



THE CARMELITE

Parish of Port Melbourne and Middle Park
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 1 October 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

With appropriate permission I share the following exchange of recent correspondence between a concerned parishioner and me. I do so in a spirit of dialogue and transparency. This spirit is fundamental to Pope Francis' call for the Church to be "synodal". This strange word has Greek roots which mean "journeying together". As a Church community we are called to "journey together" as the People of God, acknowledging and respecting each other's uniqueness and difference, but united in our humanity and by the Spirit of God dwelling within each of us and moving among us. We are called, as we acknowledge each other's differences, to **listen** to each other and to the Spirit; to be open to where the Spirit might be leading us and united in our search for what this Spirit is asking of us and where she is leading us.

Here, then, is the exchange of correspondence which I have introduced above:

Dear Father Paul

I had considered writing to you after reading your previous missive in relation to the Voice referendum, but did not do so. Having now read this week's newsletter (of 17 September), I think you deserve a response from a Catholic who does not share your view.

Your words, and the various links from that first newsletter, including the statement from the Bishops, contain clear encouragement to parishioners to support the Voice and an inference that that is the proper Christian position. You may assert that you (unlike the bishops) have not gone that far, but have simply urged us to "give serious consideration" to the issue. That would be disingenuous.

Similarly, in this week's newsletter (of 17 September), you promote an event arranged by Port Philip Citizens for Reconciliation, which you say will assist us to be "informed and educated". I would not characterise the event in that way. I would be happy to be corrected, but I would be prepared to bet that all of the speakers will be vigorous advocates in favour of the Voice. When do you propose to complete our education by referring people to events or publications which put the arguments to the contrary?

If you wanted to help people to "give serious consideration" to the issue, the least you should do is refer parishioners to the Government's official referendum booklet, which sets out both the yes and no cases.

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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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www.carmelites.org.au

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Tuesday - 9am - 4pm

Wednesday - 9am-4pm

Friday - 9am-12pm

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THIS WEEK

Monday 2 October

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 3 October

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 4 October

9.00am Anointing Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 5 October

9.00am Anointing Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 6 October

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday 7 October

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

5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 8 October

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Victor Acciarito, Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Grace Callaghan, Mary Hong Cao, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Paul Cox, Daphnie Cramer, Mary Dalli, Andrew Derrington, Michael DeNittis, Maureen Dickason, Leonie Dimes, Bernadette Falckh, Gigi Falk, Lyn Falk, Maria Fatima, Rebecca Fernando, Tony Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Evelyn Greach, Brendan Gurry, Michael Gurry, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Portia Hendrick, Ivy Hermance, Marija Jelinic, Tae Yoon Jin, Mary Loc, Christine Lyell, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquiren, Sean McPhee, Sharon Beverly Mendes, Marta Menjivar, Baby Alba Middleton, Maria Loc Nguyen, Judith Nicholson, Mary Paradise, Natalie Pringle, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Elise Rimington, Michael Risteviski, Keith Ryder, Sharmine Senanayeke Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Somerset-Beauverie, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Angela Triglar & Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently:

Maxwell Thomson.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

John Conlon, Wayne Mills, Frank Mount, & Carmelites Kevin McMahon and Francis Hynes.

IN OUR PARISH



Sacramental Program - First Eucharist

Family Information Session:

4 October 2023, 7pm

at O'Connor - Pilkington Room,
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middle Park.

This session is MANDATORY.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 October 2023 at 7.30pm in Boardroom at the Parish Office, 274 Rouse Street, Melbourne. Next to St Joseph's Church. New members are welcome.

Should you wish to contact a Vinnies representative, please call Kathy Mount 0437 588 855 or Joan Cusack 0478 224 624.

Parish Men's Dinner - 18 October 2023

The next Men's Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 18 October 2023 at 6.45pm in the O'Connor - Pilkington Room, OLMC, Middle Park.

Speaker: Jeffrey Pang, from NEU Audio Hearing & Brain Health

All male parishioners are invited and are welcome to attend. An email will be sent shortly to the regular attendees.

If you are interested in attending, or would like additional details, please contact Brian Rochford on 0403 056 542 or email: bfrochford@bigpond.com

7/8 October 2023

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Kelly McEnhill

Reader: Pat Mount

Offertory: Kevin Wilks

Communion: Kathy Mount

Music: Kelly McEnhill

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: William Kininmonth

Reader: Brian Harrison

Offertory: Rob Winduss

Communion: Kelly McEnhill

Counters: Brian Harrison & Toni Stuart

Music: Frances Correa

Hospitality: TBA

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Reader: Br. Anacleto

Offertory: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Communion: John Molnar

Music: Kelly McEnhill

Hospitality: Peter Thomas

Communion to the Sick:

Kathy Mount: 2-8 Oct 2023

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 496.00
Credit Card	\$ NA
Direct Credit	\$ 105.00
Loose Plate	\$ 885.95
Tap & Go	\$ 120.00
Total	\$ 1,606.95

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Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish

I have worked with and continue to support a number of organisations dedicated to the wellbeing of Indigenous Australians. Clearly we need to do more, but I do not accept that the Voice is the best or only solution. I agree with the views put by Senator Price and I am persuaded by the arguments for the “no” case set out in the booklet. I don’t consider them to be stupid or racist and I reject any suggestion that a no vote indicates a lack of decency or Christian love.

*Yours sincerely
Name of parishioner supplied.*

My response:

Dear

Thank you for your thoughtful and considered email in response to my comments and my promotion of certain events and points of view in relation to the Voice referendum. You are right to infer that, personally, I am, on balance, in favour of the Voice. At the same time, I admit there are powerful arguments against it. I very much respect you for putting forward a counter position and the motivation for your doing so.

Whilst I have reached a different conclusion from you in relation to the Voice, I respect that you are motivated by a strong desire for what is best for our Indigenous brothers and sisters and what is best for the nation as a whole. Each of us needs to vote in accordance with our conscience in a spirit of mutual respect. Let us pray that, whatever the outcome of the referendum, we are able to advance in unity as a nation and support the growth in wellbeing of our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

*Yours in Christ,
Paul Cahill, O.Carm., P.P.*

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The Synod on Synodality

Pope Francis has called a representative group of bishops and other clerics, religious and lay people together for a two-part Synod, the first this month and the second in October 2024. Traditionally, Synods have been only for bishops and they have been called to discuss issues of common concern for the Church and to advise the Pope. For the first time, this Synod includes non-bishops and is built on a broad process of consultation among all the People of God. These initiatives are a concrete expression of Pope Francis’ call for him and the bishops, not only to listen to each other, but to listen to the whole People of God, acknowledging and respecting the “Voice” that we all have by right of our baptism. This Synod on Synodality has the charter of giving some direction to how the Church might live out its mission of being an open, welcoming, inclusive and merciful Church in this third millenium. We are urged and invited to pray for its success.

Music at OLMC

Recently I advised that, through a parishioner’s generosity, we are able to hire a professional organist and cantor on a periodic basis to lead singing at the 10:30am Mass. We hope this initiative will commence on the 3rd Sunday of this month, 15 October. The group of parishioners also offering to periodically lead “live” music and singing at the 10:30am Mass commences its rehearsals this Sunday (after Mass), so we look forward to their special periodic contribution to our liturgy soon.

Parish Giving Campaign

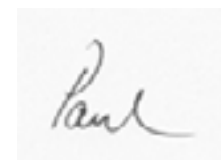
Next weekend, we will commence the Offertory Giving Campaign in our parish community, which will run over the next three weeks. Giving generously is a way to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christian worshippers. We are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

Special Feasts

Whilst our liturgy this weekend is for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, this Sunday, 1 October, is the feast of **St Thérèse of Lisieux**, a French Carmelite Nun of the early 20th century, whose spirituality of the “little way” has had a profound impact on many people’s lives. She encourages us to find God in the ordinary, everyday, events and challenges of our lives.

Wednesday 4 October is the feast of **St Francis of Assisi**, famous, among other things, for his appreciation of all God’s creation. His feast marks the end of the **Season of Creation**, which our Church, along with many other faith communities has been celebrating this past month. It reminds us of our call to care for our common home.

Blessings for the week ahead.



THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE



The **October 2023 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:

- Centering Prayer Meditation Tuesday 3 October (in the library)
- Carmelite Conversation with Paul Sireh OCarm on **Silence as Language of Prayer**, Wednesday 4 October, 10.30am to 12.00pm (via zoom)
- Season of Creation concludes Wednesday 4 October
- Spiritual Reading Group - Bata Bardak on Bishop Nikolai Velimirovich: Prayers by the Lake, Wednesday 18 October, 10.30am to 12.00pm (via zoom)
- Women's Art Circle with Michele Harris, Tuesday 24 October (in the library)
- Monthly Gathering in Library Friday 27 October (in the library)
- Prayer Meditation every Tuesday 5pm (via zoom)
- Meditation every Thursday 7pm (in the Malone room and on-line resources)
- Lectio Divina every Friday 10am (via zoom and on-line resources)

REFLECTION

Disobedient obedience & obedient disobedience

Over the next three Sundays we will listen to three parables where Jesus, having cleansed the temple, addresses the Jerusalem priests and elders. These “parables of judgement” voice God’s judgement against Israel – especially her leaders – for their rejection of Jesus.

The message, however, is also for us.

In this Sunday’s parable, the message could not be simpler: action speaks louder than words.

The tax collectors and prostitutes acted like the first son. Initially they said no to God, but hearing John the Baptist’s preaching they converted and did what pleased God.

The chief priests and elders are like the second son. They too heard John’s preaching and saw the responses of the tax collectors and prostitutes.

They pretended acceptance of God, but refused to accept John as a messenger from God. It is the tax collectors and the prostitutes and not the leaders who will enter the Kingdom of God – because they have not done the will of the Father.

It is easy to say that we are going to do something to please someone. But the real honour comes in doing. If we really want to honour our God, we must find ways to do the will of God. Sometimes it won’t be easy, sometimes it will put us out.

We are not called to ‘police’ God’s mercy – to decide who is deserving of it and who is not. If we have truly heard the Word of God we will be more concerned about extending the reign of God’s mercy and love to everyone, especially to those most despised in the world.

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

Engaging Your Faith 2023

Engaging Your Faith (EYF) is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world.

Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as Philosophy, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations, and issues in Science and Religion.

Our series of online sessions offers an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics. Just \$25 per session (\$40 for teachers seeking accreditation).

October and November 2023 session details are available via the website link:
<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>



OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: : TITLE: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

VERSES 1, 2 & 3

Bernadette Farrell



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man-y the gifts. — man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone —
3. wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
3. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
4. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
5. to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.



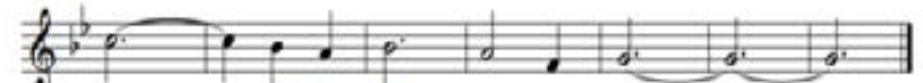
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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GLORIA



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
3. 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!

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FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright person renounces their integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, they die because of the evil that they themselves have committed. When sinners renounce sin to become law-abiding and honest, they deserve to live. They have chosen to renounce all their previous sins; they shall certainly live; they shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 25 - REMEMBER YOUR MERCIES, O LORD.

**Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

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.

Response

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not;
in your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of their own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



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.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
 Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
 Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

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

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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your
Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

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LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Jan M. Vermulst, 1925-1994
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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.

Suzanne Toolan

VERSES

1. I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not...
2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the
3. Un-less you eat of the flesh of the Son of
4. † I am the Res-ur-rec-tion † I am the
5. Yes, Lord, I be-lieve that you are the

1. hun-ger; you who be-lieve shall not thirst. † No-one can
2. world, and you who eat of this bread, † you shall
3. Man ? and drink of his blood, and drink
4. life. You who be-lieve in me, † ev-en
5. Christ, ? the Son of God, † Who

1. come to me un-less the Fa-ther beck-ons.
2. live for ev-er. † You shall live for-ev-er.
3. of his blood, you shall not have life with-in you.
4. if you die, † You shall live for-ev-er.
5. has come in-to the world.

REFRAIN

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you

up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep
A new day is dawning for all those who weep
The people in darkness have seen a great light
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night

**Refrain: Let us build the city of God
 May our tears be turned into dancing
 For the Lord, our light and our love
 Has turned the night into day**

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day
The one who has loved us has brightened our way **Refrain**

God is light, in him there is no darkness
Let us walk in his light, his children one and all
Oh comfort my people, make gentle your words
Proclaim to my city, the day of her birth **Refrain**

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