



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.*

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Christ

10 April 2022

Hi Everyone,

CARMELITE COVID SITUATION

My greetings come from the Port Melbourne Covid Hospital (a.k.a. the Port Melbourne Priory). As I mentioned earlier a number of us in both Port Melbourne and Middle Park tested positive for COVID-19. Thankfully, with one exception, the symptoms have been mild, however, we have needed to isolate at home and in our rooms so life has been somewhat monotonous though we have been well looked after by our healthier members. As an aside, our community in Sydney has encountered the same challenges though, thankfully, they are managing well in the circumstances.

GRATITUDE TO FR S PAUL AND PAUL

Because of my own situation I've been dependent on the 2 Fr Paul's for assistance with the Parish Masses. Last weekend, Fr Paul Cahill stood in and this weekend, Fr Paul Sireh will be running the show. I am immensely grateful to both of them for their assistance otherwise we would have closed shop altogether!

THE ALFRED HOSPITAL

Since our diagnosis the Alfred Hospital and their team have been superb in their support with daily phone calls, follow-up equipment and medication. I cannot praise highly enough the professional approach and care of the Alfred staff. They have helped us manage things seamlessly.

PARISH OFFICE

Since one member of our Parish staff also tested positive for the virus, I need to reiterate that the office is understaffed at present and that situation will likely continue until after Easter. We will do our best to ensure that the Easter ceremonies run as smoothly as possible.

MORE GRATITUDE

A very big thank you to the members of the Parish who have wished us well with emails both in the current crisis and also for my recent birthday. At present I cannot respond personally, but your thoughts and prayers are wonderful, so, thank you. So too, the offers of help have been amazing and I'm very appreciative. My birthday was a rather sedate affair with Thai take-away, some good wine and cheesecake and liqueurs. That's two birthdays that have been interrupted by Covid. Lets see what next year brings!

Both our Churches are fitted with a hearing induction loop. Please use the 'T' or other appropriate switch on your hearing aid. Please tell us if you experience any difficulty.

OUR PARISH

Churches

St Joseph's
cnr Rouse & Stokes Streets
Port Melbourne

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
cnr Richardson & Wright Streets
Middle Park

Sunday Masses

6.00pm (Sat) Mount Carmel
9.00am Saint Joseph's
10.30am Mount Carmel

Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

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THIS WEEK

Monday 11 April

No Mass or Morning Prayer

Tuesday 12 April

No Mass or Morning Prayer

Wednesday 13 April

No Mass or Morning Prayer

Thursday 14 April

9.00am Morning Prayer, Mt Carmel

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Joseph's

Friday 15 April - Friday of the Passion of Our Lord

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Joseph's

3.00pm Good Friday Liturgy, both Churches

Saturday 16 April

9.00am Morning Prayer, Mt Carmel

7.00pm Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 17 April -

Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Hein Basten, Tommy Bednar, Paul Caghi - Cao, Nawal Cox, Maureen Dickason, Kelly Edwards, Judy Fairhall, Gigi Falckh, Lyn Falckh, Michelle Falckh, Frances Farrugia, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Lyn Fleming, Gerard Friary, Ivy Hermence, Steph Hudson, Chris Kowalski, Baby Alba Middleton, Marino Mihocic, Felicity Morgan, Marie O'Connor, Sylvia Poliakova, Rafal Rafalski, Michael Ristevski, Lucie Carmen Rodriguez, Dennis Rohan, Lorraine Rohan, Keith Ryder, Sarah Abdel-Said, Teresa Sheehan, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Vivienne Williams, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently: Phero Lo Quiy, casualties of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict, and all those affected by COVID_ 19 throughout the world.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Carmelite, Laurie Moffat.

IN OUR PARISH

EASTER CEREMONIES

As we did last year: Holy Thursday will be celebrated at St. Joseph's instead of OLMC. It's time for the Port Melbourne end of the parish to have a fair share of the ceremonies!

The times and place for Holy Week and Easter Weekend Ceremonies are as follows:

- Holy Thursday (14th April) at St Josephs' at 7:00pm
- Good Friday (15th April) at OLMC at 3:00pm **AND** St. Joseph's at 3:00pm
- Easter Vigil at OLMC (16th April) at 7:00pm
- Easter Sunday (17th April) at St Joseph's at 9:00am and OLMC at 10:30am

WEEKDAYS OF HOLY WEEK

Given the precarious state of affairs with regard to the Carmelites, there will be **NO** weekday Masses during Holy Week. Morning Prayer will be offered at OLMC on Holy Thursday morning at 9:00am; at St Joseph's on Good Friday at 9:00am and Holy Saturday at OLMC at 9:00am. The Morning Prayers will mimic the days when we would usually celebrate weekday Masses.

Look after yourselves and stay safe and know that you are in both my thoughts and prayers.

Blessings and peace,



April 2022 Parish Men's Dinner

Wednesday 27 April 2022, 6:45 pm, O'Connor-Pilkington Rooms, OLMC.

Speaker: Simon Crean, former ALP leader, cabinet minister and ACTU president
- "Reflections of a Lifetime Resident "

RSVP: John Molloy - 9699 2031

Cost: \$35

Divine Mercy Sunday

celebration at 1.30 pm on Sunday 24th April
at Holy Cross Church,
Glenhuntly Rd, Caulfield South
All Welcome

ARCHDIOCESE

14 April - Holy Thursday

15 April - Good Friday

16 April - Easter Vigil

17 April - Easter Sunday

**Holy Week and Easter
Liturgies**

**Ministers, please refer to
the Holy Week and Easter
Triduum rosters that have
been emailed to you.**

**Many thanks for your
ongoing commitment and
generosity of your time.**

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

*Carmelite and
Parish Offering* \$626.00

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

*Carmelite and
Parish Offering* \$1,028.00

THE CARMELITE CENTRE

Reading John's Gospel, 1.30 – 3.00pm Tuesday 19 April (Via Zoom)

A small group is interested in a monthly session in the Carmelite Library meeting face to face to read together and discuss John's gospel exploring St John's Christ Mystery as a way of helping them in their own spiritual journey.

The group will meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month from 1.30 to 3.00pm. Although this was hoped to be in person in the Carmelite Library gathering will be via zoom until notified.

Jackie and I will send you some questions or comments the week prior to our meeting, that may assist you with reading the set text.

If anyone else has any helpful hints, maybe we could send them around as well. Otherwise, we look forward to your reflections at the meeting.

Could you please let me know if you will be attending so that I can send you the link. Thank you, **Clare McArdle and Jackie Tidey**

If you are interested, would you please send in your name, phone number and e-mail to Clare McArdle: **claremca@bigpond.com**

Why John? We are interested in reading John's gospel because it differs from the others in that it has a Prologue that proclaims the great mystery of creation. John's gospel according to Brendan Byrne wants to move people from "mere existence to a conscious sense of sharing the divine eternal life – and the joy that goes with it." (p 2 Life Abounding) Richard Rohr says that John is "concerned with the reader making a personal act of faith in Jesus and, through that, entering into divine life as sons and daughters of the Father." (p 50 The great themes of scripture)

How will we approach it? We will approach this as a reading group of some 8-10 people who are prepared to undertake the necessary reading before each session. We will not be led by an 'expert' and like all reading groups will have a 'light touch' chair which could change from meeting to meeting.

Individuals may wish to undertake their own research to share with the group. The library has a series of commentaries and other books on John's gospel.

Because the aim is to further our own spiritual journey we will not read the gospel as a document to be critiqued or as an academic exercise. Rather the focus will be on what it means to us in our own lives today. Commentaries will be helpful to get beneath the symbolic language and the images that were important at the time.

Carmelite Centre Program Bookings

T: 9690 5430 (leave message if unattended) or reregistration@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org
via website: www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org



Port Melbourne/Middle Park Parish

Holy Week and Easter Timetable 2022

Holy Thursday 14 April

9:00am: Morning Prayer – Our Lady of Mt Carmel

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

Good Friday 15 April

9.00am: Morning Prayer – St Joseph's

3:00pm: Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion –
Both Churches

Holy Saturday 16 April

9:00am: Morning Prayer – Our Lady of Mt Carmel

7:00pm: Easter Vigil at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Easter Sunday 17 April

9:00am: Easter Mass at St Joseph's

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

Lead us Into Holy Week

We tell your story
We follow in your footsteps
LEAD US INTO HOLY WEEK

We walk towards the city
We wait in the garden
LEAD US ONTO HOLY GROUND

We journey towards death
We hope for resurrection
LEAD US INTO HOLY JOY.

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

The crowd who cheered on Palm Sunday proved to be a fickle lot. It took them no time at all to move from the cries of adulation of Palm Sunday to the derision of Good Friday, and back again, with frightening speed. What is most worrying, however, is that we can do the same just as easily.

Take, for example, in our own country, where on the one hand we tell the original inhabitants of this great land that they have some claim on it and then change the rules when they begin to make such a claim. You don't have to look far for Calvary. Try being black in a white world.

We bask in the myth that this is the land of the fair go, but seem to think that this fair go is primarily for white people born of an Anglo Celtic, Christian background. You don't have to search too far for Calvary. Try being Asian in a Eurocentric world.

As Christians we affirm that women and men are made in the image and likeness of God, but in the Church and society we find new arguments to keep men in power and women only fractionally developing their God-given talents. You don't have to seek out Calvary. Try being a woman in a man's world.

Our society tells the gay community they may have been born with a desire for a same sex partner and that no one should discriminate against them, yet we deny them basic rights for legal security and dignity. You don't have to hunt for Calvary. Try being gay in a straight world.

Our society sings the praises of IVF and its associated technologies and proclaim how hundreds more couples are now 'complete' as a result of having a baby and yet each year we abort tens of thousands of unborn babies. You don't have to explore far to find Calvary. Try being a pregnant mother in an unsympathetic and death-dealing world.

The reality is that Palm Sunday is not a yearly historical pageant. It is the day when we hear proclaimed that:

- our God knows what it's like to be heralded on Sunday and condemned on Friday;
- our God loved us so much that he laid down his own life so that we might live;
- our God showed us that the price of walking on palm branches is in the taking up of the cross.

And how do we do that? How do we face all the Calvarys of our world and be Christ-like?

In the Passion we are told that Jesus did five things:

- He healed the ear of the High Priest's servant;
- He spoke the truth to Pilate;
- He empathised with the women of Jerusalem;

- He forgave those who condemned him;
- He had compassion toward the other criminal being crucified.

And here's the rub: in facing our personal passion and being with those who face their Calvary we are called to do likewise.

If Holy Week means anything it means we end this week as we began it – processing. Walking away from inflicting pain to being a healer, desisting with lies and speaking the truth, resisting the temptation to judge and embracing empathy as our first response and, always and everywhere, being generous with forgiveness and compassion. No more and no less is asked of us if we are to follow ‘the King of Love on Calvary’.

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Reflection by Artist - Jenny Close

For Jesus, his entry into Jerusalem was a triumph that had a seriously sinister side: this was the city in which he was both totally defeated and yet utterly triumphant. Jerusalem was a hub of trade and political intrigue. It was a sophisticated city and Herod's grand Temple was not only a religious and cultural symbol, it was also political. Its stones spoke of permanence, power and dignity. Even so, its destruction overshadowed it, just as the cross overshadowed Jesus. Watch for the temple motif recurring in the drawings for the Triduum.

GATHERING

We will gather outside the churches for the blessing of the palms before Mass. (driveway between church and hall at Mt Carmel).

BLESSING OF PALMS

ACCOUNT OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. Now when he was near Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives as it is called, he sent two of the disciples, telling them, 'Go off to the village opposite, and as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you are to say this, "The Master needs it"'. The messengers went off and found everything just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owner said, 'Why are you untying that colt?' and they answered, 'The Master needs it.'

So they took the colt to Jesus, and throwing their garments over its back they helped Jesus on to it. As he moved off, people spread their cloaks in the road, and now, as he was approaching the downward slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole group of disciples joyfully began to praise God at the top of their voices for all the miracles they had seen.

They cried out: 'Blessings on the King who comes,
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory in the highest heavens!'

Some Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Master, check your disciples,' but he answered, 'I tell you, if these keep silence the stones will cry out.'

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

SING TO THE LORD

Refrain: ***Sing to the Lord! Alleluia! Sing to the Lord all nations!
God has made his goodness known. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Sing to the Lord! Sing a new song!
Praise the Lord with shouts of gladness! Alleluia! **Refrain**

Sing to the Lord! Praise his Holy Name!
He alone is our salvation! Alleluia! **Refrain**

Sing to the Lord! For his wondrous deeds!
Mighty Lord of all creation! Alleluia! **Refrain**

FIRST READING *Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22

MY GOD, MY GOD

Response: ***My God, my God,
Why have you abandoned me.***

All who see me laugh at me.
They shake their heads, they shake their heads:
You trusted in God;
let God deliver you,
deliver you, if God loves you.

Response

All is taken, all is lost.
Be near my help.
Come near my help.
I trusted in God,
and God delivered me.
O deliver me as you love me.
I long to stand in the midst of your people,
and sing your name.
Give God your laud.
Cry our your praises
and hold fast,
hold fast to your Lord.

Response

SECOND READING *Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus 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

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory.
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GOSPEL *Luke 23:1-49*

Celebrant: The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it'.

Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Reader 1 Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Reader 2 Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let go'. But as one they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Celebrant Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' 'But why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

Reader 1 As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to

them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, 'Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!', to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if you use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him there were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

Reader 2 When they reached the place called the Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

Reader 1 The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

Reader 2 One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all? You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus..... Remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

Celebrant It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

Reader 1 When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts. All his friends stood at a distance, so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Response: *Raise us to new life.*

PROCESSION OF GIFTS - JESUS REMEMBER ME

Taize Chant: **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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.**

The Celebrant prays the preface at the end of which all sing:

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.

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.**

Bernadette Farrell



Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up - on the ground _ and



die, _ it re - mains _ but a sin - gle grain _ with no life. _



1. ♪ If we have died with him then we shall live with him;
2. ♪ If an - y one serves _ me then they must fol - low me;
3. ♪ ♪ Make your home in me as I make mine in you;
4. ♪ If you re - main in me and my word lives in you;
5. ♪ ♪ Those who love me are loved by my Fa - ther;
6. ♪ ♪ Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;



1. if we hold firm we shall reign with him. _
2. wher - ev - er I am my ser - vants will be.
3. those who re - main in me bear much fruit. _
4. then you will be my dis - ci - ples. _
5. we shall be with them and dwell in them. _
6. peace which the world can - not give is my gift.

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REFRAIN

Turn our hearts, — turn our—
 minds, make us branches hold-ing fast to the— vine Pa-tient
 keep - er, draw us to your ten-der mer - cy, tree of life

VERSE 1

1. We re - mem - ber we are mor-tal breath of God but of the
 earth. Through the des - ert we must tra vel tast - ing hung - er, knowing

To Refrain VERSE 2

thirst. Turn our sin - ful we are pride - ful We have all gone a -
 2. We are
 stray. Deep with - in us we are need - ful of a
 To Refrain
 clean heart day — by day. Turn our

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 WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL CHILDREN,
 YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.**