



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.*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C - 1 JUNE 2025

Dear sisters and brothers,

On this Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, we celebrate our belief that the risen Jesus has completed his earthly mission as a human being – living, suffering and dying among us and for us and as one of us – and his life continues now in glory as God. In his attempt to convey the Christian belief that the risen Jesus no longer resides physically among the believers, but lives on as and in God, St Luke gives us the stories of the Ascension, as outlined in both our 1st Reading from the Acts of the Apostles and in the Gospel today.

Scripture scholar, Brendan Byrne, explains that these stories “do not mean that Jesus, at the end of his earthly career, literally ascended in the way described. The very clear parallels with the account in 2 Kings 2:1-18 of the ascension of the prophet Elijah (blessing disciples; promising a share of the Spirit; being carried up to heaven) suggest that St Luke is completing here his characteristic depiction of Jesus in terms of the prophet Elijah. As the prophet’s life came to an end without the experience of death – giving rise to the expectation that he would one day return as forerunner of the Messiah – so Jesus, having escaped the bonds of death by rising from the dead and having made his risen presence clearly known to those who are to become key witnesses, now makes a death-less, Elijah-like ascent to heaven, with a similar pledge of Spirit and the promise of an eventual return (Acts 1:11).”

The new Elijah, Jesus, leaves his Spirit to his disciples, empowering them to continue his mission in subsequent human history until we are all taken into the fullness of glorified life in God.

This future which awaits the disciples of Jesus is one in which we profoundly **hope!**

Amidst all the evidence that the kingdom of God is not yet fully established among us, we press on, empowered by the Spirit of Jesus, to work for its establishment

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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

5.00pm (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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After Hours Phone Number
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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 - Br Daryl Moresco, OCarm
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THIS WEEK

Monday 2 June

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 3 June

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 4 June

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's - including Anointing of the Sick

Thursday 5 June

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel - including Anointing of the Sick

Friday 6 June

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 7 June

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5.00pm Vigil, Mt Carmel

Sunday 8 June

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Kitty Brady, Alfredo Cabanata Jr, Vaughan Carlin, Angela Cochill, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Maria Do Ceu, Fr Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Lindsay Flint, Pauline Flint, Jill Foster, Lisa Healy, Sylvie Lagane, Tony Lagane, Bobby Lever, Mr Loh, Mrs Loh, Gerald Lopes, Hazel McKay, Ingrid Ohleiter, Maria Ohleiter, Pina Orientale, Rafal Rafalski, Maria Sekeme, Ailbe Sheehy, Maria Speciale, Jim Sullivan, Rachel Szeto, Kyler Tolongs, Bill Toohey, Bridget Toohey & Henry Verhoeven.

Those who have died recently: Brian Bedford, Maria Guerrieri & Peter McBeth.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Ivy Frances Lever, Suzie Lingford, Dr Joseph Rodrigo & John Raymond Smith.

IN OUR PARISH



Welcome to our Family

This Sunday, we welcome:

Emiliana Grace Di Leva
Blayne Peta Miran

*as they receive the Sacrament of
Baptism at St Joseph's.*

*Please keep them, their parents,
godparents & family in your prayers.*



Vinnies need your HELP ...

A lady is seeking donations of

- 3 smallish armchairs,
- a small dining table & 4 dining chairs

If anyone can help, can you please contact **Cathy** at the parish office on **9681 9600** or Cathy@sj-mc.org.au.



Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 June 2025** 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.

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 170.00
Credit Card	\$ 205.00
Direct Credit	\$ 320.00
Loose Plate	\$ 1,382.20
Tap & Go	\$ 420.00
Total	\$2,497.20



MINISTRIES

7-8 June 2025

PENTECOST - YEAR C

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Des Collins
Readers: Tris Tanumihardjo
Offertory: Rosie Joyce
Communion: Rosie Joyce
Music: Kelly McEnhill
Sacristan: Tris Tanumihardjo

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Will Kininmonth
Reader: Ron Cassano
Offertory: Frances Correa
Communion: Frances Correa
Counters: Ron & Sandra Cassano
Music: Cathy Garbellini
Hospitality: Elaine Chaffer
Sacristan: Rob Winduss

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Denis Churkovich
Reader: Mary Brady
Offertory: John Molnar
Communion: John Molnar
Music: Choir / Peter Russo
Hospitality: Peter Thomas
Sacristan: Peter Russo

Communion to the Sick:

Frances Correa - 1 - 7 June 2025

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.

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by our commitment to justice and peace, to mercy and forgiveness, to compassion and love in the deep **hope** that, in the fullness of time, this kingdom of the risen Lord will prevail and that his victory of life over death, of goodness over evil, will be ours – a victory in which all the creatures of God will share.

In this Jubilee year, we acknowledge that we are “Pilgrims of Hope”, symbolising this by the lighting of our Jubilee candle (the middle candle in front of the altar) at Mass and by singing the Jubilee hymn at each Mass:

Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life’s path I trust in you.

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Blessing & Commissioning of Ministers

Next weekend, 7 & 8 June, we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. On this feast, we celebrate our call to carry on the mission of Jesus in our world. In recognising this, we will extend a simple but heartfelt blessing and thanksgiving at each Mass to those present who have recently committed/recommitted to one or other or multiple ministries of service in our parish.

National Reconciliation Week

The date for this week remains the same each year, 27 May to 3 June. During this week, we commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful **1967 referendum** (enabling the Australian government to make specific laws that applied to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples which could assist in addressing inequalities) and the **High Court Mabo decision** (recognising the traditional ownership of this land by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples).

In this week, we recognise that Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

May we pray for the strength to play whatever role we can in advancing Reconciliation and that the efforts of all those committed to it may be rewarded.

Blessings for the week ahead.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL



Luncheon in honour of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day

Date: Sunday 20 July 2025
Time: 12:00pm
Venue: St Joseph’s Hall, Port Melbourne
Cost: \$25.00 per person

Come along and join us for a 2-Course Spit Roast Lunch to celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel** with the Carmelites and our parish community.

The two course sit-down lunch includes Roast Beef, Pork or Lamb and accompanying condiments, jacket potatoes and vegetables, followed by dessert, tea and coffee. This event is BYO. Vegetarian options will be available.

To book select one of the following methods:

- contact Cathy at the Parish Office (9681-9600 or cathy@sj-mc.org.au) & pay using the DONATE button on the Home page of the parish website (www.sj-mc.org.au)... be sure to select **LUNCH FEAST OLMC** and specify your **First name** and **Last name**.
- see **Carmel Collins** after the 5.00pm Mass at Mt Carmel.
- see **Anne Rochford** after the 9.00am Mass at St Joseph’s
- see **Peter Thomas** after the 10.30am Mass at Mt Carmel

*For catering purposes, payment **MUST** be made by **Sunday 29 June 2025**.*

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 28 August, 7pm - Parish meeting at St Joseph’s Hall

Sunday 31 August, 9am - Mass at St Joseph’s followed by Morning Tea to celebrate Fr Hugh Brown’s 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Saturday 4 October, 10am - Feast of St Francis of Assisi and Blessing of the Animals with Sausage Sizzle in the grounds of St Joseph’s.

BRIDIGINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROGRAM (BASP) - BIG WALK FOR REFUGEES (BW4R)



Get moving for change and take part in the BIG WALK FOR REFUGEES !

BASP invite you to join our team to walk for kindness and a fair go for asylum seekers and refugees.

Why: BASP is getting behind the BW4R because we want to help raise awareness about the situation of many refugees and asylum seekers in our country – especially the fact that there are thousands of people in our communities still waiting for permanent visas after 13 years.

How does it work: You can walk, run, cycle, scoot, swim or skip – whatever takes your fancy. You may want to team up with friends, family, workmates or a local group, or do it on your own.

With an App on your phone or via the Big Walk website – you can then record all those steps or laps and make them count towards a virtual loop of Australia, connecting Indonesia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea and Christmas Island.

How to join the BASP team on the Big Walk 4 Refugees

Start by going to the website www.bigwalk4refugees.au and choose the drop-down menu 'Registration'. (There's lots more information here about the Big Walk).

You'll be taken straight to the 'Checkout' where you enter your name, email and phone number through Humantix. The next step 'Continue to Ticket Info' is where you can select the team you want to join. Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project is near the end of the list, so you need to scroll right down.

After choosing your team, you can click Continue to Payment. All the profits from the registration fees go to a refugee charity.

Register NOW to make your steps count between **Sunday 1 June** and **Monday 30 June**.

CARMELITE REFLECTION

Called to be the living presence of God.

The feast of the Ascension commemorates the return of Jesus to the Father. Jesus leaves in body but remains with us through the gift of the Spirit. We will celebrate the gift and presence of the Holy Spirit in next Sunday's feast of Pentecost.

The true meaning of our feast today is not found in Jesus' leaving, but in the way he calls his disciples back together, to re-form them as a new community entrusted with the spread of the Gospel. Jesus sends the disciples out to make disciples of all nations and to teach them his way. But the disciples are not left to do all that on their own. Jesus promises that he is with them always.

Jesus has called the ragged, group of disciples, scattered after his crucifixion, back to himself to form them, fragile and doubtful as they are, into a community for mission in the name of God. The task of the historical Jesus is complete; the task of the church as the living Body of Christ has just begun. It is comforting to recognise that Jesus doesn't insist on perfection before he calls us and entrusts us with his mission.

This mission is authorised by God and passed on to us through Jesus. It is not about authority over others. It is actually a call to act as God would act, true to God's heart as Jesus has taught us.

Ever since Easter, we have been proclaiming that Jesus is alive. The feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost help us to realise that we are part of a long tradition of faithful disciples. We have our faults and failings, but our call is to witness to and teach the way of Jesus by the kind of people we are, the values and attitudes we hold, in thought, word and action - to be the living presence of God in the world today.

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: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME GROSSER GOTT

1. Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy sceptre claim,
All in heaven above adore thee;
Infinite, thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.
2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
3. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring, bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

GLORIA

STEVE ANGRISANO/TOM TOMASZEK

**Refrain: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will. (Amen.)**

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 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**

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 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 MOUNT HIS THRONE TO SHOUTS OF JOY

**Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth. **Response**

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.

Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise, sing praise. **Response**

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.

God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne. **Response**

SECOND READING

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

Refrain: **Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**
 Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let your heart rejoice in the Lord. Let your word proclaim his deeds.
Let your voice sing out to the world that our God has come to save. **Refrain**

STEVE ANGRISANO/TOM TOMASZEK

GOSPEL

Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.



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: PILGRIMS OF HOPE (JUBILEE SONG 2025)

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

**Refrain: Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**

Every nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son. **Refrain**

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heaven and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free. **Refrain**

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him. **Refrain**

**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

STEVE ANGRISANO/TOM TOMASZEK

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,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

LAMB OF GOD

STEVE ANGRISANO

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: OPEN MY EYES

JESSE MANIBUSAN

Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see Your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see

Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear Your voice
Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love like You
Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love

I live within You
Deep in Your heart, oh love
I live within You
Rest now in me
Rest now in me
Rest now in me



Formation in faith.

The Vibrant Parish Formation Series is a five-part monthly series exploring the characteristics of a vibrant parish and is open to all.

The Archdiocese is offering the following faith formation opportunity in June and invites anyone interested to register for it:

The Vibrant Parish Seminar Series on:

- **Tuesday 10 June (South and East) OR**
- **Wednesday 11 June (North and West)**

These sessions are entitled: **Worship: I have called you friends**
Their focus will be on nurturing our relationship with God—through personal prayer and communal worship.

For more details and to register, use the Trybooking link (<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1378009>).

We are grateful to those able to book as soon as possible to enable timely preparations and appropriate catering.

Other Archdiocesan events in June 2025

Posters are also displayed in each church for the following **Archdiocesan events**. (Further details are outlined on the Posters).

- 1. Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession – Sunday 22 June**
- 2. Encounter – Friday 27 June, St Benedict’s Burwood:** With a focus on forming young people for discipleship in parishes, featuring friends, food and games and offering an experience of Adoration and Reconciliation. More information for youth and young adults see the UDisciple website.

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
His the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.
2. Alleluia! King eternal,
You the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heaven your throne:
You, within the veil, have entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest;
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.
3. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour
Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Font of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the triune majesty.

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NOTICE BOARD



In Zambia, many families struggle daily with poverty and limited access to essential healthcare. The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihoods, and healthcare.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to journey with our missionaries, who are bringing Christ's love to those most in need.

Stay tuned to learn how you can be part of this mission and help create a future filled with hope.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



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