

# 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.

6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 11 February 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

In this week's Gospel Reading from St Mark, we hear of Jesus crossing the very strong taboo of his society and reaching out to touch and heal a man afflicted with "leprosy" (understood as a serious skin disease believed to be highly contagious).

We sense the faith of this leprous beggar in approaching Jesus: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.'

We are struck by the empathy of Jesus' response: Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!'

Scripture scholar, Brendan Byrne, tells us that what our Reading translates from Greek as "feeling sorry" literally means 'moved to the depths of one's being'. This literal translation conveys a much stronger sense of Jesus' empathy for this man whose repulsive physical condition made him a social outcast and hence a poor and despised beggar.

In last week's Gospel Reading we heard of Jesus reaching out physically to touch Simon's mother-in-law. We are told "he took her by the hand and helped her up". Again, Jesus doesn't remain aloof from the person in need, but "connects" personally with the leper as he did with Simon's mother-in-law. In the case of the leprous man, Jesus identifies with him in a very dramatic way ... risking his own health and thus identifying with him as an "outcast" – which we know he ultimately became, paying the price of his life as a result. Jesus makes himself vulnerable in his relationships, risking not only personal rejection but even physical compromise.

All this is not to suggest that we ought to risk personal physical harm in our relationships, but it is to underline that risking a loving personal relationship, in Continued on page 4

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# OUR PARISH

#### Churches

St Joseph's cnr Rouse & Stokes Streets Port Melbourne

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

#### **Sunday Masses**

5.00pm (Sat) Mount Carmel 9.00am Saint Joseph's 10.30am Mount Carmel

#### Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

#### **Carmelite Parish Office**

274 Rouse Street Port Melbourne Vic 3207

Telephone 03 9681 9600

After Hours Phone Number 0419 136 030

Email parish@sj-mc.org.au

Parish Website www.sj-mc.org.au

Carmelite Website www.carmelites.org.au

### Office Hours:

Tuesday - 9am - 4pm Wednesday - 9am-4pm Friday - 9am-12pm

#### (CLOSED MONDAYS & THURSDAYS)

#### **Parish Priest**

Fr Paul Cahill, OCarm

## **Parish Secretary** Cathy Garbellini

**Pastoral Assistant** 

## Kelly McEnhill

#### **Business Finance Manager**

Mark Zanon

#### Sacramental Co-Ordinator

Baptism - Angela Cox First Reconciliation - Angela Cox First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen Confirmation - Sally Diserio

## Safeguarding Officer

Frances Correa

## **Facilities Manager**

Dave Fletcher

## Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School

Bank Street, South Melbourne 3205 Telephone 03 9699 2928

# THIS WEEK

## **Monday 12 February**

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

## **Tuesday 13 February**

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

## Wednesday 14 February, Ash Wednesday

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's 7.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

## Thursday 15 February

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

## Friday 16 February

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

## Saturday 17 February

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel 5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

## Sunday 18 February

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, Grace Cumming, Mary Dalli, Michael De Nittis, 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, Amelia Grace, Evelen Greach, Brendan Gurry, Michael Gurry, Maureen Gurry, George Grzyb, Nova Hack, Bernardine Hagan, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Darren Harland, Chin Hsia, Portia Hendrick, Carol Higginson, Jason Ho, Marija Jelinic, Sr Martin Jones, Mary Loc, Les Lugowski, Christine Lyell, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquiren, Ian McLachlan, Sharon Beverly Mendes, Marta Menjivar, Baby Alba Middleton, Sam Neill, Maria Loc Nguyen, Maria Nguyen, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Dennis Rohan, Jill Ridge, Michael Risteviski, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Somerset Beauverie, Dorothea Spencer, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Angela Trigar & Tami Yap.

## Those who have died recently:

## Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time:

June Edmiston, Rychard Glenda, Kevin Palmer, Sarah Scanlon, Charlotte Winduss & Carmelites Daniel Kiely, Shane O'Connor & James Dempsey.

# IN OUR PARISH



Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 7.00pm 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.

**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED** - Vinnies are currently short of helpers for our Saturday morning work. If anyone can spare 1.5 hours on the occasional Saturday morning please contact Kathy Mount 0437 588 855.

## Parish Men's Dinner - 21 February 2024

Date: Wednesday, 21 February 2024

Time: 6.45pm

**Venue: Note change of Location** St Joseph's Hall, Ground Floor, 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne.

Cost: \$40.00 pp

Onsite carparking is available at rear of church with entrance immediately in front of St Joseph's Church.

Speaker: James Woollet (45 years of advertising work around the world & how it saved a little library in Middle Park). RSVP to Brian Rochford on 0403 056 542 or

bfrochford@bigpond.com

## St Joseph's Hospitality Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are required to prepare & serve morning tea after the 9:00am mass at St Joseph's on a Sunday.

Please support this Sunday morning tradition and share a cuppa and banter with fellow parishioners.

The roster is located at the back of the church.

## 17/18 February 2024 1st Sunday of Lent 5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Des Collins

Reader: Pat Mount

Offertory: Kathy Mount

Communion: Kathy Mount

Music: Kelly McEnhill

## 9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Rob Lever

Reader: Ron Cassano Offertory: Terry Gurry

Communion: Pablo Craievich

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Music: Joan Cusack

## 10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Michael Rudov

Reader: Peter Thomas

Offertory: Sr Reba Woodwiss

Communion: Sr Reba Woodwiss

Music: Cantor

Hospitality: Angela Cox

# Communion to the Sick:

Mary Brady: 18 -24 Feb

# THANK YO

## for your generosity last weekend Parish Stewardship Offerings

**Envelopes** \$ 480.00 Credit Card \$ 455.00 Direct Credit \$ 880.00 \$ 805.90 Loose Plate \$ 160.00 Tap & Go Total \$2,780.90

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which we are sensitive to the deeply felt personal feelings of the other, is part of what the following of Jesus – discipleship – demands.

As we hear and reflect on the story of the leper whom Jesus heals, we might pray for the courage necessary to risk reaching out to others in need in a way that "touches" them, bringing them healing of spirit, a sense of self-worth, of acceptance, of wholeness and of personal freedom.

At the same time, we might reflect on the "healing" we need to make us "whole" and "free". We might pray for the faith of the leper to "connect" with Jesus and to "plead" to him with the cry: 'If you want to' ... 'you can cure me' ... and to give thanks for the healing we receive.

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## Ash Wednesday, 14 February

The Season of Lent, in preparation for Easter, begins this Wednesday.

Lent is a special time for prayer, for acts of self-denial and for doing something special for others. We are encouraged to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday as a form of self-denial which might heighten our awareness of others in need.

Mass, with the distribution of ashes, will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church at 9am and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 7pm.

## **Sacramental Coordinator required urgently**

Our Sacramental Coordinator for **Baptism** and **1st Reconciliation**, Angela Cox, has had to stand down from these important ministries due to other commitments. Angela has done a great job in these roles, which has been very much appreciated by the families whom she has served and also me, on behalf of the parish community. We thank her very much for all she has done with such grace, energy, enthusiasm and skill. We wish her well with everything going forward.

**If you think you could assist** with preparation of parents and children for either Baptism or 1st Reconciliation – or both – please let me know. Catch me after Mass to discuss or contact the Parish Office (Cathy@sj-mc.org.au or 9681 9600). Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Blessings.

# Paul

# REFLECTION

# Continuing the journey with Jesus

Following last week's Gospel, Jesus has set out to preach and heal in the other towns of Galilee when a leper comes to him and pleads for healing.

In Biblical times people with any kind of shiny, scaly skin condition were usually considered to have leprosy. This is not Hansen's Disease - the proper name for leprosy as we know it today.

Anyone suspected of being leprous had to live outside their town for fear of spreading the disease to others. They had to leave their home and family, their job, their community and their synagogue. They were dependent on others to bring them food and water.

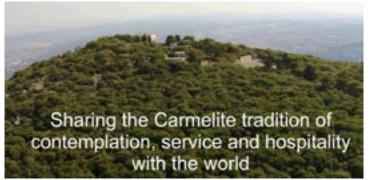
This sense of fear and suspicion about lepers is a stark contrast to the welcome given by Jesus to the man in the Gospel.

He comes to Jesus and asks him to make him clean, to cure him. Jesus is deeply moved and touches the man (which must have required great compassion) and cures him. In healing the man, Jesus has done much more for him than simply relieving him of a distressing ailment. Jesus has literally given the man his life back. Now he can go home to his family, take up his job again and renew his religious practice in the synagogue.

In Jesus' day many people took illness, disease and disability as a sign that people were also morally ill, that they had sinned, done something wrong. By healing the sick, Jesus removes the taint of evil from them as well.

Interestingly, there is a kind of 'role-reversal' in this Gospel. In the beginning it is the leper who is the outcast, the one who must live outside the town. Because the cured man tells the story everywhere, Jesus now becomes the one who has to stay outside the towns and villages. Never the less, the people, like the leper, still come to him for healing.

Aware of our need for healing, we, too, can take the initiative by approaching Jesus. We will be met with welcome, compassion and love. We can be restored to our rightful place as beloved sons and daughters. We, too, can tell the story of what God has done for us.



The February 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:

- **Contempltive Walk** first Tuesday of the month leaving from OLMC, Middle Park
- Reading Luke's Gospel Study Group third Tuesday of the month begins 20 Feb
- **Introduction to Meditation -** four week program begins 22 February
- Centering Prayer Tuesday 6 December (in the Library)
- Carmelite Conversation Wednesday 7 February (via zoom)
- 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 & on-line resources)
- Eco-Spirituality Reading Circle dates to be advised.
- Monthly Gathering in Library last Friday of the month resumes 23 February

# PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Lord Jesus Christ,

The Holy Land is once again struck by voilence, hatred, and death.

Lord look with mercy upon the land that was your earthly home.

Receive the deceased into your presence. Comfort those who mourn, are wounded, or forced to flee. Be close to all who are full of fear and despair.

You are peace and the light of the nations, put an end to the spiral of terror and suffering in the Holy land and the whole Middle East.

Let peace and justice flourish at the holy sites. You are our refuge. Let the people be safe in your Love. Have mercy on us and on our time. Amen.



# **OUR LITURGY**

## 10:30am Mass Only (Choir):

PLEASE NOTE, THE HYMNS FOR THE 10:30AM MASS WILL BE ON A SEPARATE SHEET AND THE MUSICAL PARTS OF THE MASS WILL BE AS PER THE NEWSLETTER.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: LIET UP YOUR HEARTS



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## FIRST READING

# Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a person's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The person must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The person is leprous: they are unclean. The priest must declare them unclean; they are suffering from leprosy of the head. A person infected with leprosy must wear their clothing torn and their hair disordered; they must shield their upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts they must be unclean; and therefore they must live apart; they must live outside the camp.'

## R ESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 32: I TURN TO YOU

**Response:** I turn to you Lord in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away, whose sin is covered.

Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.

Response

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
my guilt I covered not.
I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD,"
and you took away the guilt of my sin.

Response

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just; exult, all you upright of heart. **Response** 

## SECOND READING

# 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.



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## **GOSPEL**

# Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery. The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to 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.

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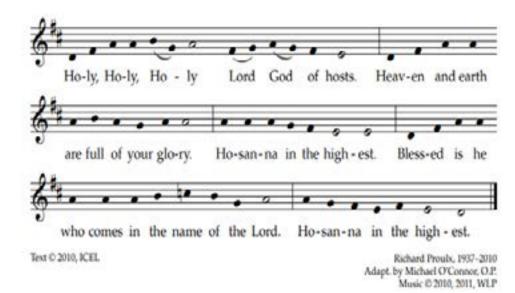
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Cel: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your Spirit.**Cel: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**Cel: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All: It is right and just.** 

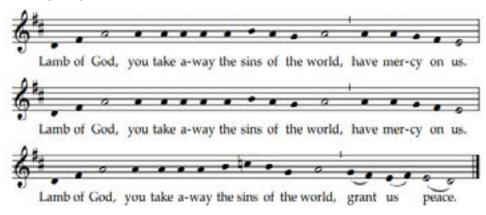
## HOLY



## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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Cel: Behold the Lamb of God.

Behold him who takes away the sins of the World. lessed 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 - TASTE AND SEE

Marty Haugen

**Refrain:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times God's grace ever in my mouth. Glory in the Lord forever and the lowly will hear and be glad. **Refrain** 

Glory in the Lord with me Let us together extol God's name. I sought the Lord who answered me and delivered from all my fears. **Refrain** 

Look to God, that you might be radiant with joy And your faces, free from all shame. The Lord hears the suffering souls and saves them from all distress. **Refrain** 



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# PROJECT COMPASSION



# Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February







Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas org aulprojectcompassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

# SAVE THE DATE

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

International Day of Prayer for PEACE

especially in the Middle East

The World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service will be held on

## Friday 1 March 2024 at 10.00am

at St Joseph's Catholic Church, cnr Rouse & Stokes Streets, Port Melbourne. You are warmly invited to attend.

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