



THE CARMELITE

Parish of Port Melbourne and Middle Park
in the care of the Carmelites since 1882

*We acknowledge the Yalukit Willam Clan, the traditional owners and custodians of this land. We pay our respects to them.
May we walk gently here.*

2nd Sunday of Easter

11 April 2021

My dear parishioners,

DEVASTATING FLOODS IN TIMOR LESTE.

You may have seen the news about the recent horrendous flooding that has occurred in Timor Leste. Although our Carmelites are safe, their communities have lost virtually everything they own: house, vehicle, belongings. There is no electricity or clean water and our students are spending a great amount of time trying to assist where possible with food, building materials, accommodation etc. It would be wonderful if our community could show its support of the Timorese people who are very close to us. We'll have a leaving collection after each Mass this weekend.

EASTER BLESSINGS

This time last year we were at the beginning of a very long lockdown and we didn't have the chance to celebrate Easter.

Thankfully, this year we have been able to do so as a community so it is a blessing. The amount of time, effort and energy that goes into the celebration of Easter is extraordinary and it takes an enormous amount of psychic energy. Many of you would know that I haven't been all that well for a time and so the fact that we celebrated Easter is because of the marvellous support from our community.

First of all, I want to express my very deep appreciation to my fellow Carmelites, Wayne, Matthew, Maurice and Leo who have made it possible to celebrate so well together. I've asked perhaps more than I should have but they have been extraordinarily generous and I thank them for that.

Also, our parish is supported by an extraordinary group of people who do so much of the background work – Anne, our parish secretary and office manager, along with Michael, Shane and Ken are the best team any parish priest could ever hope for. To each of them my heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

Behind the scenes are also an extremely dedicated group of people who made things happen. Rob and Kelly at St Joseph's; James and Philomena and Kelly here at OLMC, Sally Diserio, and of course, our great musicians: William, Balthasar, Ernst, Eloise and, the incomparable Melanie and Anne. A special thanks also to Marlene Halim for the beautiful Easter Flowers in OLMC Church. They are gifts to our community beyond

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 12 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 13 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 14 April

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

Thursday 15 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 16 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 17 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel
6.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel
Ordination of Matthew Tonini and
Diaconate of Agedo Bento

Sunday 18 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's followed by Baptisms
10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel -
First Mass of Fr Matthew Tonini
11.00am St Joseph's, Baptisms

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Theody Advincula, Thecla Broderick, Paul Caghi - Cao, Kelly Edwards, Judy Fairhall, Frances Farrugia, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Gerard Friary, Ivy Hermence, Ernie Knight, Marino Mihocic, Felicity Morgan, Marie O'Connor, Sylvia Poliakova, Rafal Rafalski, Michael Ristevski, Lucie Carmen Rodriguez, Dennis Rohan, Lorraine Rohan, Keith Ryder, Teresa Sheehan, Jane Spiteri, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Jonathon Wil, Vivienne Williams, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently: All who have died in the floods in Timor Leste, and all those affected by COVID_19 throughout the world.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Paul Carlin, Violet Anderson.

IN OUR PARISH

measure. I also thank most sincerely all our ministers who assisted with the celebrations.

Finally, Easter is only possible because of you, the members of our community. Your love, support, generosity and above all, friendship make what we do all the more precious. So, from me to each of you personally from the heart, a very big thank you.

May Easter be a time of joy for each of us and may the Risen Lord enliven our steps, fill our hearts with peace and fill us with the magic of God's love. A very happy easter to you all.

BIRTHDAY THANK YOU

So many of you sent me greetings and other delightful things for my 70th birthday. You all made my day a very special one, so a very big thank you to each of you. Let's do it again next year!!!!

ORDINATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD AND DIACONATE

On Saturday, 17 April, the Archbishop will be ordaining Matthew Tonini to the Priesthood and Agedo Bento to the Diaconate during the 6:00pm Saturday mass. You are all very welcome to join us in this celebration or to view by livestream at:

<https://youtu.be/ntXEdkLkHIM>

and also to join with Matthew as he celebrates his First Mass at OLMC on Sunday, 18 April at 10:30am. It will be two great days to celebrate.

Blessings,



April 2021 Parish Men's Dinner

6:45 pm Wednesday 28 April 2021,
O'Connor-Pilkington Rooms, OLMC.

Speaker: Shane Carmody, historian, archivist

- 'In search of Dr Goold: rediscovering the first
Catholic Bishop of Melbourne'

RSVP: John Molloy - 9699 2031

Cost: \$35

MINISTERS

17/18 Easter 3rd Sunday of Easter

6.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: TBA

Readers: TBA

Eucharistic Ministers: N/A

Communion to the Sick: N/A

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Brian Harrison

Reader: Ron Cassano

Eucharistic Ministers: Jacek
Glenda

Counters: Ron and Sandra
Cassano

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Peter Thomas

Readers: TBA

Eucharistic Ministers: TBA

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

Hospitality: John & Jackie Tidey

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

Carmelite and

Parish Offering \$1,098.00

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Carmelite and

Parish Offering \$2,339.00

IN OUR PARISH - THE CARMELITE CENTRE

What's On at the Carmelite Centre

Tuesdays: Centering Prayer, 5.00pm (Via Zoom)

Thursdays: Meditation, 7.00pm

Fridays: Lectio Divina, 9.30am (Via Zoom)

Welcome Friends!

Join us for a cuppa and chat on Friday 16 April between 2-4pm in the Malone Room of the Carmelite Hall. Drop by any time during these times and you will be very welcome! Tea and coffee provided and if you're coming you might like to bring a small plate to share.

Please book by contacting the Carmelite Centre. Look forward to seeing you then, Damien & Irene. You will need to scan the QR code at the entrance.

Syncretica, Desert Mother with Jill Renison

Wednesday 21 April, 10.30am to 12 midday (Via Zoom)

We've all heard of the Desert Fathers, but the sayings of the Desert Mothers remain, on the whole, forgotten, unquoted and unexplored.

Joins us as we examine the life of the most prominent Desert Mother, Amma Syncretica of Alexandria. Leaving behind a life which offered wealth and luxury, she sold all her family's possessions and gave the money to the poor. She retreated to the desert and lived the life of an ascetic. There she attracted disciples whom she formed in the spiritual life.

We'll look briefly at the phenomenon of desert spirituality in general and then consider life for women in the desert. We'll explore some of Amma Syncretica's sayings and consider their relevance for us today. Repentance and compunction, prayer and stillness, perseverance in coming to know God better, spiritual growth, silence and meditation are common concerns of the Desert Mothers. Syncretica's sayings abound in pithy statements drawn from real life and are marked by a common sense that she shares with other great female saints.

Jill Renison is Associate Priest at St John's Anglican Church in Camberwell. Most of her professional life has been spent teaching in the Catholic education system. She surprised her friends (and herself) by seeking ordination soon after an early retirement. She is a trained spiritual director and an oblate of St Mark's Benedictine Abbey, Camperdown. Please contact the office for booking details.

The Carmelite Centre is a joint venture of the Carmelites of Australia and East Timor and our Parish of Port Melbourne/Middle Park.

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Lord of the Upper Room - A prayer for the first Sunday after Easter

*Lord Jesus,
today we remember that you came to the disciples
when they were hiding in the upper room, afraid to face the world.*

*We pray for those who lock themselves away,
afraid to face the world:*

*We pray for those who lock themselves away
because they have been hurt.*

*We pray for those who lock themselves away
because they feel weak or useless.*

*We pray for those who lock themselves away
because they are different.*

*We pray for those who lock themselves away
because they have dangerous enemies.*

*We pray for those who lock themselves away
because they have done wrong
and cannot bear to face the consequences.*

*We pray for those who lock themselves away
because they have lost someone they love
and see no way to face the world without them.*

*We pray for those who lock themselves away
because they have lost hope.*

*We pray for those we know who are afraid to face the world,
and for the millions we do not know who feel the same way,
and if we know that we are locked away ourselves
then we pray for ourselves too ...*

*And we pray for those who have no choice
but to face pain and hardship –
the sick, the poor and those in trouble ...*

*Lord of the upper room,
be present in the minds of those who need your presence –
be their light,
their friend,
their defender
and their hope.*

We ask it in your name.

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

The earliest Christian community focused strongly on the wounds of the Risen Lord for two reasons: to affirm the fact that Christ, now raised from the dead was the same person who had lived with them; and to make sense of the physical wounds being inflicted on them for Christ's sake.

The story of Thomas, even with its mystical details, counters a magical notion of what the resurrection is about. Jesus bears the marks of his torture and death. His glorified body, though different, is connected to how the disciples knew and loved him. They can recognise him through his words and his wounds.

We know the community of Ephesus, for which this Gospel is written, was experiencing great persecution. Is it any wonder, one generation after the earliest disciples, that the sign of Christ's Risen presence are his marks of suffering?

Our own world continues to be intrigued by manifestations of Jesus' wounds. Over recent years films like *Stigmata*, *Dogma*, *Agnes of God* and even the appalling *Daredevil* give a hysterical and cynical prominence to the stigmata. There are regular 'believe it or not' documentaries that usually follow suit. Even some pilgrims flocked to Padre Pio's monastery in the south of Italy to see if his hands really bled, or if his wounds really wept. This desire to see outward signs of inner faith is a long way short of Jesus telling us today, 'Happy are those who believe without seeing.'

Our day-to-day lives should be the clearest manifestation of the cross and resurrection of Christ.

It seems, however, that words and wounds still make a claim on us today. You and I know that we don't have to go to a stigmatic to see Christian battle wounds. We carry within us the death of the Lord. We all have our wounds. And we also know that, for many of us, it is precisely when we are wounded most deeply by life, that our doubts in the presence of God can be greatest.

The Easter story is not that we should be ashamed of this, or pretend it doesn't happen. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is into this chaos that Christ comes with words of peace, with empathy from the one who was wounded for our sake and with the mission to forgive as we are forgiven.

Years ago I remember struggling with some personal issues during a retreat. One day, when I felt lowest about myself, the retreat director, adapting today's psalm, 117, said to me, 'you realise that the stone rejected by the builder becomes the corner stone'. By this he meant that often God takes that part of ourselves we don't like, forgives it, heals it, and uses it most powerfully to demonstrate that the pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Christ continues in all believers who bear his name and carry his wounds.

And that's what happened to Thomas. Christ took his fears, doubts and disbelief and transformed them into a powerful Christian witness that has sustained generations of us who struggle with life and faith.

So at this Easter Eucharist we are offered the same opportunity to discover that the stone rejected within us, or among us, is the one which God wants to use as the cornerstone. When we see this happening, when we see God taking the part of us we consider most unlovable and using it for good, then we want to cry out with the psalmist, 'This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.' © **Richard Leonard SJ**

OUR LITURGY

GATHERING HYMN

LOVE IS COME AGAIN

(Now the Green Blade Riseth)

Text: J.M.C. Crum

Melody: Noël Nouvelet



1. Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,



1. Wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
2. Think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,



1. Love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
2. Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:



1.,2. Love is come a - gain, like wheat that spring - eth green.

PENITENTIAL RITE



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy, have



mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

GLORIA



Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on



earth peace to peo - ple, to peo - ple of good - will.

Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118: LET US REJOICE

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re-
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
joice and be glad; this is the day the
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al -
Lord has made, let us re - joice and be glad!
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
Let the House of Israel say: "His mercy endures for ever."

The hand of the Lord has struck with power, his right hand is exalted,
I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,
the Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes.

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God
 has already overcome the world;
 this is the victory over the world –our faith.
 Who can overcome the world?
 Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
 Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
 not with water only, but with water and blood;
 with the Spirit as another witness –since the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Bernadette Farrell

REFRAIN: 1st time: Cantor; each time thereafter: All.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Je - sus, ris - en Lord of life!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
 so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
 For those whose sins you forgive,
 they are forgiven;
 for those whose sins you retain,
 they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no

longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing in him you may have life through his name.

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.

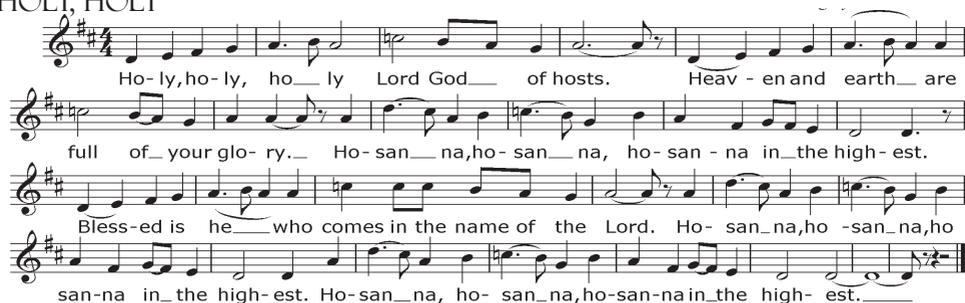
Cel: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your Spirit.**

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



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.

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THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Jubilation Mass

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your res-ur - rec-tion un-til you come a - gain. Un - til you come a - gain.

LAMB OF GOD

1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.
2. Ris - en Lord, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.
3. Gift of Love, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.
4. Lamb of God, you take a-way 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

PRAYER FOR PEACE

David Haas

*1. Peace	be - fore us,	peace	be - hind us,	peace
2. Love	be - fore us,	love	be - hind us,	love
3. Light	be - fore us,	light	be - hind us,	light
4. Christ	be - fore us,	Christ	be - hind us,	Christ
5. Al - le - lu - ia,		al - le - lu - ia,		al - le -
6. Peace	be - fore us,	peace	be - hind us,	peace

1. un - der our feet.	Peace	with - in us,	peace
2. un - der our feet.	Love	with - in us,	love
3. un - der our feet.	Light	with - in us,	light
4. un - der our feet.	Christ	with - in us,	Christ
5. lu - ia.	Al - le - lu - ia,		al - le -
6. un - der our feet.	Peace	with - in us,	peace

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1. un - der our feet. _____	Peace with - in us,	peace
2. un - der our feet. _____	Love with - in us,	love
3. un - der our feet. _____	Light with - in us,	light
4. un - der our feet. _____	Christ with - in us,	Christ
5. lu - ia. _____	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le -
6. un - der our feet. _____	Peace with - in us,	peace



1. o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace. _____
2. o - ver us, let all a - round us be love. _____
3. o - ver us, let all a - round us be light. _____
4. o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ. _____
5. lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. _____
6. o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace. _____



Let all a - round us be peace. _____ Let all a - round us be peace. _____

RECESSIONAL HYMN

OUT OF DARKNESS



Out of dark-ness God has called us, claimed by Christ_ as God's own peo-ple.



Ho-ly na-tion, roy-al priest-hood, walk-ing in God's marv'-lous light. _____



1. Let us take_ the words you give. _ Strong and faith-ful words_ to live. _
 2. Let us take_ the Christ you give. _ Bro - ken Bo - dy, Christ_ we live. _
 to Refrain



1. Words_ that in our hearts are sown;_ words_ that bind us as your own. _
 2. Christ_ the ris - en from the tomb;_ Christ_ who calls us as your own. _

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