



# 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.*

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A - 1 MARCH 2026

Dear sisters and brothers,

In today's Reading, recalling the "Transfiguration" of Jesus on "a high mountain", we are alerted to a "voice from the clouds (heaven)", announcing Jesus to be the "beloved Son of God". This was the same announcement made by God at Jesus' Baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. However, this is supplemented in today's scene of the Transfiguration by God saying to the disciples, Peter, James and John – representing all disciples – "Listen to him".

The Transfiguration event occurs in Matthew's Gospel immediately after Jesus has told his disciples that "he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day". We are then told that "taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you'. But Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but that of humans.'"

On the mountain of Transfiguration, God is telling the disciples of Jesus that they must listen to this difficult message that "he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day". The Messiah will come to glory and bring all his disciples to glory, but it won't be by any miraculous short-cut. It will be by entering fully into the human condition, with the inevitable suffering and death it entails that their glory, along with that of Jesus, will come about.

The Transfiguration event is a moment of reassurance to Jesus and his disciples that God is with them on this journey which, despite all its trials, challenges and suffering, will lead to their triumph in the glory of risen, eternal life. The disciples are called to trust in Jesus, to accompany him on his journey to Jerusalem, where he will die, and to trust in God's promise of resurrection and fulfilment in eternal, glorious life.

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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  
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After Hours Phone Number  
0419 136 030

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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, O.Carm

### Parish Secretary

Cathy Garbellini

### Pastoral Associate

Kelly McEnhill

### Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

### Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Baptism - Br Daryl Moresco, O.Carm

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 2 March** - No Mass

### Tuesday 3 March

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

11.00am - Memorial Mass, Mt Carmel *for Lorna McDowall*

### Wednesday 4 March

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

10:00am - Funeral Prayers *for Allen John Armitage*

### Thursday 5 March

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

### Friday 6 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Saturday 7 March

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel *followed by Exposition of the*

*Blessed Sacrament*

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

### Sunday 8 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

## WE REMEMBER

**Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer:** Fr Maurice Barry, Judy Anne Dawson, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Fr Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Josie Dupont, Lindsay Flint, Pauline Flint, Peg James, Ben McGrath, Andreas Morrison, Martine Morrison, Ingrid Ohleiter, Maria Ohleiter, Rafal Rafalski, Ailbe Sheehy, Jim Sullivan, Rick Thompson, Bill Toohey, Helen Turner, Lorinda Turner & Angela Vyde.

**Those who have died recently:** Allen John Armitage & Lorna McDowall.

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Marie Mulrooney & Jean Whelan.

## IN OUR PARISH



The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 March 2026** at 7.30pm in the Boardroom at the Parish Office, 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne.

**New members are welcome.**

### First Reconciliation Enrolments

Non Galilee candidates in grade 3 or higher are invited to enrol for the 2026 First Reconciliation Program.

- **Enrolments close: Monday, 23 March 2026**
- **Family Preparation Night - Compulsory Session** - Thursday, 26 March 2026, 7pm, St Joseph's Hall, 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne.
- **Sacrament:** Thursday 30 April 2026 at 7pm at St Joseph's Church, 268 Rouse St, Port Melbourne

Enrolment forms are available at the bottom of the Home Page of the parish website: <https://sj-mc.org.au/>.

### Project Compassion

Your donation will support programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need.

Project Compassion **money boxes** and **envelopes** are available for collection from the Church foyer.

For **online** or **phone** donations, please refer to the back page of this newsletter.

## THANK YOU

*for your generosity last weekend*

### Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 335.00
Credit Card	\$ 435.00
Direct Credit	\$ 469.15
Loose Plate	\$ 1,306.85
Tap & Go	\$ 525.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,071.00</b>



## MINISTRIES

**7/8 March 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT -  
YEAR A**

### 5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

*Commentator:* Pat Mount

*Reader:* Sr Rosie Joyce

*Offertory:* Kathy Mount

*Communion:* Kathy Mount

*Music:* Tris Tanumihardjo

*Sacristan:* Tris Tanumihardjo

### 9.00am St Joseph's

*Commentator:* Terry Gurry

*Reader:* Ron Cassano

*Offertory:* Toni Stuart

*Communion:* Aoife Ling

*Counters:* Cathy Garbellini & Nova Hack

*Music:* Will Kininmonth

*Hospitality:* Helen Lazala

*Sacristan:* Rob Winduss

### 10.30am Mount Carmel

*Commentator:* TBD

*Reader:* Mary Brady

*Offertory:* Denis Churkovich

*Communion:* Denis Churkovich

*Music:* Choir

*Hospitality:* Kathleen Kiernan

*Sacristan:* Peter Russo

### Communion to the Sick:

Frances Correa 8-14 Mar 2026

## 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](http://www.sj-mc.org.au)  
using **DONATE** button on Homepage.

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It was a struggle for Jesus to continue on his journey to Jerusalem – but he did! It was a struggle for his disciples too, who found it hard to “listen to him” and so they faltered and failed along the way. So it is with us. We, too, falter and fail along the way of the journey of life, but God does not fail or abandon us. He picks us up and keeps us going. We are called to put our trust in God and in his incarnate Word, Jesus– to “listen to him”. In his abundant love and mercy, God will raise us to the glory of Jesus. May we continue in our efforts to “Listen to him” and, in spite of our failures and limitations in doing so, continue on our journey, trusting in his infinite mercy, compassion and forgiveness.

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I draw to your attention an invitation, printed on page 5, by the Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter Comensoli, to the St Patrick’s Day Mass and Oration on the Feast of St Patrick, Patron of the Archdiocese. 5 parishioners are being invited from each parish. If you would like to attend. Please let us know in the parish office (cathy@sj-mc.org.au; 9681 9600) by Thursday 5 March.

Blessings for the coming week.



Most Rev Peter A Comensoli DD STL MLitt PhD  
Archbishop of Melbourne

invites

*Rev Paul Cahill and Parishioners*

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to  
**St Patrick’s Day Mass**  
and  
**2026 Patrick Oration**

at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne  
Tuesday 17 March 2026.

Mass will be celebrated at 6.00pm with the Oration to follow at 7.15pm. The Cathedral’s doors will be open from 5.00pm. As the Patrick Oration will be broadcast live please ensure you are seated by 7.15pm.

The Oration will introduce Light into the City, the Archbishop’s vision for the renewal of the Cathedral and its surrounds and a deepening of the connection between faith, culture and community.

# FEAST OF ST JOSEPH



## Celebrations for the Feast of St Joseph

The feast day of one of our Parish patrons, St Joseph, will be celebrated on **Thursday, 19 March, 2026** with morning mass at **9am** at **St Joseph's, Port Melbourne**. On this day, a simple morning tea will be held at the back of the church. All Welcome.

On **Sunday, 22 March 2026**, the Parish will celebrate the Feast of St Joseph with a concert performed by **Heart Song** and a grand afternoon tea.

The concert will be held in St Josephs' Church; concert goers are asked to gather in the church at 2.00pm for a 2:15pm start.

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

In order to facilitate catering, St Joseph's Feast Day Sign-up sheets will be available in the back of each Church, from 22 February. The cost is **\$20.00** per head. Bookings close on **16 March 2026**, and all monies are to be paid by this date.

To book select one of the following methods:

- contact Cathy at the Parish Office (9681-9600 or [cathy@sj-mc.org.au](mailto:cathy@sj-mc.org.au)) & pay using the DONATE button on the Home page of the parish website ([www.sj-mc.org.au](http://www.sj-mc.org.au))... be sure to select **St Joseph's Feastday Concert** and specify your **First name** and **Last name**.
- use the QR Code on page 3; this directs you to the DONATE button on Home page of the parish website ([www.sj-mc.org.au](http://www.sj-mc.org.au)). Follow the above instructions.
- see **Cathy Garbellini** after the 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's

Please put the Concert & Afternoon Tea in your diary and come and join us for a very enjoyable celebration!

**Heart Song** - is a non-formal community choir based in Yarraville and made up of a collection of folk who love to sing. Guided by their innovative music director, Amanda Armstrong, they perform an eclectic mix of music from traditional to contemporary, sometimes acapella, sometimes not!" Sally Diserio, Parishioner & Parish Pastoral Council member, is a member of the Choir.



Port Melbourne/Middle Park Parish

## Lent and Easter Timetable 2026

### Feast of the Annunciation Mass including Lenten Reconciliation Service - 25 March

9.00am: Mass at St Joseph's

7.00pm: Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### Palm/Passion Sunday - 28/29 March

5:00pm: Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:00am: Mass at St Joseph's

10:30am: Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### Holy Thursday - 2 April

There will be NO morning Mass

7:00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Joseph's

### Good Friday - 3 April

There will be NO morning Mass

10:00am: Stations of the Cross - St Joseph's

3:00pm: Friday of the Passion of the Lord - Both Churches

### Holy Saturday - 4 April

There will be NO morning Mass

7:30pm: Easter Vigil Mass and ceremonies at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### Easter Sunday - 5 April

9:00am: Mass at St Joseph's

10:30am: Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

*There will be no morning mass from Monday 5 - Saturday 11 April 2026 inclusive.*



## Port Melbourne/Middle Park Parish

### Sacramental Program for 2026

#### First Reconciliation

**Enrolments close:** Monday, 23 March 2026

**Family Preparation Night:** Thursday, 26 March 2026 at 7pm at St Joseph's Hall, 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne.

**Sacrament:** Thursday, 30 April 2026 at 7pm at St Joseph's Church, 268 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne.

#### Confirmation

**Enrolments close:** Monday, 22 June 2026

**Family Preparation Night:** Thursday, 25 June 2026 at 7pm at St Joseph's Hall, 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne.

**Commitment Mass & Rehearsal:** Sunday, 26 July 2026 at 10:30am at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, Cnr Wright & Richardson Sts, Middle Park. The rehearsal will be held after mass.

**Sacrament:** Tuesday, 4 August, 2026 at 6pm at Sts Peter & Paul, 377 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne.

#### First Eucharist

**Enrolments close:** Monday, 10 August 2026

**Family Preparation Night:** Thursday, 13 August 2026 at 7pm at O'Connor-Pilkington Room, Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Cnr Wright & Richardson Sts, Middle Park.

**Welcome & Commitment Ritual & Rehearsal:** Sunday, 6 September 2026 at 10:30am at Our Lady of Mt Carmel with rehearsal after Mass.

**Sacrament:** Sunday, 13 September 2026 at 10:30am at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

**Enrolment forms** are available by selecting the sacrament at the bottom of the Home Page on the parish website: [www.sj-mc.org.au](http://www.sj-mc.org.au)

## CARMELITE REFLECTION

### Transfiguration

This Sunday's Gospel of the Transfiguration completes the 'little parable' formed by the Gospels of the first two Sundays of Lent.

These Gospels tell us what Lent is about and what Christian life is about: a journey from temptation and doubt to transfiguration and faith. A journey away from allowing ourselves to be tempted to evil, and towards allowing ourselves to be tempted to good by the action of God's Holy Spirit within us.

As the 'Chosen One' Jesus will let God's glory be fully seen in the resurrection. On the one hand, this Gospel looks forward to the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. On the other, it invites us to reflect on our journey from temptation to transfiguration.

The journey Jesus undertakes does not end in death, but in life. Through prayer we remain in contact with the heart of God which allows God's love to transform and transfigure us and to 'burst forth' in goodness. That's how we allow the glory of God to be seen in us and through us.

Transfiguration means to be shot-through with the presence of God. Being transfigured is about allowing the presence of God to completely transform us; it's a revolution of mind and heart driven by God's Spirit and enabled by our open heartedness.

Our life as Christians is about being transfigured by the Spirit of God so that God is seen in, and experienced through, us.

It takes faith and perseverance to dare to allow ourselves to be tempted by the passion, hope and vision of God rather than our own desires and wants. It takes great faith to trust in God's word to us. But if we do, the living word of the Chosen One forms in us the heart of God.

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

# OUR LITURGY

**Note: For the Live Music at 10:30am, there is a separate pew sheet.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to You  
Make us Your own, Your holy people  
Light for the world to see

**Refrain: Christ, be our light  
Shine in our hearts  
Shine through the darkness  
Christ, be our light  
Shine in Your church gathered today**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

## FIRST READING

### *Genesis 12:1-4*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 33 - LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US, AS WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN YOU.

**Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Exult, you just, in the Lord.  
It is good to sound your praises,  
giving thanks to God with your strings and voice,  
making music before the Lord. **Response**

The word of God ever true,  
all the works of God enduring.  
Every mountain peak, every ocean floor,  
loving labour, loving Lord. **Response**

Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
look with love on those who hunger,  
bringing health and hope to our days of want,  
bringing mercy in every need. **Response**

## SECOND READING

### *2 Timothy 1:8-10*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

## LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CURTIS STEPHAN

**Refrain: Glory to you, O word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

One does not live on bread alone  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. **Refrain**

*Matthew 17:1-9*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



## 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.

Come back to me with all your heart.  
Don't let fear keep us apart.  
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;  
so must we to others' call.

**Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming home to me  
and living deeply our new life.**

The wilderness will lead you  
to your heart where I will speak.  
Integrity and justice,  
With tenderness, you shall know. **Refrain**

You shall sleep secure with peace;  
faithfulness will be your joy. **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.**

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, 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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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: ON EAGLE'S WINGS

MICHAEL JONCAS

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways  
Upon their hands they will bear you up  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: BLEST BE THE LORD

DAN SCHUTTE

**Refrain: Blest be the Lord; blest be the Lord,  
the God of mercy, the God who saves.  
I shall not fear the dark of night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day.**

He will release me from the nets of sinful men.  
He will protect me from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice  
To find a dwelling place secure. **Refrain**

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,  
nor stand alone before the light of day.  
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,  
no evil settle in my soul. **Refrain**

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## Unite Against Poverty with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion in 2026

### Second Sunday of Lent - Sisilia's story, Tanzania

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dreams of one day becoming a pilot.

Life was not easy for Sisilia growing up. Her father passed away when she was one, leaving her mother to care for her and her four siblings all on her own. Sisilia lives in a small, overcrowded house with only one bed, poor ventilation and no toilet. One of the main challenges she faced was access to clean and safe water.

Sisilia fetched water three times a day, walking nearly 30 mins each round trip to collect water from a dirty canal. The water was not treated and Sisilia and her family would often get stomach problems like diarrhea. She would also often be late for class because she had to fetch water for home.

"When I miss school, I feel bad. The time I use fetching water affects my studies since I'd fetch water instead of going to school," Sisilia said.

Nearly 40% of people in Tanzania don't have access to basic drinking water services. With the support of our partner in Tanzania, the Diocese of Mbulu Development Department (DMDD), Sisilia and her school joined the A+ Successor Project.

The project has helped improve access to clean water at Sisilia's school by installing clean water taps at the school. These taps have been a gamechanger for the school community. Children can wash their hands, drink clean water and water the school garden to grow food that they can eat for lunch.

Through the project, Sisilia participated in a SWASH (School Water, Hygiene and Sanitation) Club where she learnt about the importance of handwashing at critical times, boiling unclean water before drinking and keeping the toilets clean.

The SWASH Clubs use a child-to-child approach to empower students to become advocates for change. Sisilia's active involvement has turned her into a confident leader in her community, using her knowledge to promote hygiene, sanitation and rights awareness in her community. As part of the club, children take part in public demonstrations where they teach their parents and other adults how to maintain good hygiene through the use of songs, dance, games and interactive handwashing demonstrations.

In addition to providing water sources at her school, the A+ Successor project has helped establish a domestic water point in Sisilia's village. Sisilia now needs to only walk two minutes to collect water, which has drastically cut down time needed on water collection.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

## Second Sunday of Lent

28 February – 1 March 2026

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**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

**Or online at:** [www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

**THE PARISH OF PORT MELBOURNE AND MIDDLE PARK  
IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY,  
WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL CHILDREN,  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.**