



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.*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C - 1 December 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

A new cycle begins in the Church's year this weekend as we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent. Throughout the Sundays of Advent and the Sundays of "Ordinary Time" we will be hearing Readings from St Luke's Gospel. One of the strong themes in Luke's Gospel is that of celebration of God's gracious love. All are welcome at God's table at which a rich banquet is served. His guest list is inclusive, not exclusive. Hence, we often hear in Luke's Gospel stories of Jesus scandalising and threatening the religious authorities of his time because he included and welcomed to meals those otherwise judged as sinners, outcasts and losers.

The first couple of Sundays of Advent, as we prepare to commemorate and celebrate the coming of Jesus as a baby in a stable at Bethlehem, focus, not on this first coming, but on his second coming in the fullness of time. The early Christians thought that, after his death and resurrection, this would happen fairly soon. As time went on, however, they came to realise that this wasn't necessarily the case and so they were called to live in a time of waiting – as we still do today. As we heard St Mark remind his community in the Gospel Reading two weeks ago, 'as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

In this time of waiting for this second coming of Christ, the 'Son of Man', we are called, as we heard St Paul urging the early Christians of Thessalonica (2nd Reading) to "love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you" and "to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants". In the words of today's Gospel, we are called to "Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."

Today's Gospel Reading uses dramatic and symbolic language to try to convey a sense of the second coming of Christ ushering in the peace and joy of his kingdom in its fullness, dispelling and conquering any evil, disaster and misfortune experienced in the time of waiting. Through this dramatic

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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

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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

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Mark Zanon

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Baptism - Vacant
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Primary School

Bank Street, South Melbourne 3205
Telephone 03 9699 2928

THIS WEEK

Monday 2 December

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 3 December

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 4 December - Anointing Mass

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 5 December - Anointing Mass

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 6 December

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 7 December

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel - *Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 8 December

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, Nigel Edwards, 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, Evelyn 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, Min McDonald, John McDonald, Kathy McDonald, Mika Mc Donald Coco McMaster, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquiren, Ian MacLachlan, Maggie McKern, Marta Menjivar, Alba Middleton, Maria Loc Nguyen, Paul Nghi Cao Thanh, Caterina Orfanidis, Barry Paff, Harold Portelli, 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 Triglar, Ria Van Lith, Julieanne Wharton & Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently. Peter Hawk, Edmund Millar, Father Hugh McGuigan, Brian Nunn & Theo Tijs

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Malgorata Bis Katherine Firth, Tom McDonald, John Euan Trainor, Emma Williams & Carmelites Anthony Moffatt & Gregory Moore.

ADVENT PRAYER

God of new beginnings,
As we approach this Advent season,
empower us to journey
with hope, peace, joy, and love
toward the celebration of the birth of Jesus.
May the candles we light
throughout this season
reflect our inner search
for connection and encounter
and our outer call
to be bearers of
your love to our world.
Amen.

IN OUR PARISH

Food Cupboard - The last opening for this year will be held next **Friday, 6 Dec 2024.**

The cupboard will reopen on **Friday, 7 Feb 2025.**

A huge **THANKYOU** to all the Volunteers, Parishioners and Community donors who have supported the Cupboard throughout the Year. The Community has been enriched by this wonderful program.

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 261.00
Credit Card	\$ 315.00
Direct Credit	\$ 480.00
Loose Plate	\$ 1,184.00
Tap & Go	\$ 300.00
Total	\$2,540.00



MINISTRIES

7-8 Dec 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Abramo Ierardo

Reader: Pat Mount

Offertory: Janine Brodie

Communion: Abramo Ierardo

Music: Janine Brodie

Sacristan: Abramo Ierardo

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Rob Lever

Reader: Ron Cassano

Offertory: Toni Stuart

Communion: Jacek Glenda

Counters: Brian Rochford & Jane Dee

Music: Margaret Smith

Hospitality: Rose Zoric

Sacristan: Peter Russo

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Marlene Halim

Reader: Mary Brady

Offertory: Mary Brady

Communion: Kathleen Kiernan

Music: Choir / Tris Tanumihardjo

Hospitality: Margaret Blades

Sacristan: Tris Tanumihardjo

Communion to the Sick:

Mary Brady: 9 - 15 Dec

DONATIONS

Parish QR code

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

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Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish

Parish Website: www.sj-mc.org.au
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language, St Luke is encouraging the followers of Jesus to be people of hope, longing for the complete victory of God's kingdom over the kingdom of darkness and evil and to live in this time of longing and waiting as people who share in the life of God's kingdom here and now – and do their best to promote it in the circumstances of their lives. May we grow in our capacity to take this message to heart and live by it.

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Children's Pageant at Christmas Family Mass

For very many years, Pam Newman and Bernadette Hickey have been the lynchpins of this lovely celebration during the Christmas Eve Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Their own children are now young adults and whilst Bernadette is happy to continue to be involved for the time being in preparing and organising the pageant, Pam has signalled that this year will be her last.

We need a succession plan! If anyone is interested in offering their services to help with this much loved and appreciated event, this year would be the ideal opportunity to come forward whilst both Pam and Bernadette are still both involved. If you or anyone you know sees this ministry as something in which they could be involved, we would love to hear from you. Please let us know by contacting Cathy at the Parish Office (9681 9600 or cathy@sj-mc.org.au). I also take this opportunity to sincerely thank Pam and Bernadette for the wonderful service they have provided over so many years. It has brought joy to so many children, their families, friends and parishioners for so long ... thank you!

The Coolamon

The coolamon is a traditional Aboriginal receptacle for carrying food, water and small babies. It is an appropriate symbol for Advent as we listen and wait for the coming of Mary's small baby; she is also listening and waiting. During the children's pageant at the Christmas Eve Family Mass, the figurine of Mary's small baby will be placed in the coolamon in front of the altar at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. As a sign of our waiting for Jesus, our spiritual food, we will place the coolamon upside down in front of the altar at OLMC this weekend and bless it along with the advent wreath. At Christmas it will be turned upright to receive the Christ child.

Gifts for the Parish Christmas Social

One of the lovely and much appreciated traditions of the Parish Social is that no-one goes home without a gift. These are provided by those who attend – and by others who can't attend but participate by donating something as a gift for someone at the social. For this tradition to be successful again this year, we need many more gifts. If you are able to contribute something, please bring it to

church for collection after Mass or bring it to the Parish Office. Many thanks.

Galilee News

Our regional Catholic Primary School celebrated its 30th anniversary last Monday with a very joyful Mass at Sts Peter and Paul's Church, South Melbourne. I was pleased to participate. Over the years, Galilee has built an enviable reputation as a fine Catholic Primary School (where my late sister, Leonie O'Hanlon, R.I.P., was among the first teachers). Our thanks and congratulations are extended to current children, staff and parents on this significant milestone as well as to all former members of the Galilee community. Ad multos annos!

On a more sombre note, the Principal of Galilee for the last 8 years, Simon Millar, has announced that he will be leaving Galilee at the end of the year to take up a new role as Principal of a large Catholic Primary School on the Gold Coast. Simon has led Galilee with distinction these past 8 years, overseeing many developments in its educational programs, its facilities and in the faith development of students, staff and parents alike. We will miss Simon but we thank him for his generous and talented contribution these past 8 years and wish him every success and blessing for the future.

Blessings on all of us.



THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE

The **December 2024 Newsletter** is available via the following website link:
<https://www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org/>

Some upcoming Carmelite Centre events that are available in person or online include:

WEEKLY

~ **Advent Divine Office** Evening Prayer with the Lay Carmelites - every Monday during Advent 5.30pm on Zoom

~ **Prayer Meditation** every Tuesday 5pm on zoom

~ **Meditation** every Thursday 7pm in the Malone room

~ **Lectio Divina** every Friday 10am on zoom

MONTHLY

~ **Contemplative Walk** - Tuesday 3 December, Middle Park, 9:30am

~ **Walking Meditation with Kathryn Pile** - Tuesday 3 December, 12:45 pm Ferrars Street Park

~ **Carmelite Conversation on zoom** - Wednesday 4 December, 10.30am - 12.00pm *Saint John the Poet*, with Patricia Greene

~ **Monthly Gathering** - No gathering this month.

PORT MELBOURNE/MIDDLE PARK PARISH

ADVENT 2024

Advent Tuesday 10 Dec 2024	Reconciliation Service	St. Joseph's, 9.00am
Advent Wednesday 11 Dec 2024	Reconciliation Service	Mt Carmel, 7.00pm

CHRISTMAS 2024

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24 Dec 2024	Family Mass	Mt Carmel 5.00pm
	Vigil Mass	St Joseph's 7.00pm
Christmas Day Wednesday 25 Dec 2024	Mass	St Joseph's 9.00am
	Mass	Mt Carmel 10.30am
New Year's Day Wednesday 1 Jan 2025	Mass	St Joseph's 9.00am
	Mass	Mt Carmel 9.00am

There will be NO WEEKDAY masses from
Thursday 26 December - Saturday 28 December 2024 inclusive.

The Parish Office will: CLOSE on Friday 20 December 2024, 12.00pm
REOPEN on Tuesday 21 January 2025, 9.00am.

For emergencies, please call Father Paul Cahill on 0419 136 030

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Parish website: www.sj-mc.org.au

THE GIVING TREE - CHRISTMAS IN TIMOR-LESTE



The 'Giving Tree' is in the churches this weekend.

Please collect your envelope, fill in the Christmas Card and place it on the tree.

Please leave the donation in the envelope provided, in the basket under the tree. Money will be collected after each Mass.

Alternatively, you can donate online using the DONATE button on the HOME PAGE of the Parish website (<https://sj-mc.org.au>). The DONATE button is located under the Parish Newsletter. Select GIVING TREE for the donation and complete your details.

Your money will be sent directly to the Carmelites in Timor-Leste who will purchase the gifts on your behalf.

Below is a list of the gifts and their purchase price.

- \$ 5 1 recorder for music lessons at a primary school
- \$ 8 1 box of pencils or pens for a primary school
- \$ 10 1 box of maths triangle rulers for a primary school
- \$ 14 1 harmonica for music lessons at a primary school
- \$ 20 1 pair of new shoes for a boarding house student
- \$ 20 1 ream of A4 paper for the teachers at a primary school
- \$ 40 1 soccer ball for a primary school
- \$ 40 1 small drum for music lessons at a primary school
- \$ 40 1 balance kit for maths measurement activities at a primary school
- \$ 40 1 month of nutritious meals for 1 boarding house student
- \$ 60 1 month subsidy payment for a volunteer teacher
- \$ 60 12 months of school fees for a boarding house student in Year 7
- \$ 70 1 month living costs covered for a scholarship student at university
- \$ 100 5 new dictionaries for a high school classroom
- \$ 150 1 class set of clocks for maths classes at a primary school

Thankyou for supporting our Community in Timor-Leste.

CARMELITE REFLECTION:

1st Sunday of Advent Reflection

The great Advent journey begins. The Advent readings are a rich tapestry of images centered on the truth that God has come among us. We do not pretend that we are waiting for Jesus to be born in a stable. That happened once, a long time ago, and it will not happen again. We remember that birth as we remember our own birthdays.

The God who came among us is still among us. Advent's invitation is to become aware of the all-pervading presence of the risen Jesus as Emmanuel – God among us.

In the first reading this Sunday Jeremiah looks forward to the coming of one who will save God's people, one who acts with honesty and integrity. In the second reading St Paul encourages the people of Thessalonica in their following of Christ. He prays that their love will grow and that their hearts will be 'confirmed in holiness'. The early Christians believed that Jesus would return very soon as the Lord of Glory.

As time passed, they had to re-think this belief and work out how to live in the meantime, the time in between the first and final comings of Christ. That's our challenge, too.

Today's Gospel from St Luke warns Christians not to be distracted by the cares and snares of the world, but to be ready to stand confidently before the Son of Man when he comes. Remaining constant in love and attentive to our calling we become the living presence of Jesus until he comes again.

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

OUR LITURGY

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND COOLAMON

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE



FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 25 - TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT MY SOUL.

**Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my saviour,
and for you I wait all the day. **Response**

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble his way. **Response**

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy
toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him,
and his covenant, for their instruction. **Response**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CURTIS STEPHAN

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; people dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’



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: AVE VERUM CORPUS (INSTRUMENTAL)

**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

CURTIS STEPHAN

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

CURTIS STEPHAN

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death,
O Lord, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

CURTIS STEPHAN

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us, 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: LIKE A SHEPHERD

Bob Dufford

REFRAIN

Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his

arms. hold - ing them care - ful - ly close to his heart.

lead - ing them home. home. lead - ing them home.

VERSES 1&2

1. Say to the cit - ies of Ju - dah: Pre - pare the
2. my - self will shep - herd them, for oth - ers have

1. way of the Lord. Go to the moun - tain - top,
2. led them a - stray. The lost I will res - cue and

1. lift your voice: Je - ru - sa - lem, here is your God.
2. heal their wounds and pas - ture them, giv - ing them rest.

VERSE 3

3. Come un - to me if you are heav - i - ly bur - dened, and

3. take my yoke up - on your shoul - ders. I will give you rest.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST OUR SAVIOR VERSES 1 & 4.

Bernadette Farrell

REFRAIN

Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav - ior, Word of the Fa - ther, call - ing us to life;

Son_ of God who leads us to free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

VERSES

1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness; you are the
2. You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for; you are the
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants; you are the
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us; you are the

1. Word who leads us in - to light; you are the Word who
2. one who speaks to us to - day; you are the one who
3. Word whose on - ly law is love; you are the Word - made -
4. Word who calls us to be one; you are the Word who

1. brings us through the de - sert: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
2. leads us to our fu - ture: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
3. flesh who lives a - mong us: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
4. teach - es us for - give - ness: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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NOTICEBOARD



Baroque Christmas

AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER CHOIR
directed by Douglas Lawrence
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
210 Richardson St, Middle Park
3PM on Sunday 8 December
Booking/info: www.auschoir.org

Douglas Lawrence says that composers throughout history have written their best music for Christmas and Easter. The Australian Chamber Choir offers well-known Christmas tunes, set by famous and not-so-famous composers into a celebratory program of Christmas masterworks.

Music by Byrd, Gabrieli, Josquin, Victoria, Monteverdi, Luther, Bach.

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