



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.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C - 11 MAY 2025

Dear sisters and brothers,

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is one very familiar to us and it invites us to think of our relationship with Jesus.

In our Australian context, where flocks of sheep are numbered in their hundreds and where they are managed as such, it is hard to imagine any sort of personal relationship with each individual sheep, except perhaps when a child “adopts” a pet lamb or perhaps when a particularly prized sheep gets sick. However, in the land of Israel, as Mary Coloe reminds us, “a family might have a very small number of sheep, perhaps only seven. Being so small in number each sheep is known to the shepherd. In the winter months, the sheep come indoors to protect them from the bitter cold and to provide the family with warmth from the heat of their bodies – in a sense they are part of the family. The sheep do know the particular sound of their master’s voice, just as the shepherd knows the individual markings and characteristics of his sheep.”

It is in this context, then, that Jesus speaks of the relationship of the sheep with their shepherd as an image of God’s relationship, through Jesus, with each one of us. Each of us are known and valued personally by God.

Using this image, St John (or the 4th Evangelist) reminds the early Christian community – and consequently us today – that we are called to be attuned to the voice of God as it is spoken to us in our lives and in our world through openness to the Spirit of God in prayer and reflection, in the Eucharist and other Sacraments, in the tradition of the Church and in the signs of the times. We are called to be confident in God’s love for us. God knows our strengths and weaknesses, our capacities and limitations and we are called to put our trust in God’s love for us in spite of these shortcomings and follow wherever and however we are called in being “Good Shepherds” to each other, to others in our world, especially the poor, needy and marginalised, and to all God’s creation, especially in our care for the earth as our common home.

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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
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After Hours Phone Number
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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 Associate

Kelly McEnhill

Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Baptism - Vacant
First Reconciliation - Sally Diserio
First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen
Confirmation - Sally Diserio

Safeguarding Officer

Frances Correa

Maintenance Manager

Dave Fletcher

Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School

Bank Street, South Melbourne 3205
Telephone 03 9699 2928

THIS WEEK

Monday 12 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 13 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 14 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 15 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 16 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 17 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil, Mt Carmel

Sunday 18 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Kitty Brady, Bradford Bratton, Vaughan Carlin, Angela Cochill, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Fr Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Pauline Flint, Lindsay Flint, Jill Foster, Lisa Healy, Sylvie Lagane, Tony Lagane, Bobby Lever, Mr Loh, Mrs Loh, Gerald Lopes, Hazel McKay, Ingrid Ohleiter, Maria Ohleiter, Rafal Rafalski, Vince Sgroi, Ailbe Sheehy, Maria Speziale, Jim Sullivan, Rachel Szeto, Kyler Tolongs, Bill Toohey, Bridget Toohey & Henry Verhoeven.

Those who have died recently: Pope Francis, Mary Joan Christina (Chris) Hawkins and Michael (Mick) Sheehan.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Helen Besley, Cesar Galutera, Czesia Rafalska and Carmelites Ignatius Carr & Walter Bridger.

IN OUR PARISH



Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 13 May 2025** at 7.30pm in the Boardroom at the Parish Office, 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne. **New members are welcome.**

Should you wish to contact a Vinnies representative, please call Kathy Mount on 0437 588 855 or Pauline Semmens 0425 854 691.

Parish Ladies Dinner

Our next dinner is
Wednesday, 21 May 2025, 6.00pm
at **Clare Castle Hotel, Port Melbourne.**
Meal and drinks at each lady's expense.

To RSVP, please contact Susie Denholm via:
Email: susiedenholm25@gmail.com
Mobile: 0417 252 544

Numbers are capped at 20;
book early to avoid disappointment.
All welcome!

SAFEGUARDING COMPLIANCE - POLICE CHECK CERTIFICATES

Thanks for completing the police check application forms. The Police check certificates will be posted to your residence.

Please forward a hard copy to the parish office or send a scan copy to the safeguarding email sj-mc.safeguarding@cam.org.au
Thanks for your cooperation and support.

The Safeguarding Committee

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 305.00
Credit Card	\$ 1,295.00
Direct Credit	\$ 1,061.70
Loose Plate	\$ 1,759.65
Tap & Go	\$ 423.00
Total	\$4,844.35



MINISTRIES

17-18 May 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Abramo Ierardo
Readers: Mary Chow
Offertory: Kelly McEnhill
Communion: Joe Chow
Music: Kelly McEnhill
Sacristan: Abramo Ierardo

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Vicki Howell
Reader: Tris Tanumihardjo
Offertory: Aoife Ling
Communion: Frances Correa
Counters: Brian Rochford & Jane Dee
Music: Elaine Chaffer
Hospitality: Rose Zoric
Sacristan: Rob Winduss

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Kathleen Kiernan
Reader: Marlene Halim
Offertory: Sr. Reba Woodwiss
Communion: Denis Churkovich
Music: Organist / Cantor
Hospitality: Jackie & John Tidey
Sacristan: Peter Russo

Communion to the Sick:

Marlene Carlin - 18 - 24 May

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Today, we give thanks and praise to God for being, in Jesus, this Good Shepherd for us. We are reassured that because we have, in Jesus, a strong shepherd, we will not be lost or stolen from the life he offers us. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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Ministry Appeal

If you have not already done so, you are invited to commit or recommit to one or more of the many ministries by which you can be involved in the parish's mission. These ministries are outlined in the booklet you will find on the seats of the Church. You are invited (and encouraged) to take a booklet home (one for each person), consider which one/s you might be involved in, commit to that ministry – or those ministries - by ticking the relevant box and returning the booklet to the 'Ministry Box' located at the rear of each of our Churches. The booklet can also be found on the parish website (sj-mc.org.au) and completed and submitted electronically.

Training for most ministries will be offered later this month in readiness for the next Ministry Roster to be published in June.

Painting on offer.

Rachel Mendez, one of our younger parishioners, has produced a very nice painting of tulips in a field which she is willing to gift to any parishioner who would like to have it. It is on display at the rear of Our Lady of Mount Carmel church, beneath the photo of Pope Francis. Rachel hopes it might be a source of inspiration as it reflects the glory of God in creation. If you are interested in it, please let me know.

Carmelite Provincial Chapter

At our Provincial Chapter from 28 April to 2 May, Fr Bruce Clark was re-elected Provincial for the next three years and the Provincial Council elected to assist him includes Fr Martinho da Costa, Fr Januario Pinto, Fr David Hofman and myself. Please pray for us as we take up our responsibilities in relation to the Carmelites and the people we are called to serve in light of the various determinations and recommendations of the Chapter itself.

Priestly Ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving of Fr Anacleto

Last weekend's celebrations of these events at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church were truly joyful and greatly enhanced by the presence of so many members of the Timorese community and their magnificent choir, Carmelites from Timor,

Australia and Rome, family of Fr Anacleto, friends and parishioners. The liturgies were splendidly prepared under the guidance of Fr David Hofman and the Ordination was led superbly by Bishop Tony Ireland. We are blessed to have a church, such as that of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, in which such magnificent ceremonies can be celebrated and we hope and pray that we draw many blessing from them. We wish Fr Anacleto well as he takes up his priestly ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Coorparoo (Brisbane).

Parish Leadership and Exploration Group

This group of ten volunteer parishioners and myself continues to meet faithfully each month. We try to conduct our meetings in a "synodal" fashion, listening for the voice of the Spirit and to each other's voices in our various discussions. We continue to explore and implement ways in which we can promote the spiritual, social and missionary outreach aspects of our parish life. We are also working towards proposing a Vision and Guidelines for the more formal establishment of a Parish Pastoral Council, to be presented at an open Parish meeting in August. Please pray for us as we continue our discernment and please be in contact with us if you have any suggestions or recommendations.

Community of Sant'Egidio

The community of Sant'Egidio is a Christian community born in a Roman secondary school in 1968, right after the second Vatican Council. Since then it has become a network of communities in more than 70 countries of the world. The Community pays attention to the periphery and peripheral people, gathering men and women of all ages and conditions, united in community through listening to the Gospel and voluntary and free commitment. Prayer, peace and friendship with the poor are its fundamental points of reference. Of these, prayer is regarded as the "first work" of the Community.

In Melbourne the Community meets for prayer at **7:30pm on the last Monday of each month at All Saints Church, Fitzroy**. The Community also undertakes simple works of outreach to the poor and marginalised of Melbourne.

There are simple Postcards referring to the Community at the Church entrances and you can find out more by going to www.santegidio.org or emailing seinaustralia@gmail.com.

Blessings for the week ahead.





Fr Anacleto 's Ordination Mass - Saturday 3 May 2025.

CARMELITE REFLECTION

Recognising the presence of Jesus

The readings of the Easter Season continue to unfold for us the great Easter Mystery - the enduring presence of Jesus among us and what 'new life in Christ' might mean.

The Gospel today recounts the third appearance of Jesus to the disciples after his resurrection. At first they don't recognise him; then there is a huge haul of fish followed by a meal; then, in the long version of this Gospel, Peter's commission to lead the flock in love.

It takes faith to recognise the presence of Jesus among us. Reality can be changed and good things result when we do. All the meals we share are reminders of the Eucharistic Meal which keeps us in communion with the life of the Risen Christ and with one another. Jesus continues to be nourishment and strength for the journey. Our faith is built on love.

In his dialogue with Christ, Peter reaffirms his love for him three times, reversing his triple denial of Jesus before the crucifixion. Peter is leader, but his leadership is built on his love of Christ. It is not the authority of tyranny, but of pastoral care. Peter is to 'Feed my lambs' - the young, the vulnerable. He is to 'look after my sheep' - feeding and caring for the flock, seeing to their needs.

Whenever Jesus shared a meal with his followers, he opened their hearts and minds. As we continue to share in the Eucharistic Meal, Jesus continues to feed and nourish us with fresh insight, deeper understanding and greater love.

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

OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

BRIAN BONIWELL / PAUL GURR

**Refrain: The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.**

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

Over the mountains, the waters and byways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love. **Refrain**

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.

Over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love. **Refrain**

GLORIA

STEVE ANGRISANO/TOM TOMASZEK

**Refrain: Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will. (Amen.)**

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 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**

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

'I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 100 - WE ARE HIS PEOPLE

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
serve the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful song. **Response**

Know that the LORD is God;
he made us, his we are;
we are his people, the flock he tends. **Response**

The LORD is good:
his kindness endures forever,
and his faithfulness, to all generations. **Response**

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STEVE ANGRISANO/TOM TOMASZEK

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

Let your heart rejoice in the Lord. Let your word proclaim his deeds.
Let your voice sing out to the world that our God has come to save. **Refrain**

GOSPEL

John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'



APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY: PILGRIMS OF HOPE (JUBILEE SONG 2025)

**Refrain: Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**

Every nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son. **Refrain**

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heaven and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free. **Refrain**

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him. **Refrain**

*Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri
English translation: Andrew Wadsworth*

**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

STEVE ANGRISANO/TOM TOMASZEK

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,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection
until you come again, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

STEVE ANGRISANO

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.**

**Refrain: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. **Refrain**

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. **Refrain**

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,
my comfort and my hope.
You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. **Refrain**

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore. **Refrain**

**Refrain: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.**

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song. **Refrain**

Holy, holy, holy Lord.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. **Refrain**

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God. **Refrain**

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NOTICEBOARD



On behalf of the CDF Community Fund, I thank you sincerely for welcoming us to your parish on Sunday April 27th.

We look forward to communicating with parishioners who expressed interest. If you receive questions about the CDF Community Fund from parishioners, please don't hesitate to refer them to me, to my colleagues @Anton @Bernard @Gerard, or communityfund@melbcdf.org.au.



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Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

The generosity of our parish community means that CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need!

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au. It is not too late to donate, using:

- the appeal envelope available at the church entrance
- donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au
- call (03) 9967 2515

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood.
Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and
spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways.
Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion.
We thank you, too, for our Mothers who have died.
May they enjoy your love and peace in your heavenly kingdom.

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