earth With joy that en - dures.
2. join now in song: "Sal - va - tion is won!"
3. shat - tered this night - Christ's vic - t'ry com - pletel

PENITENTIAL RITE

All: Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
All: Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

"Mass of Light"
David Haas, 1987

GLORIA

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6 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good

10 will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy

14 you. We give you thanks for your great glor - ry, Lord God,

18 hea - ven - ly King, O God al - migh - ty Fa - ther.

22 Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son,

26 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you

30 take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on

34 us. You take a - way the sins of the world, re -

39 ceive our prayer; You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

45 Fath - er, have mer - cy on us.

49 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

53 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

57 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

61 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A men.

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Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 47: GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE

Refrain

1. God mounts his throne 2. to shouts of

3. joy, O sing your praises to the Lord!

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God in gladness,
the Lord we must fear, king of all the earth,

God goes up to shouts of joy, sound the trumpet blast.
Sing praise to our God, praise unto our king!

God is king of all the earth, sing with all your skill
to the king of all nations, praise him on his throne!

Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

James Walsh

REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor, All repeat: thereafter: All

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to Christ, the Word of Life.

Glo - ry, praise and ju - bi - la - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
 on the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
 from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Cel: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your Spirit.**

Cel: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Cel: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All: It is right and just.**

The Celebrant prays the preface at the end of which all sing:

HOLY HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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— Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He who

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comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Randall DeBruyn
 Mass of the Resurrection

We pro-claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your res - ur - rec - tion un -
 til you come a - gain, un - til you come a gain.

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LAMB OF GOD

1-2. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world; have mer - cy on us.

3. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world; grant us peace.

Cel: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the World. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMN

EYE HAS NOT SEEN

REFRAIN:

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, what God has read - y_ for those who love him; spir - it of love, come give us the mind of Je - sus, _____

(last time to Coda)
to Verses

VERSES 1-3:

teach us the wis - dom of God. _____

1. When pain and sor - row weigh us
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle
3. To those who see with eyes of

1. down, be near to us, O Lord, for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
2. breath, we flow - er and we fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
3. faith, the Lord is ev - er near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es, of

to Refrain

1. bear us up with - in your peace - ful word. _____
2. we re - turn in love what love has made. _____
3. all the poor and low - ly of the world. _____



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name? Will you
 2. (Will you) leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name? Will you
 3. (Will you) let the blind - ed see if I but call your name? Will you

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go where you don't know and nev - er be the same? Will you
 care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same? Will you
 set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be the same? Will you

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let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you
 risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at - tract or scare, will you
 kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen, and ad -

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let my life be grown in you and you in me? 2: Will you
 let me an - swer pray'r in you and you in me? 3: Will you
 mit to what I mean in you and you in _____ me.

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But the auctioneer continued, 'The auction is over. According to the will, whoever bought this painting would inherit the estate, including all the art.'

No matter what they said the wealthy investors couldn't buy their way into the inheritance. Only the one who had the eyes of love, and knew what he was looking at, inherited everything the Father and Son had to offer.

May we go out from this Feast of the Ascension so confident of our spiritual inheritance to come, that we lavish its riches on all we meet right now. Because when it comes to Christ's kingdom, there's plenty for everyone. © *Richard Leonard SJ*

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 IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND NURTURING CULTURE
 FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH.**