



# 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.*

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A - 12 APRIL 2026**

## CARMELITE REFLECTION

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### *Two Stories of Transformation*

The great Easter feast of last Sunday began the Church's fifty-day celebration of the Resurrection which concludes with the feast of Pentecost in six weeks.

The Gospel of each Sunday is a meditation on Jesus as: the resurrected Christ, made known in the scriptures and the breaking of the bread, the bearer of life in all its fullness, our way, truth and life, pledge of God's love.

In today's Gospel reading there are two stories of transformation through encounter with the risen Jesus.

Firstly, Jesus appears to a group of frightened and bewildered disciples hiding in a room. His first words are, 'Peace be with you.' Fear and bewilderment turn into joy as the disciples recognise the presence of the Risen Jesus with them. But that's not all. He then sends them out to be missionaries of peace and forgiveness. In receiving the Holy Spirit they are transformed from a group of frightened people, hiding in a room, to bold proclaimers of God's love and mercy.

The second story in today's Gospel is the one we all know as doubting Thomas, though, really, it should be known as believing Thomas - doubt is only the beginning of the story.

Jesus doesn't scold or rebuke Thomas. If Thomas is looking for proof, he has only to touch Jesus to see he is real. But Thomas doesn't do that. It is his personal encounter with Jesus which transforms him from doubter to believer.

It is yet another Gospel reminder that faith is not about believing with our minds or in looking for proof. It is found only in our living relationship with Jesus.

Perhaps these days give us a bit more time just to sit and chat with Jesus, to recognise him already present in our hearts, to allow our fears

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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, O.Carm

### Parish Secretary

Cathy Garbellini

### Pastoral Associate

Kelly McEnhill

### Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

### Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Baptism - Br Daryl Moresco, O.Carm

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 13 April** - No Mass

**Tuesday 14 April**

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

**Wednesday 15 April**

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

**Thursday 16 April**

No Mass at Mt Carmel

**Friday 17 April**

No Mass at St Joseph's

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

**Saturday 18 April**

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

**Sunday 19 April**

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10:30am Mass, Mt Carmel

## WE REMEMBER

**Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer:** Mona Lien Cao, Harry Cubbin, Judy Anne Dawson, Jill Delossantos, Neil Delossantos, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Josie Dupont, Alison Fed, Lindsay Flint, Pauline Flint, Fr Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Peg James, Ben McGrath, Andreas Morrison, Martine Morrison, Ingrid Ohleiter, Maria Ohleiter, Rafal Rafalski, Ailbe Sheehy, Jim Sullivan, Rick Thompson, Bill Toohey, Helen Turner, Lorinda Turner, Angela Vyde, Chloe Wyn & Rob Winduss.

**Those who have died recently:** Jane Agius, Carol Bunsmead, John Burgess & Elena Tassone.

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Felicidad Aldana, Bradford Bratton, Maureen Burgess Alice Calinao, Bubot Lopez & Carmelites Laurie Moffat, Wilfrid Frizzell, Peter O'Dwyer & John Gearon.

## IN OUR PARISH

### Weekday Mass Changes , 13-17 April 2026

Next week, there will be NO mass at Mt Carmel on Thursday 16 April and NO mass at St Joseph's on Friday 17 April.

However Mass will be celebrated for the Lay Carmelites at Mt Carmel at 9am on Friday 17 April and parishioners are welcome.

Weekday Masses will be celebrated as usual at 9am at Mt Carmel on Tuesday 14 and Saturday 18 April, and at St Joseph's on Wednesday 15 April.



### Welcome to our Family

*This Sunday, we welcome:*

**Gavin Chase Cejas Pineda**

*as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.*

*Please keep Gavin, his parents, godparents & family in your prayers.*

### Volunteers Needed

for **Hospitality** at 10:30 am Mass on Sundays at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middle Park.

If you can help, please contact Cathy at the parish office - [cathy@sj-mc.org.au](mailto:cathy@sj-mc.org.au) or **9681-9600**.

## THANK YOU

*for your generosity last weekend*

### Parish Stewardship Offerings

The details were not available at time of printing and will be published next week.



## MINISTRIES

**18/19 April 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**  
**5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)**

*Commentator:* Abramo Ierardo

*Reader:* Sr Rosie Joyce

*Offertory:* Janine Brodie

*Communion:* Janine Brodie

*Music:* Kelly McEnhill

*Sacristan:* Abramo Ierardo

### 9.00am St Joseph's

*Commentator:* Lis Northam

*Reader:* Tris Tanumihardjo

*Offertory:* Aoife Ling

*Communion:* Aoife Ling

*Counters:* Brian Harrison & Toni Stuart

*Music:* Joan Cusack

*Hospitality:* Helen Lezala

*Sacristan:* Rob Winduss

### 10.30am Mount Carmel

*Commentator:* Sally Diserio

*Reader:* Sr. Reba Woodwiss

*Offertory:* Br Daryl Moresco

*Communion:* Br Daryl Moresco

*Music:* Choir

*Hospitality:* Denis Churkovich

*Sacristan:* Peter Russo

### Communion to the Sick:

Tammy Cao 12-18 Apr 26

## DONATIONS

### Parish QR code

Enter amount, your name, email address & optionally any comment.

### Electronic Funds Transfer

BSB: 083-347

Account No: 58 216 8515

Name: Archdiocese of Melbourne Catholic Development Fund

### Parish Website:

[www.sj-mc.org.au](http://www.sj-mc.org.au)

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and doubts to be overcome by love, to find new, creative ways of transforming darkness into light, peace and joy for others.

May the new life we celebrate over the next fifty days bring us the creativity of Spirit we need to be the living heart of God in our world today.

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

## INVITATION TO PPC

### Open meeting of Parish Pastoral Council & Centenary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is open to all parishioners to discuss ideas about how we might celebrate this significant event – and who might be willing to be involved in organising this celebration. This meeting will be held on **Tuesday 21 April** in the **O'Connor/Pilkington rooms** in the Carmelite Hall at **Middle Park** at **7pm**.

**Please consider joining us for this important meeting.**

## IN OUR PARISH (CONT'D)



### Wanted - New home for this armchair.

Joanne & Harvey have downsized and no longer need this armchair and are happy to offer it to a parishioner or someone in our community.  
Please phone **0417 900 032** to discuss pickup.

### Parish Ladies Dinner

Our next dinner is  
**Wednesday, 15 April 2026, 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](mailto:susiedenholm25@gmail.com)  
Mobile: 0417 252 544

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

## OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: SING A NEW SONG

DAN SCHUTTE

**Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.**

Yahweh's people dance for joy  
O' come before the Lord  
And play for Him on glad tambourines  
And let your trumpet sound. **Refrain**

Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
your Savior now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song. **Refrain**

Glad my soul for I have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.  
I know my Savior lives. **Refrain**

GLORIA (SUNG)

CURTIS STEPHAN

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

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.

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, have mercy on us.

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. Amen, amen.

#### FIRST READING

### *Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118 – GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING

**Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”  
Let the house of Aaron say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”  
Let those who fear the LORD say,  
“His mercy endures forever.” **Response**

I was hard pressed and I was falling,  
but the LORD helped me.  
My strength and courage is the LORD,  
and he has been my saviour.  
The joyful shout of victory  
in the tents of the just. **Response**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.  
This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us be glad and rejoice in it. **Response**

#### SECOND READING

### *1 Peter 1:3-9*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CURTIS STEPHAN

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

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the words of everlasting life. **Refrain**

## 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 this 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.

### OFFERTORY: BE STILL FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy one is here  
Come bow before him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on Holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy one is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with Holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal

To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

**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.**

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

CURTIS STEPHAN

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.  
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

CURTIS STEPHAN

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

LAMB OF GOD

CURTIS STEPHAN

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us, 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: ONE BREAD ONE BODY

JOHN FOLEY

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew,  
Servant or free,  
Woman or man no more. **Refrain**

DISMISSAL

**All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

BOB DUFFORD, SJ

**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.  
Death has lost and all is life.  
Sing of the glory of God. **Refrain**

# PROJECT COMPASSION



## THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

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IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY,  
WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL CHILDREN,  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.**