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.

ALL SAINTS YEAR A - 1 NOVEMBER 2026

Dear sisters and brothers,

We all need encouragement in life, especially when we find the going particularly tough and challenging.

The Scriptures, as a whole, are given to us as encouragement for our journey in life, encouraging us to live in ways that are ultimately good for us and good for our world. We find this note of encouragement coming though particularly strongly in today's Scripture Readings.

The 1st Reading from the Book of the Apocalypse seems rather strange in its vivid and visionary descriptions of what Heaven is like. However, it is addressed to Christians living at the end of the first century AD who were struggling to establish their religious identity in a predominantly Jewish context and in a civil society in which they were facing the demands of living within the Roman Empire with all its pagan cults, with the Emperor regarded as divine and in the face of threat of persecution. The author of this Book of the Apocalypse is encouraging these early Christians to persevere in their faith in the risen Jesus and in the way of life he established, holding out to them promise of a glorious, eternal, heavenly future in which they will share fully in the glory of God with the angels and with all who persevered in the way of life to which God has called them, in spite of the challenges encountered along the way. These are they whom we call "Saints" – and we are all called to be numbered among them, whether officially recognised as such, or not.

Our 2nd Reading from the 1st Letter of John encourages us by reminding us of God's love for each of us; a love that is constant; a love from which we can draw support and strength when faced with life's difficulties, particularly those which arise from living by values that distinguish us from "the mob", who might shun or ridicule us for standing by and practising what we believe.

Today's well-known Gospel Reading of "The Beatitudes" is best appreciated when set in its context. In the two verses immediately preceding today's Reading, we

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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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Friday - 9am-12pm
(CLOSED MONDAYS & THURSDAYS)

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Kelly McEnhill
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THIS WEEK

Monday 2 November -
9.00am Mass for **All Soul's Day**

Tuesday 3 November - (Public Holiday - Office Closed)
9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 4 November
9.00am Anointing of the Sick Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 5 November
9.00am Anointing of the Sick Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 6 November
9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 7 November
9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel *including Exposion of the Blessed Sacrament*
5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 8 November
9.00am Mass, St Joseph's
10:30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Nicole Albert, David Brown, Mona Lien Cao, Maria Christopher, Rosa Coluccio, Nawal Cox, Harry Cubbin, Judy Anne Dawson, Jill Delossantos, Neil Delossantos, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Josie Dupont, Kelly Edwards, Alison Fed, Gary Finn, Lindsay Flint, Pauline Flint, Fr Des Fitzgerald CSSR, William Gabelich, Lorenda Gracey, Helen Haines MP, Lincoln Harland, Leung Yau Hung, Noel Holland, Peg James, Trish Jensen, Tony Lagane, Augustine Lai Kwok Leung, Nai Yin Mak, Johnny Mahouey, Ben McGrath, Teresa Nolenolo, Richard Monneron, Andreas Morrison, L Morrison, Martine Morrison, Sylvie Moseley, Jamie Ng, Maria Ohleiter, Connie Suraci Piscitelli, Rafal Rafalski, Ailbe Sheehy, Jai Paul Singh, Iolanda Staniscia, Jim Sullivan, Rachel Szeto, Lun Siu Ying Teresa, Bill Toohey, Helen Turner, Lorinda Turner, Angela Vyde, Helen Warren, Kitty Wong and Chloe Wyn.

Those who have died recently:

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Pasquale Cortazio, Ana Maria Languba and Carmelites Bernard O'Farrell and Elias Elliott.

IN OUR PARISH

Working Bee at Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Our next annual working bee at Our Lady of Mt Carmel is on **Saturday, 7 Nov 2026 10:00am**

Tasks will include :
* Cleaning sanctuary, sweeping, vacumn cleaning
* General dusting, cleaning interior glass doors, brass polishing & tidy up.
* Weed, prune, sweep and tidy up church grounds.

BYO gloves, bucket, cleaning cloth, secateurs & trowel if you have but not required. All welcome.

"Make your own Christmas Pudding"

Saturday, 14 Nov 2026, 2:00 pm

in the **O'Connor Pilkington Room at OLMC Church, 214 Richardson Street, Middle Park* (note change of venue)** for our yearly **'Pudding Stir'.**
BYO Bowl and Stirring Spoon.
Everything else is provided. Cost is $65.00
Email Sally at **sally.diserio@gmail.com** to book your place.

Vinnies good works

Next VINNIES meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 November** at 7.30 pm 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 the Parish Office on 9681-9600.

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend.
Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	$ 305.00
Credit Card	$ 285.00
Direct Credit	$ 654.35
Loose Plate	$ 1,207.00
Tap & Go	$ 512.00
Total	**$ 2,963.35**

MINISTRIES

7-8 November 2026
32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)
Commentator: Tris Tanumihardjo
Reader: Mark Leonard
Offertory: Tris Tanumihardjo
Communion: Tris Tanumihardjo
Music: Kelly McEnhill
Sacristan: Tris Tanumihardjo

9.00am St Joseph's
Commentator: John Molloy
Reader: Marita Molloy
Offertory: Charlotte Britto
Communion: Cathy Garbellini
Counters: Brian Rochford & Jane Dee
Music: Will Kininmonth
Hospitality: Elaine Chaffer
Sacristan: Rob Winduss

10.30am Mount Carmel
Commentator: Sr Joan Power
Reader: John Molnar
Offertory: Sally Diserio
Communion: Sally Diserio
Music: Choir
Hospitality: Margaret Blades
Sacristan: Kathleen Kiernan

Communion to the Sick:
Tammy Cao 1-7 Nov 2026

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hear that Jesus was surrounded by a great crowd of "those who were suffering from diseases and painful complaints of one kind or another … the possessed, epileptics, the paralysed". It is in the context of this crowd that Jesus addresses his disciples teaching them the values that underpin his life and that should underpin the lives of those who follow him. These are the values of reliance on God, of sensitivity to those who are troubled, grieving, sad or in need, of mercy and compassion, of justice and peace and integrity, of standing by what one believes. Jesus encourages his disciples to see in the needy crowd beloved and blessed children of God, from whom they are called to learn to trust in God and to whom they are called to reach out with the values Jesus lives and teaches. Jesus, the teacher and healer, is encouraging his disciples to live by these values and attitudes "for your reward will be great in heaven".

On this Feast of All Saints, not only do we honour those officially recognised ("canonised") as "Saints", but we also honour and give thanks for all those who have gone before us in life whom God has called to his heavenly kingdom. We also recognise and give thanks for our own call to be "Saints" by living as Jesus has instructed his disciples; and we ask Jesus, his mother Mary, all the official Saints – and each other, our fellow "Saints" - to "pray for us".

Happy ALL Saints day.

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Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Soul's Day)

We will celebrate this commemoration this **Monday, 2 November**, with **Mass at 9am at St Joseph's Church**. At this Mass – and at all masses throughout November – we are encouraged to remember, honour, give thanks and pray for all our deceased loved ones. **You are invited to write the names of those you would particularly like to be remembered and prayed for during our Masses in November on the envelopes provided in the pews and at the entrances of our Churches and to place them in the baskets provided at the Church entrances – or in the collection bag as it is passed around.** The basket of names will be placed before the altar at each Mass during November.

Blessings for the coming week.

GALILEE NEWS

Building closer ties with Galilee Regional School, Sally Diserio & a group of 12 Grade 6 students had a "cooking experience" baking Zucchini Slice in the O'Connor-Pilkington Room on Friday, 23 October.

Thank-you Sally for organising, preparing and managing this event.

THE CARMELITE CENTRE

WEEKLY

- **Prayer Meditation** every Tuesday 5pm on zoom
- **Meditation** every Thursday 7pm in the Malone room
- **Lectio Divina** every Friday 10am on zoom

MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- **Tuesday, 10 November** - In person: **Contemplative Walk** from OLMC, Middle Park, 9.30am

- **Tuesday, 17 November** - In person meeting: **Stretching Our Souls** - **Session 7. The beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) – guidelines for everyday living,** 11am-12:30pm in the Carmelite Library, Middle Park.

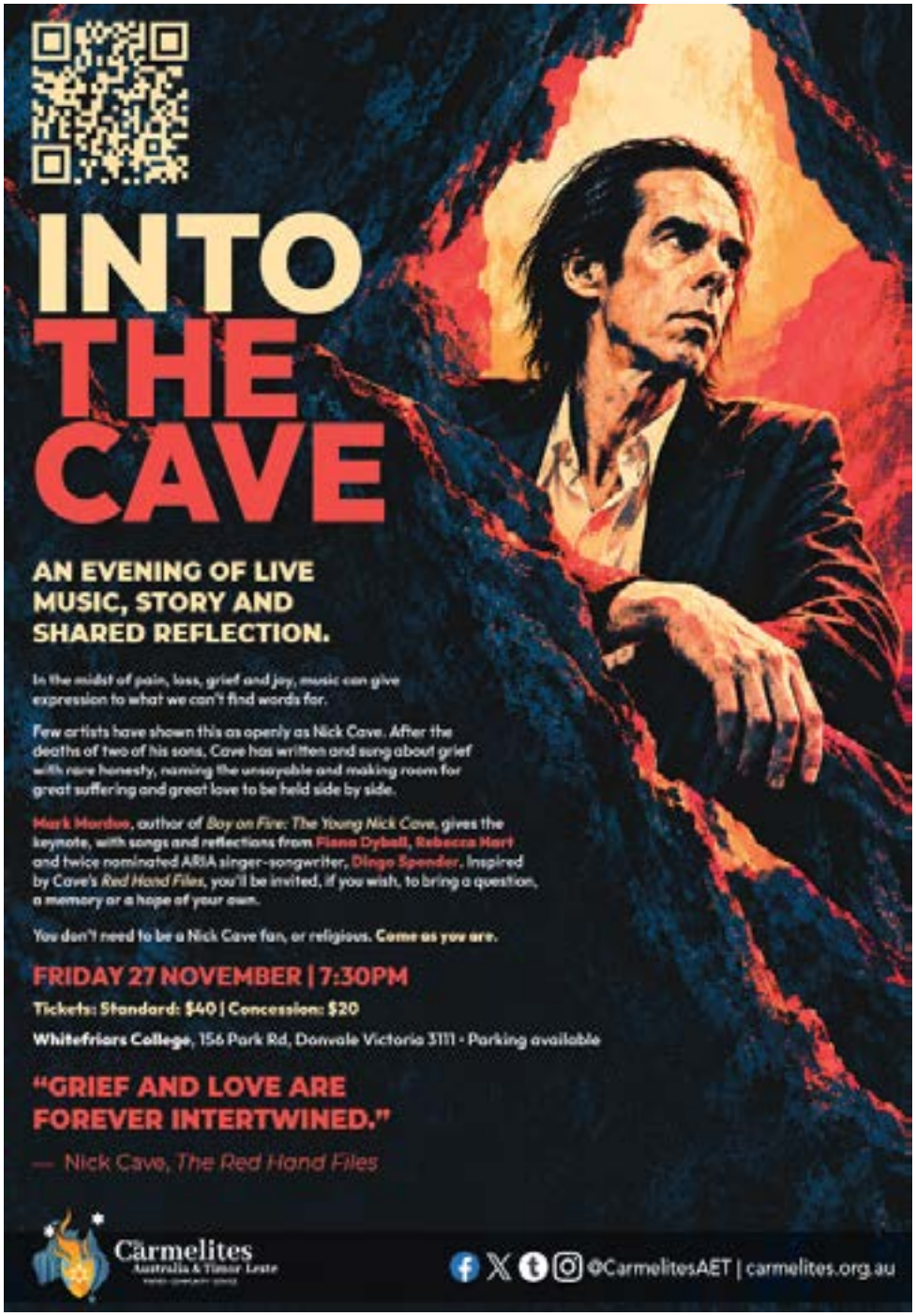
  Who is being blessed in these passages?
  Is it us as we experience each stage of our journey into the kingdom on earth?
  How do the blessings resonate with you?

- **Tuesday, 17 November** - Online via zoom: **Reading Mark's Gospel**, monthly study group, 1.30 - 3pm.

SPECIAL EVENT

- **Friday, 27 November** - In person evernt **Into The Cave**. See flyer on opposite page

For more details of events & bookings, visit the website:
https://carmelites.org.au/events



CARMELITE REFLECTION

Rejoice and be glad – reflection for All Saints

The Feast of All Saints has its origins in a 5th century feast of "All Martyrs". In the 7th century, by which time the era of martyrdom had largely passed, it became "All Saints".

In the Beatitudes, Matthew has transformed a short messianic manifesto into a program for life – a list of virtues which belong to those called into the Kingdom.

This is how people of the Kingdom live; these are the qualities which mark their lives.

The text is chosen for the Feast of All Saints for just that reason. We recognise in it the kind of life to which we are called. We recognise saints as those people who lived by these qualities – whether or not they are formally canonised by the Church.

The Feast of All Saints celebrates all those 'saints', including many we have known, who have entered fully into the Kingdom.

This Gospel is often used at funerals. Many people think this is because of the reference to 'those who mourn'. But that is not why the Church lists it as appropriate for funerals. Funerals are about celebrating the life of those who lived according to the Gospel. That is what this Gospel is all about.

Today we also give thanks to God for all those saints who have shaped and influenced us in the way we live our Christian lives.

This traditional description of Christian living blesses those who live according to the great Christian virtues of humility, justice, righteousness, forgiveness, mercy and peace. This is the way into God's eternal life here on earth and into eternal life with God - so, rejoice and be glad!

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
IGNAZ FRANZ

Holy God, we praise thy Name!
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Lo! the apostolic train
Join thy sacred name to hallow!
Prophets swell the loud refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun,
Through the Church the song goes on.

GLORY TO GOD — CURTIS STEPHAN

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

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.

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, have mercy on us.

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. Amen, amen

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24 - Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Response: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers. **Response**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain. **Response**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his saviour.
Such is the race that seeks him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. **Response**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION — Curtis Stephan

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

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life. **Refrain**

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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 HYMN: OPEN MY EYES — Jess 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

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 — 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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
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 SJ

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.
Say to the cities of Judah: Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice; Jerusalem, here is your God.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.
I myself will shepherd them, for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds and pasture them, giving them rest.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart, leading them home.
Come unto me if you are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke upon your shoulders, I will give you rest.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: LET HEAVEN REJOICE — Bob Dufford SJ

Refrain: Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim through every land:
"Hosanna to our King."

Sound the trumpet into the night;
the day of the Lord is near.
Wake your people, lift your voice,
proclaim it to the world. **Refrain**

Rise in splendour; shake off your sleep;
put on your robes of joy.
And in the morning you shall see
the glory of the Lord. **Refrain**

Sing a new song unto the Lord,
whose labour has led us to life.
With grateful hearts and joyful dancing,
play before the Lord. **Refrain**

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THANK-YOU

Roses are in Bloom - THANK-YOU !

The roses in our memorial gardens are looking fabulous due to the loving care provided by our gardening volunteers - Brian & Mich at Port Melboune and Trish at Middle Park. Your efforts are truly appreciated !

The above photo was taken last week of the memorial garden at St Joseph's, where the healthy plants are blooming in a mass of colour. Very beautiful !

The Parish of Port Melbourne and Middle Park is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.