



# THE CARMELITE

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

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

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 6 October 2024**

## CARMELITE REFLECTION:

### *Gracious and Generous Love*

No doubt, many will find this Sunday's Gospel difficult reading.

One of the great themes of Mark's Gospel is that, in Jesus, all things are being restored to God's original purpose. That gives us a bit of context for the words of Jesus.

Among Jewish scholars and rabbis of Jesus' time there was often fierce debate about the grounds for divorce permitted by Jewish Law (Deuteronomy 24:1). As the Gospel recalls, a man could draw up a 'writ of dismissal', give it to his wife and they would be considered divorced. At least one line of thought allowed the husband to do this for almost any reason whatever. In a way, the writ was meant as a kind of protection for the woman lest she be accused of infidelity.

When the Pharisees approach Jesus, they already seem to be aware of his teaching about divorce and may be trying to trap him into saying something against Moses and the Law. Something they could use against him.

Jesus, however, talks not about the Law, but about God's original intention for marriage using quotes from the Book of Genesis.

The words of Jesus make clear that marriage is part of God's design for human beings. The rich imagery of the husband being so drawn to his wife that he leaves home and family and the two become 'one body' implies great love, warmth, intimacy and companionship. When God draws human beings together like this, man must not divide them.

Later, the disciples question Jesus about his teaching. It is important to understand that Jesus' reply is about a situation in which one party in the marriage divorces

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## 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

5.00pm (Sat) Mount Carmel  
9.00am Saint Joseph's  
10.30am Mount Carmel

### Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

### Carmelite Parish Office

274 Rouse Street  
Port Melbourne Vic 3207

Telephone 03 9681 9600

After Hours Phone Number  
0419 136 030

Email parish@sj-mc.org.au

Parish Website www.sj-mc.org.au

Carmelite Website  
www.carmelites.org.au

### Office Hours:

Tuesday - 9am - 4pm  
Wednesday - 9am-4pm  
Friday - 9am-12pm  
**(CLOSED MONDAYS & THURSDAYS)**

### Parish Priest

Fr Paul Cahill, OCarm

### Parish Secretary

Cathy Garbellini

### Pastoral Associate

Kelly McEnhill

### Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

### Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Baptism - Vacant  
First Reconciliation - Sally Diserio  
First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen  
Confirmation - Sally Diserio

### Safeguarding Officer

Frances Correa

### Maintenance Manager

Dave Fletcher

### Galilee Regional Catholic

#### Primary School

Bank Street, South Melbourne 3205  
Telephone 03 9699 2928

## THIS WEEK

### Monday 7 October

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Tuesday 8 October

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

### Wednesday 9 October

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Thursday 10 October

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

### Friday 11 October

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Saturday 12 October

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

### Sunday 13 October

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

## WE REMEMBER

**Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer:** Patrick Achiam, Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Maurizio Bonizzoni, Dorina Butera, Grace Callaghan, Shirley Callaghan, Rita Colli, Mary Hong Cao, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Daphnie Cramer, Grace Cumming, Mary Dalli, Michael De Nittis, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Leonie Dimes, Bernadette Falckh, Gigi Falk, Lyn Falk, Maria Fatima, Rebecca Fernando, Tony Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, John Fuller, Gus Gleason, John Goral, Amelia Grace, Evelen Greach, George Grzyb, Nova Hack, Bernardine Hagan, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Lincoln Hanland, Darren Harland, Chin Hsia, Portia Hendrick, Carol Higginson, Jason Ho, Steph Hudson, Marija Jelinic, Sr Martin Jones, Teresa Kwol, Paul Chan Yin Leung, Margaret Lopes, Austin Lorraine, Les Lugowski, Christine Lyell, Coco McMaster, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquieren, Ian MacLachlan, Maggie McKern, Marta Menjivar, Alba Middleton, Maria Loc Nguyen, Paul Nghi Cao Thanh, Caterina Orfanidis, Barry Paff, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Michael Risteviski, Dennis Rohan, Clara Romeo, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Frances Sheehy, Sash Carti Somerset-Beauverie, Dorothea Spencer, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Diane Thakur, Angela Trigar, Ria Van Lith, Julieanne Wharton & Tami Yap.

**Those who have died recently:** Philip Dean, Leticia Gianan & Vincent Smith.

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Ivy Hermance, Paul Cao Thank & Carmelite Francis Hynes.

## IN OUR PARISH



Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8 October 2024** at 7.30pm in the Boardroom at the Parish Office, 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne. **New members are welcome.**

Should you wish to contact a Vinnies representative, please call Kathy Mount on 0437 588 855 or Pauline Semmens 0425 854 691.

### Parish Men's Dinner

**Date:** Wednesday, 16 October, 2024  
**Venue:** O'Connor-Pilkington Room, OLMC, Middle Park  
**Cost:** \$40.00 pp

Speaker: Fellow diner, Wil Kininmonth. who will give us a scientific perspective on climate change. If you would like more information or to **RSVP**, please contact **Brian Rochford:**

Mobile: 0404 056 542

Email: bfrochford@bigpond.com

### Parish Ladies Dinner

Our next dinner is

**Wednesday, 16 October 2024, 6.00pm**  
at **Clare Castle Hotel, Port Melbourne.**  
Meal and drinks at each lady's expense.

To RSVP, please contact Margaret Blades via:  
SMS to: 0429 933 129

Email: margaretblades@bigpond.com

Numbers are capped at 20; book early to avoid disappointment.

All welcome !

## MINISTRIES

12-13 October 2024

**28 TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

### 5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

*Commentator:* Des Collins

*Reader:* Pat Mount

*Offertory:* Kathy Mount

*Communion:* Kathy Mount

*Music:* Kelly McEnhill

*Sacristan:* Kelly McEnhill

### 9.00am St Joseph's

*Commentator:* Ron Cassano

*Reader:* Rob Lever

*Offertory:* Elaine Chaffer

*Communion:* Jacek Glenda

*Counters:* Frances Moore & Mary Li

*Music:* Frances Correa

*Hospitality:* Cathy Garbellini

*Sacristan:* Rob Winduss

### 10.30am Mount Carmel

*Commentator:* Peter Thomas

*Reader:* Denis Churkovich

*Offertory:* Sr. Reba Woodwisch

*Communion:* Sally Diserio

*Music:* Choir / Peter Russo

*Hospitality:* Jackie & John Tidey

*Sacristan:* Peter Russo

### Communion to the Sick:

Frances Correa : 14-20 Oct

## THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

### Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 435.00
Credit Card	\$ 845.00
Direct Credit	\$ 711.55
Loose Plate	\$ 969.15
Tap & Go	\$ 310.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,270.70</b>



## DONATIONS

### Parish QR code

Enter the amount, your name, email address & optionally any comment.

### Electronic Funds Transfer

BSB: 083-347

Account No: 58 216 8515

Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish

**Parish Website:** www.sj-mc.org.au  
using **DONATE** button on Homepage.



**Envelopes** - The next series of Thanksgiving Envelopes are available for collection in the foyer of the churches.

**New to Thanksgiving** - If you are new to the parish and wish to join our Thanksgiving Program, please contact Mark at Parish Office via email [Mark@sj-mc.org.au](mailto:Mark@sj-mc.org.au) or \ 9681 9600.

### Working Bee at St Joseph's Church

Our next annual working bee at St. Joseph's Church is on **Saturday, 19 October 2024, 10am.**

Tasks will include :

- \* Cleaning the brass
- \* Washing pews
- \* General dusting & tidy up.

**BYO gloves, bucket and cleaning cloth.**

**All welcome.**

## NEWS FROM THE SYNOD

At the opening retreat of the Synod, held last Sunday and Monday Dominican, Timothy Radcliffe, a retreat leader urged the delegates to "allow the Holy Spirit to speak". They were exhorted to let go of old ways and let go of the desire to make everything new and instead listen and open doors to others.

Australian Bishop Timothy Costelloe while preaching at a Mass for Clergy delegates last weekend, said that moving forward we must be a welcoming and hospitable church, a poor and humble church and a listening church. He reminded the clergy present that "the church is Christ's, not ours."

The Synod consultations began last Wednesday and will continue until the 27th of October.

### Your legacy can create a future of Possibilities

Leaving a **Gift** in your Will is a personal choice of great importance. It's a generous gesture that will reflect your faith, beliefs and values well into the future.

By leaving a **gift to The Carmelites or the Parish** in your Will, your legacy can create a future of possibilities. Whether it is training young men to become priests and equipping them to become leaders of their communities, providing young Timorese people with hope for a better future through education, or supporting the ongoing mission of our Parish here in Port Melbourne-Middle Park, your gift will sustain our work and transform lives.

To find out more about leaving a **gift to the Carmelites** in your Will, contact on 9690 8822 or [philanthropy@carmelites.org.au](mailto:philanthropy@carmelites.org.au) or pickup a booklet in the back of the church.

To find out more about leaving a **gift to The Parish** in your Will, contact the Parish Office (**9681 9600; [parish@sj-mc.org.au](mailto:parish@sj-mc.org.au)**).

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the other in order to marry someone else. It is not talking about a person fleeing an abusive relationship or one which has failed for some other reason. So, it is important not to take these words of Jesus and use them as a judgement on those who have divorced, or who have remarried some time later.

It is also worth remembering that the Church itself has a process to assist people whose marriages fail, often enabling them to marry again.

The reply that Jesus gives recognises husband and wife as equal partners in marriage. No longer, according to Jesus, is it permissible for a husband to divorce his wife 'because he finds something displeasing about her' (Deut 24:1).

Jesus does the same thing in the following story about the little children. When people (probably their mothers) bring the little children to Jesus for a blessing, his disciples, acting as minders, shoo them away. Once again, the disciples have got things wrong, and Jesus rebukes them. They seem to have forgotten already Jesus' teaching in last week's Gospel about welcoming the little child.

Jesus astounds the disciples by insisting that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who welcome it like little children, who open-heartedly embrace the Kingdom as sheer gift from a gracious God. The Kingdom cannot be earned, or bought, or bargained for. It is ours for the taking. All we need is the conversion of heart to believe in a God who is so good and so gracious as to give us the Kingdom freely and without measure.

In both parts of the Gospel today, Jesus teaches that married women and children are not to be treated as possessions or objects, but with dignity and respect. As well as recalling God's initial intention for marriage, Jesus also recalls God's initial intention about the treatment of other people including those thought to be of lesser or no account.

The disciples need to learn that only those who receive the kingdom of God with the openness and receptivity of a child will be able to enter into the mystery of God's gracious and generous love.

*David Hofman, O.Carm. Celebrating at Home, Carmelite Communications, Melbourne*

## PHOTO'S FROM FATHER PAUL



With Fr Christopher McPhee MSC (Fr Matthew's nephew) at the unexcavated site of Colossae (Ref. St Paul's Letter to the Colossians)



At the site of the excavated and reconstructed Library of Celsus in Ephesus, Turkey (Ref. Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians).



Outside the walls of Thessalonika, Greece. (Ref. Letters of St Paul to the Thessalonians) Greece

## OUR LITURGY

10:30am Live Music Mass: Music will be on a separate pew sheet.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: LET HEAVEN REJOICE – VERSE 1, 2 & 4

Refrain

Let heav-en re-joice and earth be glad; let all cre-a-tion sing. Let chil-dren pro-claim through ev-'ry land: "Ho-san-na to our King."

Verses 1-3

1. Sound the trum-pet in - to the night; the day of the Lord is
2. Rise in splen-dor; shake off your sleep; ¶ put on your robes of
3. Raise your voic-es, be not a - fraid. Pro-claim it in ev-'ry

to Refrain

1. near. Wake your peo-ple, lift your voice, pro-claim it to the world.
2. joy. And in the morn-ing you shall see the glo-ry of the Lord.
3. land. Christ has died, but he has ris-en; he will come a - gain.

Verse 4

4. Sing a new song un-to the Lord, whose la-bor has led us to life. With

to Refrain

4. grate-ful hearts and joy-ful danc-ing, play be-fore the Lord.

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GLORIA

DAN SCHUTTE

**Refrain**      **Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest  
And on Earth, peace on Earth, Peace to people of goodwill**

We praise You, we bless You, We adore You, we glorify You  
We give You thanks for Your great glory  
Lord God, Heavenly King  
O God, almighty Father

**Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us  
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer  
You are seated at the right hand, the right of the Father  
Have mercy on us

**Refrain**

For You alone are the Holy One  
You alone are the Lord  
You alone are the Most High Jesus Christ  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father

**Refrain**

Amen, amen.

FIRST READING

*Genesis 2:18-24*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,  
and flesh from my flesh!  
This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 128 MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIVES.

**Response: May the Lord bless us, may the Lord bless us,  
may the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,  
who walk in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favoured. **Response**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
your children like olive plants  
like olive plants around your table. **Response**

Behold, thus is the man blessed  
who fears the LORD.  
The LORD bless you from Zion:  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. **Response**

May you see your children's children.  
Peace be upon Israel! **Response**

SECOND READING

*Hebrews 2:9-11*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for everyone. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his children into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brethren.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

## GOSPEL

### *Mark 10:2-16*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'



People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

## 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.

OFFERTORY: BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The holy One, is here;  
Come bow before him now  
With reverence and fear  
In him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour he is crowned:  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant king of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place:  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister his grace -  
No work too hard for him.  
In faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church. 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.**

#### HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of host  
Heaven and earth are full  
Are full of Your glory  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest  
Blessed is he who comes  
Who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

#### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again, until you come again.

#### LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away 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: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

SEBASTIAN TEMPLE

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

**Refrain: O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled, as to console,  
To be understood, as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.**

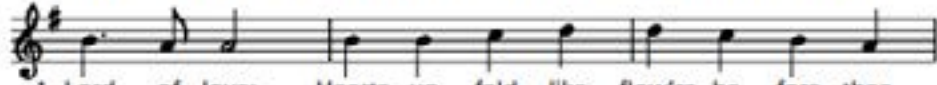
Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness only light,  
And where there's sadness ever joy. **Refrain**

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.  
*(No refrain at end)*

## HYMN TO JOY



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry,
2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee, Earth and heav'n re -
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing



1. Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee,
2. flect thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee,
3. ev - er blest, Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing,
4. stars be - gan; Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us,



1. O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
2. Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; Field and for - est,
3. O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther,
4. Bind - ing all with - in its span. Ev - er sing - ing,



1. sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
2. vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
3. Christ our broth - er, All who live in love are thine;
4. march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



1. Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
2. Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - jolice in thee.
3. Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
4. Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, In the tri - umph song of life.

Text: B7 B7 D; Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933, alt.

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapted by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

## NOTICEBOARD

### Carmelite Vocations



The Carmelite spirit of our parish originates with the first Carmelites who were given the pastoral care of the people here in Port Melbourne – Middle Park (formerly Sandridge) in 1882. Our Carmelite spirit has been lived by parishioners, lay Carmelites and the ongoing presence of the Carmelite brothers and priests. That ongoing presence is possible because men and women have responded to the call to live the Carmelite Way intentionally in both Lay Carmelite and Religious communities.

**Is something stirring in your heart to find out more?**

Start a conversation with us today [vocations@carmelites.org.au](mailto:vocations@carmelites.org.au)



**Opera Ensembles:  
Puccini, Verdi**

**Soprano: Susan Neilson**

**Soprano: Joanna Thoo**

**Tenor: Salvatore Granata**

**Tenor: Sebastian Giacobello**

**Baritone: David Eckstein**

**Bass: Desmond Lukey**

**Piano: Meredith Talia**

**Director: Dr Joseph Talia**

**Sunday 13 October at 2.00pm**

**Saint Joseph's Church**

**Cnr Rouse & Stokes Streets, Port Melbourne**

The concert will be followed by afternoon tea in  
St Joseph's Hall

Tickets (cash only): \$25.00 (\$20.00 concession/  
seniors) to assist the Carmelites' work in East Timor

More info: <https://youtu.be/IvaUSXMBs44>

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IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY,  
WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL CHILDREN,  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.**