



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.*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 1 September 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

Keeping things in perspective is always a challenge, particularly when we are very enthusiastic about something. I'm thinking of something even so ordinary as a "one eyed" football supporter for whom the umpire is always wrong when a decision goes against their team; for whom the opposition players are always "staging" for free kicks or being unfairly rough on their team's players or for whom anything good the opposition does is just a "fluke".

I realize I'm on dangerous ground wading into football commentary, so I won't dwell further on it except to say it gives a crude sort of introduction into what I think Jesus is getting at in today's Gospel story from St Mark when he talks about the Pharisees and Scribes, who were very enthusiastic on observing the Law of Moses - fundamentally a good thing. As a good Jew, Jesus himself would have recognized the Law of Moses and observed it in its fundamentals. Jesus would have been very familiar with and applauded today's 1st Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy which presents Moses exhorting the people to *take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life.*

The problem with many of the Pharisees and Scribes, however, which Jesus draws attention to in the Gospel, is that, in their enthusiasm to do what Moses exhorted, they got carried away and tried to improve on the basics Moses gave them by imposing on the people all sorts of pedantic rituals of washings after contact with non-Jews in the market and other public places.

Jesus is not really trying to defend what seem like the unhygienic practices of some of his disciples. Rather, he is pointing out to these Pharisees and Scribes that these pedantic rituals and other customs that they are obsessed with (and which are not imposed for hygienic purposes) are not only non-essentials in honouring God, but given their obsession with them, they represent a loss of perspective about what is really important. These Pharisees and Scribes have become obsessed with what are *only human regulations*. In doing so, they are hindering their own right relationship with God and his people and also preventing others from being drawn into right

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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

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Parish Website www.sj-mc.org.au

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www.carmelites.org.au

Office Hours:

Tuesday - 9am - 4pm
Wednesday - 9am-4pm
Friday - 9am-12pm
(CLOSED MONDAYS & THURSDAYS)

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Fr Paul Cahill, OCarm

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Cathy Garbellini

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THIS WEEK

Monday 2 September

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 3 September

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 4 September - Anointing Mass

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 5 September - Anointing Mass

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 6 September

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 7 September

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 8 September

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Patrick Achiam, Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Maurizio Bonizzoni, Dorina Butera, Grace Callaghan, Shirley Callaghan, Rita Colli, Mary Hong Cao, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Daphnie Cramer, Grace Cumming, Mary Dalli, Michael De Nittis, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Leonie Dimes, Bernadette Falckh, Gigi Falk, Lyn Falk, Maria Fatima, Rebecca Fernando, Tony Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, John Fuller, Gus Gleason, John Goral, Amelia Grace, Evelen Greach, George Grzyb, Nova Hack, Bernardine Hagan, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Lincoln Hanland, Darren Harland, Chin Hsia, Portia Hendrick, Carol Higginson, Jason Ho, Steph Hudson, Marija Jelinic, Sr Martin Jones, Teresa Kwol, Paul Chan Yin Leung, Margaret Lopes, Austin Lorraine, Les Lugowski, Christine Lyell, Coco McMaster, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquiren, Ian MacLachlan, Maggie McKern, Marta Menjivar, Alba Middleton, Maria Loc Nguyen, Paul Nghi Cao Thanh, Caterina Orfanidis, Barry Paff, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Michael Risteviski, Dennis Rohan, Clara Romeo, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Frances Sheehy, Sash Carti Somerset-Beauverie, Dorothea Spencer, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Diane Thakur, Angela Trigar, Ria Van Lith, Julieanne Wharton & Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Guiseppe Battista, Michelina Battista, Joan Keane, Jim Power, Matthew John Russell & Carmelites Michael Mansfield, Peter McAlpine, James Meehan & William Nugent.

IN OUR PARISH



A very **Happy Fathers' Day** to all our Dads, Granddads, Uncles or anyone who has a paternal role in the lives of others.

May your day be filled with blessings and goodness.



Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 10 September 2024** 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 on 0437 588 855 or Pauline Semmens 0425 854 691.

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 560.00
Credit Card	\$ 455.00
Direct Credit	\$ 587.35
Loose Plate	\$ 973.45
Tap & Go	\$ 341.00
Total	\$2,916.80



MINISTRIES

7-8 September 2024

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Sally Diserio

Reader: Pat Mount

Offertory: Kathy Mount

Communion: Kathy Mount

Sacristan: Tris Tanumihardjo

Music: Tris Tanumihardjo

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Rob Lever

Reader: Ron Cassano

Offertory: Rob Lever

Communion: Jacek Glenda

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Music: Cathy Garbellini

Hospitality: Cora Galutera & Eden

Rzepisko

Sacristan: Rob Winduss

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Marlene Halim

Reader: Mary Brady

Offertory: Jackie & John Tidey

Communion: Kathleen Kiernan

Music: Choir / Peter Russo

Hospitality: Jackie & John Tidey

Sacristan: Peter Russo

Communion to the Sick:

Mary Brady : 9 – 15 Sep 2024

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relationship with God and neighbour. Jesus is telling them that they are not made "unclean" by their contact with non-Jews (*what goes into a person from outside*) but by what comes out of them ... *from within them, from their hearts ... like fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly.*

In today's 2nd Reading, St James is reinforcing for his early Christian community the point that Jesus has made in the Gospel when he tells them *Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.*

Today's Readings all serve as a reminder and encouragement to us to keep things in perspective; to focus on the fundamentals – what comes from within our hearts; namely, our personal relationship with God, fostered by prayer and a spirit of love and thanksgiving that leads us to express what is in our hearts by loving one another in practical ways ... as God has loved us.

Blessings.



THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE

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

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

WEEKLY

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

MONTHLY

- ~ **Contemplative Walk (Middle Park)** - Tuesday 3 September, 9.30 - 11am
- ~ **Centering Prayer Meditation** in Malone Room - Tuesday 3 September, 1.00pm
- ~ **Carmelite Conversation** on zoom - Wednesday 4 September, 10.30am - 12.00pm
- ~ **Melanesian Indigenous Spirituality** with Paul Sireh, OCarm.
- ~ **Monthly Gathering** - Friday 27 September, 11.30am - 1.00pm in the Library.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE 2024 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

This year's Social Justice Statement, *Truth and Peace: A Gospel in a Violent World* (<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/>), outlines a number of the dynamics that contribute to the current erosion of truth: competing truth claims, loss of authority and trust, the growth of social media, computing power and AI and the corporations who control them, bias, and a culture of individualism and self-promotion. In his speech for the statement's launch, Associate Professor Joel Hodge suggests that seeing our lives as a gift, rather than our own individual project, might help us find a path through this minefield towards peace and truth.

Continue reading: '*Seeing our lives as a gift*': the path to truth and peace in a world of conflict (<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/seeing-our-lives-as-a-gift-the-path-to-truth-and-peace-in-a-world-of-conflict>).

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK (1–7 SEPTEMBER) AND SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY (8 SEPTEMBER)



TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

A 20 year-old man is seeking temporary accommodation in the area. He is from Ireland, where he completed his secondary education.

He has been living in Port Melbourne for the past 21 months and participating in an American football kicking program called Prokick Australia since arriving here. This program is aimed at helping young people get placed into College in the United States on a full athletic scholarship as kickers/punters (people who kick the ball).

As his current visa and house lease expire in early September, he will be renewing his visa but needs to find alternative temporary accommodation until he is able to move in with a family in another area of Melbourne sometime in October before leaving for the US in January on a scholarship to a US College. He is a very family oriented young man and is looking for somewhere to stay, with company, for a few weeks in September. Despite searching for this over the past few week/months he has not found anything suitable and has turned to me for assistance.

He describes himself as “easy going, clean and willing to help out around the house if needs be”. He is also happy to pay rent for the short amount of time for which he is looking for accommodation. I have found him to be polite, friendly, chatty and I believe honest and trustworthy. His name is Donal Dempsey. If you think you can possibly help, please contact Cathy or me at the parish office on **9681 9600** or parish@sj-mc.org.au and we can supply his mobile number so that you can talk to him directly.

Many thanks for your consideration of this request.



Your legacy can create a future of Possibilities

Leaving a **Gift** in your Will is a personal choice of great importance. It's a generous gesture that will reflect your faith, beliefs and values well into the future.

By leaving a **gift to The Carmelites or the Parish** in your Will, your legacy can create a future of possibilities. Whether it is training young men to become priests and equipping them to become leaders of their communities, providing young Timorese people with hope for a better future through education, or supporting the ongoing mission of our Parish here in Port Melbourne-Middle Park, your gift will sustain our work and transform lives.

To find out more about leaving a **gift to the Carmelites** in your Will, contact on 9690 8822 or philanthropy@carmelites.org.au or pickup a booklet in the back of the church.

To find out more about leaving a **gift to The Parish** in your Will, contact the Parish Office (**9681 9600; parish@sj-mc.org.au**).

REFLECTION

Washing Hearts, Not Hands

This weekend we resume reading from St Mark's Gospel. This Sunday's episode is about ritual purity verses purity of heart. The Pharisees were a group of especially observant Jews. They took ritual observance very seriously. These observant Pharisees and some scribes criticise the disciples for 'not following the tradition of the elders' by not washing their hands before eating.

This passage is not about good hygiene but about a ritual practice. By the time of Jesus the Pharisees wanted to extend the laws of ritual purity, which applied only to priests, to all the people. Jesus accuses them of substituting the law of God with mere human regulations.

The second point that Jesus makes is that it is not what goes into a person from outside which makes them unclean, but what they harbour in their hearts and minds.

We, too, can fall into the trap of thinking that our ritual practices (going to Mass, saying the Rosary, etc) are all that is necessary to be good followers of Jesus.

Some Christians seem to think that ritual practice is about being at rights with God; almost like 'paying God off'. That having been done, they are free to do what they like in their actions towards other human beings.

The teaching of Jesus in the Gospel today challenges both those views.

It is the reform of our hearts, not our ritual practices, which needs attention and is most important in living out the vocation God has given us. If the goodness of God is not seen through us, where can it be seen?

Jesus reminds his listeners that evil does not come from the outside, but from within. According to Jesus, being at rights with God is not achieved through ritual practice but through inner conversion to the mind and heart of God.

Real religion, according to the Jesus tradition, is not about ritual practise but about how we treat each other.

It's our hearts, not our hands, which need washing.

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

ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

VERSE 1, 3 & 5

OLD HUNDREDTI

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
3. O en - ter then his gates with praise; Ap - proach with
4. For why? the Lord our God is good: His mer - cy
5. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom

1. Lord with cheer - ful voice; Him serve with mirth, his
2. aid he did us make; We are his folk, he
3. joy his courts un - to; Praise, laud, and bless his
4. is for ev - er sure; His truth at all times
5. heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the

1. praise forth tell, Come we be - fore him, and re - jice.
2. does us feed, And for his sheep he does us take,
3. Name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
4. firm - ly stood, And shall from age to age en - dure.
5. an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: LM; Psalm 100; William Kethe, d. c. 1593. Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

GLORIA

DAN SCHUTTE

Refrain **Glory to God, glory to God**
Glory to God in the highest
And on Earth, peace on Earth
Peace to people of goodwill

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, the right 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

Amen, amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 15: THE ONE WHO DOES JUSTICE WILL LIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

Response: The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord, the presence of the Lord.

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.

Response

Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbour;
by whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honours those who fear the LORD.

Response

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things
shall never be disturbed.

Response

SECOND READING

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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.



Bob Dufford

REFRAIN

Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his
 arms. hold - ing them care - ful - ly close to his heart.

1-3 to Verses Final rit. fine
 lead - ing them home. home. lead - ing them home.

VERSES 1&2

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

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

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

VERSE 3

3. Come un - to me if you are heav - i - ly bur - den - ed, and
 3. take my yoke up - on your shoul - ders. I will give you rest.

**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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of host
Heaven and earth are full
Are full of Your glory
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes
Who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again, 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: I HAVE LOVED YOU

MICHAEL JONAS

**Refrain: I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.**

1. Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
he will bring you his light and his peace.
2. Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
he will bring you his joy and his hope.
3. Seek the face of the Lord and long for him:
he will bring you his care and his love.

FATHER'S DAY BLESSING

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.**

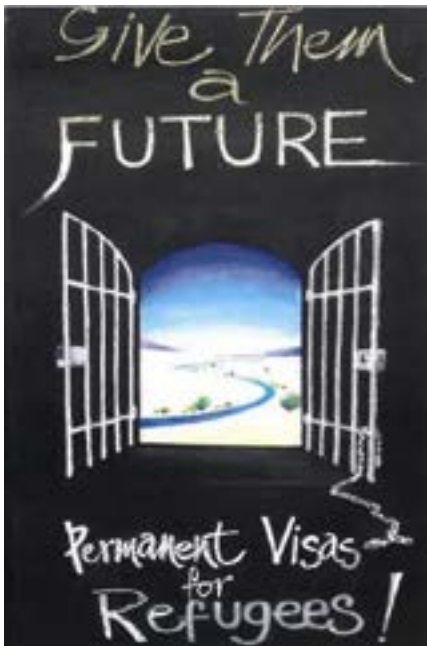
1. He will release me from the nets of sinful men.
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of his wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure.
2. I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,
nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down,
no evil settle in my soul.

BASP - JUSTICE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS & REFUGEES

An **ONLINE AUCTION** is being held next weekend to raise money for BASP (Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project). Flyers are available to take home at the back of the church with the details of how to participate.

The auction starts on **Friday 6 September, at 5pm** and ends on **Sunday, 8 September at 5pm.**

We invite parishioners to participate in this wonderful Fundraising initiative.



A **POSTCARD** drive is being held to advocate for justice for asylum seekers and refugees who have been in limbo for 12 years without visas.

We encourage parishioners & supporters to send a card to:

Tony Burke
Minister for Immigration & Home Affairs
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra, ACT. 2600

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