



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.*

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 12 November 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

I am writing this reflection whilst spending a few very pleasant days on retreat at Queenscliff. The retreat is being led by the internationally renowned scripture scholar, Fr Brendan Byrne SJ. Brendan has focused on St Mark's Gospel as the source of his retreat talks. We will begin reading from this Gospel at Mass in a few week's time with the beginning of the season of Advent.

I was struck by the depth and quality of Brendan's reflections from the outset when he "unpacked" the very first verse of Mark's Gospel: *The beginning of the **good news** of Jesus Christ, Son of God.*

Mark begins his Gospel by pointing out to his persecuted Christian community in Rome around 70AD that who Jesus is, what Jesus does and what Jesus proclaims is "good news" for them – and subsequently for all. It is "good news" that has been foreshadowed particularly by the Prophet Isaiah, who had announced that God's people would be liberated from all that enslaved them by a Messiah who was filled with the Spirit of God.

In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Spirit of God is fully and ultimately released in a total outpouring of love for all of creation. This total release of love for all creation is presented by Mark as overcoming the forces of evil which have held people captive. We, the people of God, are now **free**... all creation is reconciled to God and to each other. It is for us to appreciate this gift and to live our lives accordingly. No longer need we be "bound" by the things that prevent us from being our best selves – selfishness, injustice, fear, seeking fame, respect, wealth etc. for their own sakes, neglecting the poor, the needy, the prisoners, sinners of all kinds etc. The "good news" is that Jesus has released us from being "captive" to all these things – if will allow ourselves to be released – and we are called to be this "good news" to others; instruments by which they too are released from what binds them and set free to be their best selves.

In Jesus, the reign of God has been fully inaugurated. God's "kingdom" is something we can now fully access. We will experience this kingdom of love, peace and joy fully in the heavenly realm. However, a new **beginning** has been made for all creation through "the **good news** of Jesus Christ, the son of God". **God's kingdom is victorious over the kingdom of evil.** This is what **faith** in the good news of Jesus Christ proclaims. This is our faith ... and it compels us to live in **hope**.

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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

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Tuesday - 9am - 4pm

Wednesday - 9am-4pm

Friday - 9am-12pm

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THIS WEEK

Monday 13 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 14 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 15 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 16 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 17 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 18 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 19 November

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, Mary Dalli, Andrew Derrington, Michael DeNittis, Maureen Dickason, Leonie Dimes, Bernadette Falckh, Gigi Falk, Lyn Falk, Maria Fatima, Rebecca Fernando, Tony Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Evelyn Greach, Brendan Gurry, Michael Gurry, George Grzyb, Nova Hack, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Portia Hendrick, Carol Higginson, Jason Ho, Marija Jelinic, Sr Martin Jones, Mary Loc, Christine Lyell, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquieren, Sean McPhee, Sharon Beverly Mendes, Marta Menjivar, Baby Alba Middleton, Sam Neill, Mary Nguyen-Loc, Mary Paradise, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Elise Rimington, Michael Risteviski, Keith Ryder, Sharmini Senanayeke, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Somerset Beauverie, Dorothea Spencer, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Angela Triglar & Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently: Rozalia Rafaska

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time:

Hilda Farnsworth, Charles McDowall, Bill Ryan
& Carmelite Basil Nugent.

IN OUR PARISH

Welcome to our Family

This Sunday, we welcome **Judah Mason Coppolino**, as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

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



Parish Men's Dinner - 15 November 2023

Date: Wednesday, 15 November 2023

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: David Wilks, (son of fellow diner, Kevin) David is the Executive Director of Bristol Myer Squib. He will discuss the role of clinical trials in advancing innovative medicines for patients, and how this approach transforms lives.

RSVP to Brian Rochford on 0403 056 542 or email: bfrchford@bigpond.com

Vinnies need your HELP ...

A young mother in our Parish has 3 small children and is expecting twins in January.

The family are in desperate need of a

- large cot
- double pram
- change table

If anyone can help, can you please contact **Joan Cusack** on 0478 224 624.

18/19 November 2023

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Des Collins

Reader: Abramo Ierardo

Offertory: Kevin Wilks

Communion: Abramo Ierardo

Music: Kelly McEnhill

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Robert Lever

Reader: Vicki Howell

Offertory: Terry Gurry

Communion: Pablo Craievich

Counters: Brian Rochford & Jane Dee

Music: Joan Cusack

Hospitality: Ann Rochford

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Denis Churkovich

Reader: Peter Thomas

Offertory: Jackie & John Tidey

Communion: Ann Crump

Music: Br. Anacleto

Hospitality: Jackie & John Tidey

Communion to the Sick:

Marlene Carlin : 20-26 Nov 2023

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 675.00
Credit Card	\$ 490.00
Direct Credit	\$ 485.00
Loose Plate	\$ 909.80
Tap & Go	\$ 100.00
One Monthly	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$3,659.80

BSB: 083-347

Account Number : 58 216 8515

Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish

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In our contemporary world, where so much that is contrary to the kingdom of God is prevalent, perhaps the greatest gift we can give to our world is to be people of **hope** ... people who persevere in witnessing, **by the manner of our lives**, that we believe that goodness is greater than evil, that love is greater than hate or bitterness or selfishness, that forgiveness is greater than condemnation.

May we be people of hope, inspired by the new beginning brought about by "the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God".

1st Communion Celebration

Congratulations to the following children who will receive the Eucharist for the first time at the 5pm Mass this Saturday, 11 November:

- Arlo Bruce
- Maya Dalton
- Mika Dalton
- Hugo Dinelli
- William Slater
- David Staeb
- Archie Taylor
- Jimmy Taylor
- Elise Webster

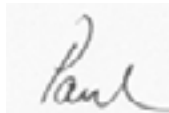
We pray for these children and their families, that they will continue to grow in the appreciation and practice of the faith they express and celebrate in the reception of the Eucharist.

Parish Giving Campaign

Thanks to everyone who has returned a pledge card. If you would still like to do so, cards are available at the Church entrances and, once completed, can be placed in the collection at Mass, in the designated box at a Church entrance or returned to the parish office. **Thank you to everyone who is contributing to the parish. Your generosity is much appreciated.**

We have had some enquiries about leaving a Gift in Will to the parish. Anyone interested in this could obtain further information from our Finance Office, Mark Zanon (Mark@sj-mc.org.au or 9681 9600).

Blessings for the week ahead.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH



Christmas Reconciliation Services

St Joseph's Tuesday, 12 December 2023 , 9:00am

OLMC Wednesday, 13 December 2023 , 7.00pm



Knox Public Lecture 2023

Tuesday 28 November 7.30pm
Live videostream via Zoom

Truth and Peace: Timeless Twins

Presented by Dr Susan Connelly RSJ



Dr Susan Connelly, a Sister of St Joseph, is an educator and activist who advises the Australian Bishops Commission for Social Justice. She has worked with the East Timorese people for almost 30 years in cultural support and justice advocacy.

Susan is the author of *East Timor, Rent Blood and Neocolonial Violence: Scrupulous as Australian Policy* (Bloomsbury, 2022) and her current concerns include the Australian espionage against Timor-Leste in 2004, the prosecutions of "Witness K" and Bernard Collaery, and the oppression of the people of West Papua.

Susan will reflect on the critical challenges to truth telling in public life, in the light of Catholic social teaching on justice and peace.

Join us for this important conversation as we mark the 60th anniversary of Pope John XXIII's landmark encyclical on international peace, *Pacem in terris*.



To book scan the QR code or go to trybooking.com/CMYVM

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REFLECTION

Ready and waiting

Wisdom is at the heart of the first reading and Gospel. In the Bible, wisdom is not separate from God but a feminine personification of various attributes of God. The first reading presents wisdom as like a light which never fails. God is always taking the initiative with us, searching out the believers and revealing himself to them.

The parable in the Gospel continues the theme of wisdom. The ten virgins (representing the disciples) are waiting for the coming of the bridegroom (the return of Christ). The wise ones brought both their lamps and extra oil. The unwise ones brought only their lamps.

While they are waiting the lamps of the unwise begin to go out (their faith and love has grown cold, their good works are fading). The wise virgins cannot, of course, lend their faith, love and good deeds (the oil) to the others. These are personal things and each disciple has to take personal responsibility for their faith and their salvation and the doing of good works.

The wise disciple, whose love, faith and good works do not grow dim, is recognised by the Lord and takes their place in the Kingdom of God.

The disciple needs to remain alert, vigilant and prepared for the 'day of salvation' by continually growing in a faithful and loving relationship with God. This loving relationship with God bears fruit in good works for neighbours. That is what it means to be hearers and doers of the Word.

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

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: WE WALK BY FAITH

MARTY HAUGEN

We walk by faith and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
of Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
yet we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,
nor follow where He trod;
yet in His promise we rejoice
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on You when You are near
and seek where You are found.

That, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light,
we may behold You as You are
in full and endless sight.

Repeat verse 1

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly
King. O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -
cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 63: MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU, O LORD MY GOD.

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Response

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

Response

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

Response

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

Response

I will remember you,
upon my couch and through the night
Watch as I will meditate on you
you are my help;
and in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

Response

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

We want you to be quite certain, sisters & brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan*



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GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'



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 - PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS (MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE)

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace, Where
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace, Where
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace, It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love, Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope, Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, And
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, And
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

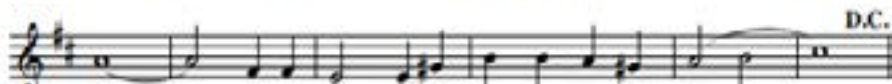
Verse 3



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-



soled as to con-sole. To be un-der-stood as to un-der-



stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Text: Prayer of St. Francis, adapt. by Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997
 Tune: Sebastian Temple, 1928-1997; arr. by Robert J. Ratajicki, b.1942
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 Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy

HOLY

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and



earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



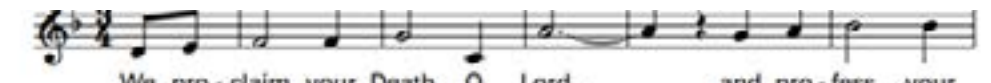
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your

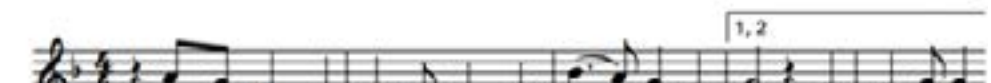


Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

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LAMB OF GOD

Mass of Renewal
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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy,



have mer-cy on us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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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 - THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD PAUL GURR

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

**Refrain: I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.**

And while on the journey to where we are going,
he promised to be there to help us along.
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,
to know all the wonders he's given to me.

Refrain

RECESSIONAL HYMN -: LEAD ME, LORD

VERSE 1 & 2

John D. Becker

Verses

1. Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, long - ing for their
2. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful, for mer - cy shall be
3. Blest are they who through their life - times sow the seeds of

1. Lord, for God's com - ing king - dom shall be theirs.
2. theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.
3. peace, all will call them chil - dren of the Lord.

1. Bless - ed are the sor - row - ing, for they shall be con -
2. Blest are they whose hun - ger on - ly ho - li - ness can
3. Blest are you, though per - se - cu - ted in your ho - ly

1. soled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.
2. fill, for I say they shall be sat - is - fied.
3. life, for in heav - en, great is your re - ward.

Refrain

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to
seek and to find the nar - row way. Be my way;
be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to -
day. day. And lead me, Lord, to - day.

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PARISH CHRISTMAS SOCIAL



Thursday 7th December 2023

6.00pm - 8.30pm

St Joseph's Hall, Port Melbourne

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Come along for a great night and take the opportunity to get to know other parishioners. Cost includes savoury & sweet Finger Food, Beer, Wine, Bubbles, Soft Drinks, Coffee/ Tea & a ticket to all the prizes:

- one **Raffle** ticket*
- one **Lucky Door Prize** ticket
- one **Lucky \$50 Note** ticket

* Everyone will receive **ONE RAFFLE** ticket to ensure prizes are distributed more evenly amongst all guests.

*We need **PRIZES** for our raffle! If you are able to donate a prize, please contact Cathy on 9681 9600 or leave it at the parish office.*

To book, please call Cathy at the Parish Office (9681-9600) or see:

Marlene Carlin after the 5.00pm Mass at Mt Carmel

Ann Rochford after the 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's

Sally Diserio after the 10.30am Mass at Mt Carmel.

*For catering purposes, payment **MUST** be made by **Sunday 26 November 2023**.*



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