



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.*

4th Sunday of Easter

3 May 2020

Hello Everyone,

Some News:

- A very, very big thank you to everyone who has responded about our boarder, Miguel. You are exceptionally generous. He is becoming well established in the unit and, besides Leo and myself, he is visited by one of the TL brothers each day. It's really a small world, but he and Avelino went to school together so he has some company besides the old ones. We've also lent him a guitar and he has already written a song. When I get it translated, I'll share it with you. Better still I might get him to sing it.

- One parishioner, who shall remain nameless, remarked that one night she and her husband decided to ditch Netflix, get dressed up and have dinner together at home – what a fantastic idea! I'd do the same but I don't think my confreres would be bothered getting dressed up – it would just be trakkie daks as usual. And that's where I'll leave the story!!

- The insurers are busy submitting quotes for the repair of Mount Carmel roof and, of course, we have to take the lowest one. Anyway, I'm thinking to myself that COVID19 might have done us a favour if we can get the scaffolding and roofing done while the churches are closed.

- Fr Pat is managing to cope with changed circumstances – it is difficult for a man who has been pretty self-sufficient for so many years now, so please keep him in your prayers along with Frs Michael and Ken.

- In the last few days, I've noticed our Magpies around the churches. They are obviously building nests for the new batch of young. Now is the time that Shane and myself feed them very thoughtfully each day we are at the office. It's our insurance policy for not getting swooped in August and September – in Shane's case, they just slide off his scalp and, in my case, they try to nest in my hair! Yes, I know that we are not supposed to feed them but fear is a great motivator.

- Sr Mary Brady CSB has moved into Geraldine's flat in Albert Park – welcome Mary and we'd love to see you around the place when you are settled and we are not isolated.

- Big kudos to the staff at Galilee who are managing remote learning with our students. It is a tough ask for everyone - parents, staff and students - so thank you all for your patience and perseverance.

- Some of the toddlers and their parents have discovered that the path around St Joseph's is great for cycling and that the parking area is great for soccer and tennis. It's lovely

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

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(CLOSED TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS)**

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PARISH OFFICE

**The Carmelite Parish Office is now
closed to the public.**

**The office is still functioning between 9.00am & 4.00pm
on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.**

**You can contact us by telephone:
9681 9600**

**Email: parish@sj-mc.org.au or by checking our
website on**

www.sj-mc.org.au for further updates.

**If you are in need of a priest urgently then please
call 0408 754283.**

WE REMEMBER

Please ask permission of the sick person(s) before asking their name(s) be put on the list. We need to be sensitive to the fact that some people may not wish their names published.

If you would like someone remembered in our sick list, recently deceased or anniversaries, then please contact the parish office by email: parish@sj-mc.org.au or by phone 9681 9600.

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Baby Luca, John Bassett, Paul Caghi - Cao, Kelly Edwards, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Michael McGowan, Marino Mihocic, Sylvia Poliakova, Rafal Rafalski, Lorraine Rohan, Keith Ryder, Helen Stanley, Helen Sullivan, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Jonathon Wil, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently: Leading Senior Constable Lynette Taylor, Constable Glen Humphris, Senior Constable Kevin King and Constable Josh Prestney, Noel Walsh, and those affected by COVID - 19.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Jess and Will Ryan, Carmelite, John Scanlon.

IN OUR PARISH

to see that especially when our autumn weather is sunny and families need to get out of the house.

- As many of you would know, many people walk around our grounds with their dogs. I have no problem with that as long as they pick up the! I asked Maurice to write me a sign in Latin that I can stick it up around the place. It goes:

**NOTA BENE:
VOS CUM CANIBUS (AMBULANTES)
REMOVETE EXCRETA!!!!
ANIMALIUM**

I'm sure you can translate it!

- A big thank you to Michael M for his piece on ANZAC Day. I have it on good authority that a certain parishioner, wearing his medals, stood to attention on his balcony at dawn on Anzac Day as the Last Post was played.

- It was a privilege to celebrate the funeral service for Ann Crump's husband, Peter on Wednesday. As you would expect, it was a very small funeral but I'm sure the family will gather in much greater numbers when restrictions end.

- Please pray for Carl Walsh's Dad who died in Ireland from COVID19 related pneumonia. His name is Noel Walsh and it would be really good if you could remember Carl, Brenda and Matthew in your prayers as well. It is very difficult to lose someone close when you can't be around to offer support.

- Des Powell put me onto an app called Bread4Today put out by the Redemptorists which I think you can download. I'll use a quote from it at the bottom of this page, so thanks Des.

- Also, there is another app called Universalis which I also use as it has the Mass for each day as well as the Hours of the Divine Office. I don't think either of the 2 apps are that expensive, so just a thought ...

- If anyone wants a copy of the essay I wrote on the Magnificat send us a note and I'll email it to you. It might be a bit dry and academic but you're welcome to it.

- Don't forget that we want you to volunteer to write our mid-week pieces, so I need a volunteer or two or three. Don't be shy.

ARCHDIOCESE

**Archdiocesan Hotline for
COVID-19**

In light of changing advice and circumstances, please keep visiting this webpage: www.cam.org.au for quick access to the latest news, information and resources. Should you require any further information specific to a parish concern relating to COVID-19 and the guidelines produced by the Archdiocese, please contact the newly established service desk for our Priests and Parishes:

Phone: 9926 2469

Email: covid-19@cam.org.au

This phone line and email will be monitored Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm, by Archdiocesan staff.

THANK YOU

We understand that these are very unusual circumstances and difficult times for many people both emotionally and financially.

Thank you to our parishioners who have been continuing to send in their thanksgiving envelopes. If you would like to continue supporting our parish you might like to consider changing your contributions to EFT, direct debit or credit card deductions. Please contact the parish office to organise this.

REFLECTION

UNCHARTERED WATERS

When God comes close to us in our lives it's not all sweetness and light. Often people who say they have seen God what they mean is, "they've been turned inside out, put into question at the deepest level."

That's what we are afraid of: that the experience of God in our lives might mean setting out into the deep unknown, disturbing our daily routines, even though it's there that God comes to meet us. We are afraid of going to a deeper place in case we are no longer in control.

Lord, give us the courage in uncharted waters. Help us see you more deeply.

Stay well, warm and know that you are cared about and prayed for.



REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

I have a friend who is a great lover of classical music. His knowledge of it is vast. He only needs to hear a few bars of most musical works and he confidently declares, 'Mozart's Piano Concerto in A' or 'Stravinsky's Rite of Spring'. He's always right.

Another of his superfluous, but amusing gifts is to pick the singer. He can hear a soprano and declare it to be Callas, Te Kanawa or Sutherland. He knows which of the three Tenors is belting out that particular top C. Again, he's almost always right. What intrigues me about this gift is that he remembers the timbres of each voice, not just the famous ones, but some rather obscure soloists as well. It helps that he has listened to the sound of these voices for years. It's the same with recognising the voice of Christ – it comes with practice and exposure to it.

In our world there are a multitude of voices clamouring for attention. The loudest or the longest voices we hear are not always the wisest ones. Jesus invites us to attune our listening to the sound of his voice so that even if it is faintly heard amidst the noise, we can lift our heads, turn our gaze and walk towards it.

More than ever, there are some voices which entice us away from the Gospel. We are told that it is impossible to be happy unless we are wealthy. Impossible to be fulfilled unless we are sexually active with several partners. Impossible to be free unless we answer to no one. And in this crowded marketplace the voice of Jesus keeps saying the same thing it's been saying for two thousand years. Happiness is found in sharing what we can with the poor, in being faithful and loving in all our relationships and in surrendering our freedom to the service of His kingdom of justice and peace.

The problem is not that Jesus should yell more loudly, it is that at crucial moments in our lives when we have to make important decisions, we close our ears. We refuse to listen to any other voice except that one that reinforces the destructive decision we want to make. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that this choice can be a moment of death. What his call offers is life and life abundantly. But at various times we blot it out and tune our hearing elsewhere.

There are, however, at least two times in our lives when we respond immediately to the sound of a loving voice: as a baby and in old age. A parent's voice soothes and reassures a baby like no other. Look at how a screaming child calms down as a mother nurses it. Look at how a loved one's voice comforts and gives confidence to an older person when they are distressed or disoriented.

What wonderful images these very human moments provide in terms of hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. At the moment of our death, in the midst of all the other sounds we hear as we leave this world we will hear Christ's voice – soothing, reassuring, comforting and confident. And at that moment we will do what we have tried to do always all our lives – we will walk straight toward it.

Now that will be life, and life abundantly.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER PRAYER

The light is shining
WE ARE WELCOME HERE

The door is open
WE ARE WELCOME HERE

The meal is ready
WE ARE WELCOME HERE

The invitation is for us and our children
THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE WE BELONG

Coming and going
GOD WATCHES OVER US

Resting and travelling
GOD WATCHES OVER US

Through good and through evil
GOD WATCHES OVER US

All the days of our lives
GOD SAFEGUARDS US WITH LOVE

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 22 THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Response: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

Response

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

Response

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Response

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Response

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL

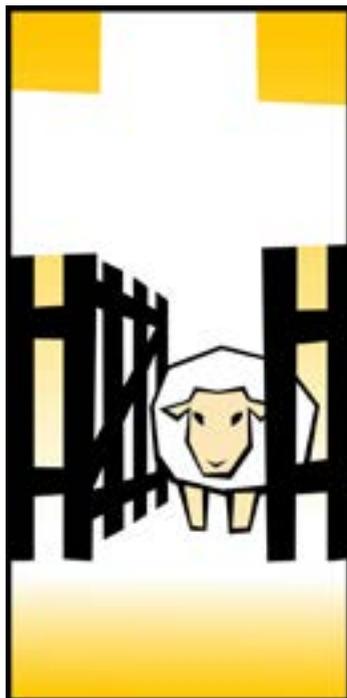
John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he

goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.
I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'



**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF PORT MELBOURNE AND MIDDLE PARK
IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND NURTURING CULTURE
FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH.**