



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.*

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 August 2017

My dear Parishioners,

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT

As many of you would be aware the Parish supports the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project by our practical assistance with a number of families and we owe a deep sense of appreciation to those among us who get involved. The Brigidine Sisters have requested a mail campaign to various politicians which is simply a card already addressed to various individuals and which we invite you to sign and send off. Copies of these are available to both Churches.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who helped make Fr Januario's Masses back in the Parish delightful occasions. Also, appreciation to those who made a contribution as part of a congratulatory gift. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

A POSSIBILITY?

While I was away I spent some time studying St Paul's Letters to the Romans and Galatians as well as some work on the Psalms and was thinking that it might be a good way to offer a couple evenings on either St Paul or the Psalms. If you think it's worthwhile please let me or the Parish office know and let us know your preference (9681 9600 or parish@sj-mc.org.au)

ASSISTED DYING LEGISLATION AND SAME SEX MARRIAGE EQUALITY PLEBISCITE

Both of these issues are very much on the front burner at present and will continue to be so for some time. I think most of us would know and understand the Church's position and I would encourage everyone to consider the issues prayerfully and reflectively and take time to consider them. I fully appreciate that each person should act and respond according to their informed conscience and make decisions that are for the welfare of all in our community. I fear that it will be a bumpy and sadly, bitter campaign but trust that our considerations of the matters are balanced and guided by principles of justice, love, compassion and the need to respect the integrity of every human person.

REFLECTION

There is a growing awareness of the sublime dignity of human persons, who stand above all things and whose rights and duties are universal and inviolable. They ought, therefore, to have ready access to all that is necessary for living a genuinely human life: for example, food, clothing, housing, ... the right to education, and work...

Vatican II, The Church and the Modern World, #26

Have a warm week and watch for swallows.

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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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Bank Street
South Melbourne Vic 3205

Telephone 03 9699 2928
Principal Simon Millar

THIS WEEK

Monday 21 August

9.00am Mass, both churches

Tuesday 22 August

9.00am Mass, both churches

Wednesday 23 August

9.00am Mass, both churches

Thursday 24 August

9.00am Mass, both churches
7.00pm Meditation, Malone Room

Friday 25 August

9.00am Mass, both churches
9.30am Lectio Divina, Lady Chapel, Mt Carmel

Saturday 26 August

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

Sunday 27 August

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

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Raymond Adams, Michael Baine, Molly Baker, John Bassett, Ellen Beams, Sash Somerset Beauverie, Hugh Bowen, Josie Broemann, Karen Brown, Lulu Cooney, Vincenza Cortazzio, Ron Cullen, Luka Dabovic, Maureen Delahunty, Jelena Djokmarkovic, Ron Dalton, Charles Dalli, Maureen & Doug Dickason, Jane Ford, Paola Ghicui, Lesley Gilbert, Andrew Hamilton, Harry Henry, Ivy Hermence, Tony Jandayar, Jesu Jebamalai, Joanna Kilner, Oraina Kitkiadis, Maria Lancuba, Lina Lawrence, Amala Pushpam Leon, Paul Jesu Leon, Maria Loc, Kevin Maloney, Fr Phelim McGowan SJ, Elishka Marvan, Cassandra Mills, Betty Molnar, Sastra Munanto, Anika Nagorcka, B O'Mahony, Maria Pagen, John Pringle, Rafal Rafalski, Lolo Fred Revita, Mendo Ristevski, Sr Mary Rowan, Fr Rybe, Salvatore Sirio, Joy Skeffington, Michael Smart, Chris Smith, James Smith, Maurie Smith, Poppy Smith, Angela Speranze, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Bill Toohey, Nola Vincent, Rosemary Walsh, Diah Wardhani, Laura Winter and Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently: Sr Rita Carey, csb, Jerry May, Maria Monteiro, Andrea Rendell, Julie Rodrigues.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: William Asmar, Dona DuNifeliccia, Mavis Joyce, Losinno Pasquale, Erick Russ, and Carmelites, Brocard Leybourne and Charles Haughey.

IN OUR PARISH

At the 6.00pm Mass at Mt Carmel this weekend, we welcome Xavier Sabine who has received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, and Alice Roberts who will receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist. We welcome Xavier, Alice, their families and friends who join with us to celebrate this special occasion in their lives.

Sacrament of Confirmation - 2017

An enrolment form can be obtained from both churches, the Parish Office, or the Parish website: www.sj-mc.org.au.

This program involves activities at home, during the Saturday afternoon sessions in the O'Connor/Pilkington Rooms and in Church during the Saturday evening mass at 6.00pm.

At least one parent must attend the Parent Information Session **at 6.30pm on Thursday, 14 September, at Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School, Bank Street, South Melbourne**, so that their family will know how to accompany their child during their preparation for the Sacrament.

Please return your enrolment form by Tuesday, 30 August. The Confirmation Program commences on Saturday, 16 September. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the 6.00pm Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Saturday 11 November, 2017.

For further information, please contact the Parish Office on 9681 9600 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday during business hours.

August 2017 Parish Men's Dinner

Wednesday 23 August 2017,

6:45 pm at O'Connor-Pilkington Room, OLMC.

Speaker: Will Kininmonth - "A life of changing weather!"

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

Middle Park Support Group

We have ample supplies of baked beans and spaghetti but our current shortages are: Tins of tuna, Small bottles of Nescafe coffee, Bottles of Tomato Pasta sauce, Tinned Fruit, Tinned vegetables, Jam, vegemite, peanut butter, Long life milk, and Dry biscuits. Donations may be left at the churches during mass times or at the Parish Office. Thank you.

MINISTERS

26/27 August

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mount Carmel

Commentator: Carmel Collins

Reader: Des Collins

Eucharistic Ministers: Carmel Collins, Br Agedo, Br Martinho

Communion to the Sick: Michael Murray

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Kevin Mooney

Readers: Julianna O'Bryan

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Warren, Cathy Garbellini & Frances Galvin

Counters: Ron and Sandra Cassano

Childrens' Liturgy: Anthony Mccartin and Sophia Alex

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Peter Thomas

Readers: John Molnar

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Newman, Clive Wansbrough, Margaret Fagan

Childrens' Liturgy: Anthony Mccartin and Sophia Alex

Hospitality: Brenda Walsh

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

Carmelite and

Parish Offering \$1,058.00

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Carmelite and

Parish Offering \$1,248.00

IN OUR PARISH



Catholic Missions Appeal This Weekend

In Bujuni, a remote parish deep in the heart of Uganda, bringing life into the world is often fraught with danger. Many women take great risks to get to the nearest affordable maternity ward at St Luke Bujuni Health Centre. Despite the tireless work of Sister Mary Goretti and her small staff, the health centre does not have the capacity to deal with the influx of high-risk pregnancies amongst the many expectant mothers. Sadly, the potential consequences can be tragic. With your support through Catholic Mission, Sister Goretti is hoping to expand St Luke's and provide essential services for women and children. Please give generously to support women and children's health through Jesus' life-giving mission today. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/uganda. A leaving collection will be held this weekend. Envelopes and collection plates will be in the church foyer.

Catholics and Lutherans...After 500 years.

St Francis Xavier's Parish invites members of Catholic and Lutheran parishes (and friends of both) to a special afternoon tea to reflect on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

Speakers: Marlene Pietsch ("Growing up Lutheran") and David Schutz ("The Reformation in context").

Venue: St Francis Xavier School Hall, 1087 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill.

Date: Sunday 10 September 2017 from 2.00pm to 3.30pm.

RSVP St FX Parish Office 9890 2231. Flyers available at the back of the churches.

Carmelite Conversations: Mary/Maryam in the Muslim/Christian Traditions led by Cheryl Camp, RSM and David Hofman OCarm.

10.00am - 2.00pm Saturday 22 August in the O'Connor Pilkington Rooms.

Carmelite Conversations: Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the only woman named in the Islamic Scripture – the Qur'an. Muslims honour her as the greatest of all women. We will explore what Muslims believe about Mary and why they hold her in such high honour. We will also explore the significance of Mary in the Christian tradition and talk about how these two traditions might enrich our understanding of Mary.

All welcome to come and join the conversation. Cost: \$10 (includes morning tea).

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

Address: 214 Richardson Street, Middle Park Vic 3206 (Mel Ref 2K C10)

T: (03) 9690 5430 Website: www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org

Carmelite Centre Program Bookings

T: 9690 5430 (leave message if unattended) or reregistration@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org
via website: www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org

The Carmelite Library

The Carmelite Library, located in the Carmelite Hall next to the Church, is open on

Tuesdays from 12.00 to 8.00pm and Wednesday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm.

t: (03) 9682 8553e: librarian@carmelitelibrary.org website: www.carmelitelibrary.org

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

One bright Sunday morning, everyone in the town got up early and went to the local church. Before Mass started, the townspeople were sitting in their pews and talking about their lives, their families.

Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from the devil incarnate. Soon everyone was evacuated from the Church, except for one elderly lady who sat calmly in her pew, not moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that Satan was in her presence.

Now this confused Satan a bit, so he walked up to the older lady and said,

'Don't you know who I am?'

The woman replied, 'I sure do.'

Satan asked, 'Aren't you afraid of me?'

'No, certainly not' said the woman.

Satan was a little perturbed at this and queried, 'Why aren't you afraid of me?'

The woman calmly replied, 'Because I've been married to your brother for 48 years.'

Until quite recently in many cultures around the world events or experiences that had no ready explanation were put down to evil forces. This was certainly true in Jesus' day. Diseases, physical deformities, mental illnesses, accidents, bad weather patterns and defeats in battle were attributed either to God's vengeance or the work of a demon. Although we no longer hold this to be true, we still hear this line from some people today.

The Syro-Phoenician woman considers herself cursed for having a daughter who is tormented by a demon. It is very unlikely that her daughter is possessed by the devil. She probably had a chronic illness that could not be cured. Furthermore, the woman is also considered cursed by others because she is a Gentile, a non-Jew. In fact this story is unsettling and rather unflattering to Jesus on several levels.

Because of her ethnicity and religion the disciples do not think she should ask for anything from Jesus. He seems to concur with them. If it wasn't for the woman's courage and persistence, she would never have got what she wanted. And by Jesus referring to them as dogs, he seems to agree with the contempt with which the Jews held the Gentiles.

Again it is the woman's quick wit and faith which turns the situation around. She domesticates the racial slur and argues that if she is to be considered a dog she is not a wild one but of the house variety where she should be able to enjoy the leftovers. The power of her insight and the rightness of her cause catches Jesus off-guard, her daughter is healed and everyone is taught a lesson about how the Kingdom of God breaks through in the most extraordinary ways.

This story also tells us of the power of intercessory prayer. The woman goes through her ordeal not for herself but for her daughter. Her faith in Jesus is the vehicle by which someone else's life is enriched. So too for us. As Christians many of us regularly tell others, whom we know are in need, that we will pray for them. Often these people, some who do not share our faith, are touched by this kindness.

OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN A TRUSTING PSALM - LORD LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US

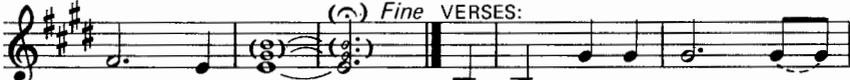
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REFRAIN:



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us _____ as we place our

Fine VERSES:



trust in you. _____

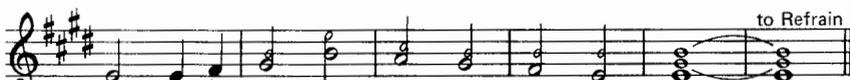
1. The word of the Lord is _____
2. The word of the Lord means a _____
3. The word of the Lord is _____



1. faith-ful-ness and love. His love can nev-er be mea-sured... _____
2. pa-tient, gen-tle God. His love can nev-er grow wea-ry. _____
3. fire _____ burn-ing strong. His love can nev-er grow wea-ry. _____



1. _____ His _____ beau-ty is like noth-ing we have ev-er _____ seen, _____
2. _____ His _____ mer-cy is as though our sins have nev-er _____ been, _____
3. _____ His will seek and save the lost un-til we all re-turn, _____



to Refrain

1. _____ so _____ let us place our trust in him. _____
2. _____ if _____ we can place our trust in him. _____
3. _____ so _____ let us place our trust in him. _____

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PENITENTIAL RITE

All: *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

2

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. **3**

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.

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 66: O GOD, LET ALL THE NATIONS PRAISE YOU



O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth, and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the people, you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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!

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GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho -

Fine

Randall De Bruyn, Mass of the Resurrection

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Sav-our of the world, for by your cross and res-ur - rec-tion
You have set us free. You have set us free.

James Chepponis:
Jubilation Mass

LAMB OF GOD

1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.
2. Bread of Life, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.
3. Word made flesh, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.
4. 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.**

Michael Joncas

VERSE 1:

1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in his shad-ow for
 1. life, say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!" ,

REFRAIN: And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
 bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine — like the
 (last time to Coda) to Verses
 sun, and hold you in — the — palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will
 to Refrain

2. bring you no fear: un-der his wings your ref-uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield.

3. You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by
 to Refrain

3. day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Cantor:



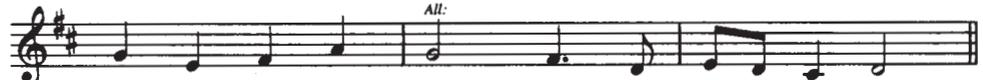
1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
 2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
 3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:

All: *Cantor:*



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
 Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
 Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and

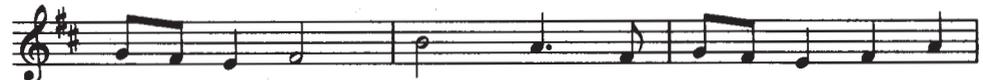
All:



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
 bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
 seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

Text: Matthew 5:13-15; Marty Haugen, b.1950
 Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950
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When we make our prayer intercessory, either at home or in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass, it can be our finest hour. We can learn a lot about a parish from its intercessions. It can be the time when we forget about ourselves and our needs for a while and ask for the needs of someone else, even if we don't know them. This type of prayer has the possibility of helping us place our lives in context and reminding us that while we have a seat at the world's table, others are at our feet scavenging for scraps.

The best prayer reminds us that we have to get down and get dirty and work to raise up all of God's children to the places of honour which everyone deserves.

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