



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.

The Ascension of the Lord - 12 May 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

In today's feast of the Ascension of Jesus from the earthly to the heavenly realm, we celebrate our belief that the Lord continues to be with us, but in a new way. No longer is he present to us as he was physically before his death, nor is he with us as he seems to have been for a short time after his resurrection when he appeared to his disciples in bodily form. Now he is present to us through the life of his Spirit in us and in the community.

In the Second Reading from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, we hear some of the ways which demonstrate the life and energy of the Spirit in the community: some reflect that life and energy through their *gift as apostles*; others as *prophets*; others as *evangelists* and yet others as *pastors and teachers*. We might think we don't seem to fall into any of those categories – but we do! We mightn't be “professionals” in the way in which we might think of those *gifts* or roles, but in the particular circumstances of our lives, we exercise those gifts by the ways in which we reach out to others, listen to others, encourage others, help and support others and witness to our belief in God and the values of the Gospel in all sorts of ways by the manner of our lives. When we are kind and generous, gentle, tolerant, patient, merciful, forgiving, compassionate, take a stand against injustice, pray and worship God, we are exercising the gifts of the Spirit with which we have been blessed. The exercise of these gifts builds unity and peace. The more these gifts are exercised, the more unity and peace become a reality.

In today's Gospel from St Mark, we hear Jesus talking to the eleven disciples to whom he appeared after his resurrection, commissioning them to *Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation*. He tells them they will be given extraordinary powers to help them do this; they will be able to cast our devils, have the gift of tongues, harmlessly pick up snakes and drink deadly poison - and heal the sick! We don't expect to have the same powers (and some we might not want!), but we believe that we are gifted with the same Spirit and the gifts given to us to *proclaim the Good News*.

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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

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

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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 Associate

Kelly McEnhill

Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Baptism - Angela Cox

First Reconciliation - Sally Diserio

First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen

Confirmation - Sally Diserio

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Galilee Regional Catholic

Primary School

Bank Street, South Melbourne 3205

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THIS WEEK

Monday 13 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 14 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 15 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 16 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 17 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 18 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 19 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: Patrick Achiam, Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Maurizio Bonizzoni, Grace Callaghan, Rita Colli, Mary Hong Cao, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Caesar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Daphnie Cramer, Grace Cumming, Mary Dalli, Michael De Nittis, Anthony Dickason, 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, 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, Teresa Kwol, Paul Chan Yin Leung, Margaret Lopes, Les Lugowski, Christine Lyell, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquiren, Ian MacLachlan, Maggie McKern, Marta Menjivar, Alba Middleton, Sam Neill, Maria Loc Nguyen, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Dennis Rohan, Jill Ridge, Michael Risteviski, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Frankie Sheeby, Sash Carti Somerset-Beauverie, Dorothea Spencer, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Diane Thakur, Angela Triglar, Ria Van Lith, Julieanne Wharton & Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently: Anna Canh-Kim-Cao, Maisie McGowan

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Helen Besley, Paul Kenworthy, René Moutia and Carmelite Walter Bridger.

IN OUR PARISH



Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14 May 2024** at 7.30pm 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 Pauline Semmens 0425 854 691 or Joan Cusack 0478 224 624.

Food Cupboard

The food cupboard is running low and we are seeking donations of the following items:

- Pasta Sauces
- Tinned fruit
- Small jars of coffee
- Long Life Milk - Full Cream and Lite
- Packets of 2 minute noodles
- Small jars of vegemite
- Small jars of honey
- Tinned ham
- Tinned frankfurts
- Tinned tuna
- Sweet / chocolate biscuits
- Dry biscuits
- Toilet Rolls
- Shampoo

Please help if you can.

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

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| Envelopes | \$ 465.00 |
| Credit Card | \$ 405.00 |
| Direct Credit | \$ 701.75 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 895.00 |
| Tap & Go | \$ 280.00 |
| Total | \$2,746.75 |



MINISTRIES

18/19 May 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Pat Mount

Readers: Des Collins

Offertory: Kathy Mount

Communion: Br Anacleto

Sacristan: Kelly McEnhill

Music: Kelly McEnhill

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Rob Lever

Readers: Lis Northam

Offertory: Aoife

Communion: Cathy Garbellini

Counters: Ron & Sandra Cassano

Music: Kelly McEnhill

Hospitality: TBD

Sacristan: Rob Winduss

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Michael Rudov

Reader: Nina Batsakis

Offertory: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Communion: John Molnar

Music: Organist / Cantor

Hospitality: Jackie & John Tidey

Sacristan: Peter Russo

Communion to the Sick:

Marlene Carlin 12 May – 18 May

DONATIONS

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Account No: 58 216 8515

Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish

Parish Website: www.sj-mc.org.au
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On this Feast of the Ascension, we give thanks and praise to God for the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and for the ongoing presence and action of Jesus in us through the life of his Spirit within us. We give thanks for the gifts of the Spirit in our lives. On this **Mother's Day**, we particularly give thanks to God for the gift of our mothers and for the many and various ways in which we have benefitted from their exercise of the gifts of the Spirit in them. We pray, too, that we might be reinvigorated to let the gifts of the Spirit with which we have been endowed shine even more brightly in our own lives for the peace and unity of our world and all creation.

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As mentioned last week, the month of May is a time when the Church particularly honours Mary and her role in bringing God to us and in our coming closer to God. It is also a time in which we can also particularly honour the role that women play in our lives, in our world and in our Church. In honouring that role and in honouring Mary and all women in this month of May, we warmly welcome Di Brebner to preach in our community today at the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses. We pray God's blessing on Di and on the group, *Women's Wisdom in the Church*, which she represents.

Blessings for the week ahead.



IN OUR PARISH (CONTINUED)

First Reconciliation - Non Galilee candidates in grade 3 or higher are invited to enrol for the 2024 First Reconciliation Program.

- Enrolments close:** Monday, 20 May 2024
- Family Preparation Night:** Wednesday, 29 May 2024 at 7pm at O'Connor-Pilkington Room, Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Cnr Wright & Richardson Sts, Middle Park.
- Commitment Mass & Rehearsal:** Sunday, 23 June 2024 at 10:30am at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.
- Sacrament:** Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 7pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

Enrolment forms are available at the bottom of the Home Page of the parish website: <https://sj-mc.org.au/>.

Parish Men's Dinner

Date: Wednesday, 15 May 2024
Time: 6.45pm
Venue: O'Connor-Pilkington Room, OLMC, Middle Park
Cost: \$40.00 pp

Speaker: Our speaker will be fellow diner, Peter Bedford, who will undoubtedly entertain us with stories of his time with VFA, VFL and AFL.

To **RSVP**, please contact **Mick Leonard** on:
Email: michael.leonard5@bigpond.com
Mobile: 0409 777 339

Parish Ladies Dinner

The next dinner is **Wednesday, 15 May 2024, 6.00pm** at **Clare Castle Hotel, Port Melbourne.**
Meal and drinks at each lady's expense.

To RSVP, please contact Pauline Semmens via:

Email: paulinesemmens@hotmail.com
OR by text 0425 854 691
Numbers are capped at 20;
book early to avoid disappointment.

PROJECT COMPASSION THANKYOU

This year we raised **\$306.70** via the Project Compassion envelopes. Thankyou to everyone for supporting this charity via the various options.

SAVE THE DATE

- **Mass for Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Sunday 14 July 2024 at 10:30am at Our Lady of Mount Camel Church** followed by a **Mid Year Parish Social 12pm** at St Joseph's Hall, Port Melbourne.
- **Br Anacleto's Diaconate Ordination - Saturday 20 July, 5pm** at **Our Lady of Mt Carmel**, followed by refreshments in the O'Connor-Pilkington Room.

REFLECTION

Called, chosen, sent to be God's Heart

The feast of the Ascension commemorates the return of Jesus to the Father. Jesus leaves in body but remains with us through the gift of the Spirit. We will celebrate the gift and presence of the Holy Spirit in next Sunday's feast of Pentecost.

The true meaning of our feast today is not found in Jesus' leaving, but in the way he calls his disciples back together, to re-form them as a new community entrusted with the spread of the Gospel. Jesus sends the disciples out to make disciples of all nations and to teach them his way. But the disciples are not left to do all that on their own. Jesus promises that he is with them always.

Jesus has called the ragged, group of disciples, scattered after his crucifixion, back to himself to form them, fragile and doubtful as they are, into a community for mission in the name of God. The task of the historical Jesus is complete; the task of the church as the living Body of Christ has just begun. It is comforting to recognise that Jesus doesn't insist on perfection before he calls us and entrusts us with his mission.

This mission is authorised by God and passed on to us through Jesus. It is not about authority over others. It is actually a call to act as God would act, true to God's heart as Jesus has taught us.

Ever since Easter, we have been proclaiming that Jesus is alive. The feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost help us to realise that we are part of a long tradition of faithful disciples. We have our faults and failings, but our call is to witness to and teach the way of Jesus by the kind of people we are, the values and attitudes we hold, in thought, word and action - to be the living presence of God in the world today.

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

OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won.
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

GLORIA

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

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. Amen. Amen!

Refrain

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 47 -- GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE TO SHOUTS OF JOY: A BLARE OF TRUMPETS FOR THE LORD

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth.

Response

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise, sing praise.

Response

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon his holy throne.

Response

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-7. 11-13

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. The one who believes and is baptised is saved; the one who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

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.



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.

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, 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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

LAMB OF GOD

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.**

COMMUNION HYMN - YOU ARE NEAR

VERSES 1 & 2

ANTIPHON



O Lord, I know you are near, stand-ing al - ways at my side. You



guard me from the foe, and you lead me, in ways ev - er - last - ing.

VERSES



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| 1. Lord, you have searched my heart, | and you know when I |
| 2. Where can I run from your love? | If I climb to the |
| 3. You know my heart and its ways, | you who formed me be- |
| 4. Mar-vel - ous to me are your works; | how pro - found are you |



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| 1. sit and when I stand. | Your hand is up - on me pro- |
| 2. heav - ens you are there; | if I fly to the sun - rise or |
| 3. fore I was born | in the se - cret of dark - ness be - |
| 4. thoughts my Lord. | E - ven if I could count them, they |

to Antiphon



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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. tect - ing me from death, | keep - ing me from harm. |
| 2. sail be - yond the sea, | still I'd find you there. |
| 3. fore I saw the sun | in my moth - er's womb. |
| 4. num - ber as the stars, | you would still be there. |

RECESSIONAL HYMN: THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL – VERSES 1, 2 & 4

Dan Schutte

ANTIPHON



Though the moun - tains may fall and the hills, turn to dust,



— yet the love of the Lord will stand



as a shel - ter for all who will call on his name.



— Sing the praise and the glo - ry of God.

VERSES



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| 1. Could the Lord ev - er leave you? | Could the Lord for - |
| 2. Should you turn and for - sake him, | he will gent - ly |
| 3. Go to him when you're wea - ry; | he will give you |
| 4. As he swore to your Fa - thers, | when the flood de - |



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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. get his love? | Though a moth - er for - |
| 2. call your name. | Should you wan - der a - |
| 3. ea - gle's wings. | You will run, nev - er |
| 4. stroyed the land. | He will nev - er for - |



to Antiphon



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| 1. sake her child, he will not a - ban - don you |
| 2. way from him, he will al - ways take you back |
| 3. tire, for your God will be your strength |
| 4. sake you: he will swear to you a - gain |

NOTICEBOARD

The **Catholic Development Fund (CDF)** funds infrastructure for Catholic entities to enable them to fulfil their mission. CDF has recently established a Community Fund in which parishioners are invited to invest at very competitive rates. An Officer from CDF will provide more information about this opportunity at Masses on **Sunday 19 May**.



Save with CDF Community Fund – it's in **everyone's best interest**.

By opening a personal account, not only will you receive a competitive financial return, your savings will also help build parishes, classrooms, hospital wings, aged care homes and social service facilities. With competitive interest rates available across a range of accounts, including **5.35% p.a.* on a 12-month Term Investment or 5.05% p.a. on a 6 Month Term**, it's a way to save while doing good.

To find out more, visit

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NOTICEBOARD (CONTINUED)



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VICTORIA



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria.

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

Because of the generosity of our parish community, 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

Interpreting the signs of the times: doing theology in a synodal way

Lecture 23 May 5 pm-6.30 pm at

Newman College, University of Melbourne

A talk and Q&A with Visiting theologian Fr Agbonkhanmeghe E. Orobator, SJ.

Respondent Prof Robyn Horner, Professor of Theology, School of Theology;
Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, ACU

Register now to ensure you have a seat.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CQLKM>

The presentation will be recorded for later viewing
via the Sense of the Faithful website

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.**