



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.*

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 November 2021

Hi Everyone,

Again, it was great to see so many of you in person last weekend. Hopefully, things will return to some sort of normality in the coming months.

WEEKEND MASS ARRANGEMENTS

This weekend the Masses will be:

Saturday at 6:00 pm at OLMC

Sunday at 9:00 am at St Joseph's

Sunday at 10:30 am at OLMC.

My thanks to Frs Matthew and Wayne for celebrating them.

WEEKDAY MASSES (9:00 am)

This coming week Masses will be held:

Monday: St Joseph's

Tuesday: OLMC

Wednesday: St Joseph's

Thursday: OLMC

Friday: St Joseph's.

There will be **NO** Saturday morning Mass at OLMC this week

NO MUSIC AT MASSES

For the foreseeable future, we will not be able to provide Music at any Masses. We are exploring a variety of options so I would ask for your patience.

SACRISTANS AT OLMC

I am very grateful to Terry Mulligan and Peter Russo for volunteering to do the sacristy work at OLMC. More details on that to come.

HELP NEEDED

We desperately need people to be COVID marshalls at each of our Masses. To date, I've been very grateful to James R, Anne and Abramo, Michael and Shane

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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Office Hours 9am-4pm

(non COVID times)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
(CLOSED TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS)

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THIS WEEK

Monday 15 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 16 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 17 November

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

Thursday 18 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 19 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's,

Saturday 20 November

6.00pm Mass of Ordination to Diaconate, Br Albino
Mt Carmel

Sunday 21 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's
10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel, followed by Baptism

WE REMEMBER

Please ask permission of the sick person(s) before putting their name(s) on the list. We need to be sensitive to the fact that some people may not wish their names published.

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

Those whose have died recently: all those affected by COVID_ 19 throughout the world.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time. Ellen Moloney, and Carmelite, Basil Nugent.

IN OUR PARISH

and, of course, Rob W for their assistance, but we do need others to volunteer. We will provide you with a bulletproof vest, a sidearm, an attack dog and pepper spray – just kidding if someone reads this who is not familiar with my warped sense of humour!

It's very easy but necessary to do this in order to fulfil Government requirements.

Have a great week and stay safe, warm, cool, dry, wet or whatever our mercurial weather delivers.

Blessings,



Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next series of Thanksgiving Envelopes is available for collection in the foyer of the church at St Joseph's or at the entrance (off the driveway) at Mt Carmel. If you are able to deliver envelopes to people you know, that will help defray the cost of posting out those that are not collected. If you are new to the parish and would like to join our thanksgiving Program, please call Anne at the Parish office on 9681 9600 or email on parish@sj-mc.org.au.



November 2021 Parish Men's Dinner

6:45 pm, Wednesday 24 November 2021,
O'Connor-Pilkington Rooms, OLMC.

Speaker: Noel Turnbull -

"The Australian commemoration industry:
sacred remembrance or militarised history?"

RSVP: John Molloy - 9699 2031 Cost: \$35

ARCHDIOCESE

21 November
Christ the King

6.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)
Ordination to Diaconate of
Br Albino, OCarm

Commentator: N/A

Readers: N/A

Eucharistic Ministers: N/A

Communion to the Sick: N/A

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: N/A

Reader: Marlene Jorgensen

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Garbellini

Counters: Cathy Garbellini & Nova Hack

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: N/A

Readers: Marlene Halim

Eucharistic Ministers: Volunteer

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

Hospitality: N/A

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

Carmelite and
Parish Offering \$1,089.00

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Carmelite and
Parish Offering \$1,809.00

THE CARMELITE CENTRE

Hildegard of Bingen: A Feather on the Breath of God - with Wendy Couch 10.30am - 12 noon Wednesday 17 November (VIA ZOOM)

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) was named a Doctor of the Church by Benedict XVI in October 7 2012, following her canonization earlier that year – an event that had first been petitioned in 1228. Although she was very much a woman of her time in a number of aspects of her thought, she is also a woman whose theology transcends both time and place. Describing herself as ‘a feather on the breath of God’, Hildegard was a highly complex and gifted person with a prophetic voice whose many works in theology, music, visual art, poetry and drama are still inspiring people today. One of her key ideas ‘Viriditas’, or the greening and life-renewing work of the Holy Spirit, seems especially relevant for our time.

In the November reading group I will focus on her theology of the Holy Spirit (the ‘supreme and fiery force’ as she calls it), the imagery she draws upon to present this theology, and how it is viewed in the context of her theology of the Trinity. We will also explore its connection with her mystical consciousness. As Carmen Butcher says: “For her, no gap existed between ‘praying’ and ‘doing’. All was one in God’s love.”

You may like to prepare by reading an article by Carmen Acevedo Butcher: “Supreme and Fiery Force” via this link. Article by Carmen Acevedo Butcher

The Reverend Dr Wendy Couch is a priest in the Melbourne Anglican Diocese, and currently ministering as Locum Vicar during an interregnum at St Peter’s Bundoora. With a background as a clinical psychologist, she is passionate about using an integrative approach to applying insights from both psychology and spirituality to promote emotional and faith development. During 2020 and 2021 she has been conducting both day and longer spiritual retreats for parishes as well as the oblates of the Community of the Holy Name.



The suggested donation for each Spiritual Reading Group is \$5 which helps offset costs involved in providing the sessions. If you have participated in the Spiritual Reading Group throughout the year without donating we invite you to support the Carmelite Centre to help us continue our work in 2022 by donating now for the 2021 sessions you attended. Please contact The Carmelite Centre.

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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Theologian Daniel Scheid offers a prayerful approach to what he calls the “cosmic common good”:

*May the larger perspective of the cosmic common good
inspire us to live and to work for the good
of all members of this vast and wondrous cosmos:
for the poor, the vulnerable, and all those imperiled;
for the contexts in which creatures flourish,
and for the greater wholes of which they are a part;
for the order in creatures,
by which they glorify the Creator;
for the good that creatures provide to other creatures;
for the good of the order of creatures,
by which the cosmos is sustained;
for the emergent universe and the communion of subjects;
for the solidarity that binds us to all creatures;
for the promotion of justice for all creatures;
for the sacred that lies in the innermost being in all creatures;
for greater nonviolence and peace;
for the interdependence that shines
like a jewel within all creatures;
for all of our relations above, below, and around us;
and for the land and this plot of Earth
by which creatures come to discover the cosmos at home. [2]*

[2] Daniel P. Scheid, *The Cosmic Common Good: Religious Grounds for Ecological Ethics* (Oxford University Press: 2016), 181–182.

Source: Richard Rohr’s daily Meditations for Week Forty-four (Friday 5 November 2021). “Rediscovering the Common Good”.

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Several years ago, the film 'The Pianist' won Best Picture at the Oscars. It's the true story of Wladyslaw Szpilman (Brody) who was a celebrated classical pianist in Warsaw during the 1930s. He came from an affluent and intellectual family. Like all Jews of Warsaw, in November of 1940 the Szpilmans are herded into the Jewish Ghetto. Unlike most of the others Wladyslaw comes out each day to work as a cocktail pianist in a Warsaw café. Polish Jews and Christians remember and admire his playing. So much so that in the summer of 1942 while the rest of his family are deported to Treblinka, Wladyslaw is rescued from the train by a Jewish collaborator. The Polish resistance hides him in Warsaw. When his whereabouts are discovered Wladyslaw goes on the run and survives in a city which barely survives the war.

Toward the end of the film there is a magnificent scene where the now-skeletal Wladyslaw is caught by a Nazi Army officer hiding in one of the few Warsaw houses left standing. He asks Szpilman what he did for a living, and then invites him to sit and play the piano in the drawing room of the house. In the midst of the almost total destruction of the world around them, Wladyslaw enables beauty to have the last word over the horror of war. It changes both men. It's the first time the pianist has played in years, and his concerto touches something human in the German soldier which leads him to protect Wladyslaw.

In today's Gospel we get a very vivid picture of how the end of the world might break in upon us. It's clear that Mark thought it was going to happen in the lifetime of some of his hearers. It didn't, and many generations later we're still waiting.

This is not to say that the reign of God doesn't regularly break in upon us. Wladyslaw's playing shows how music can do it. We believe that every day more good is done in the world than evil; else this world would destroy itself. And we hold that the source of all love is Christ. So, every time we are kind rather than cruel, patient rather than intolerant, generous rather than selfish, beautiful rather than ugly, the reign of God bursts into our lives.

One translation of verse 27 in today's Gospel reads, 'Then he will send out the angels and gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.' The whole idea of 'the elect' has exercised the imagination of several generations of Christians ever since this verse was written. The Protestant Reformation was, in part, based on who Christ elects to be his own, how we get elected, and how we stay that way.

John Calvin was especially interested in this question and he rightly linked the goodness of our lives with those elected by Christ. But Calvin and many Catholic scholars have interpreted the meaning of this text too narrowly.

Remembering that Mark thinks the end of the world is soon, that his community is being persecuted for their Christian faith and that Christianity has not spread all that far by the time he writes this Gospel around 65 AD, it's somewhat surprising to read that the elect might be made up of people who come from the ends of the earth. We can safely assume that at this time not many people, beyond the Mediterranean basin, had heard about Christ. Even if this more generous and inclusive reading is not what Mark means when he refers to this world, it would be mean-spirited of us to imagine that all he means in reference to the elect in heaven are only those professing Christians who had died in his lifetime.

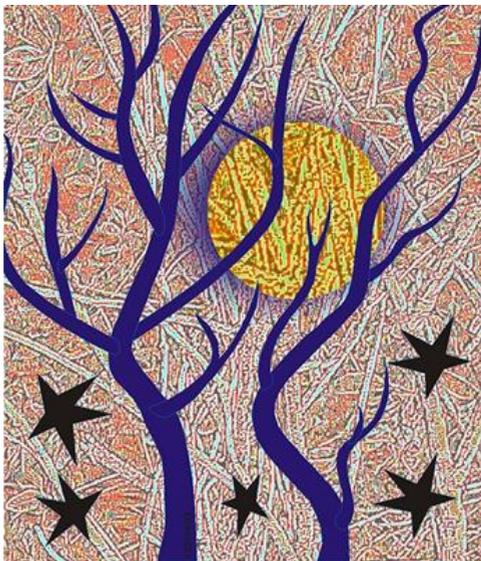
The more consoling reading of who is in the elect, is to understand it as including anyone, anywhere, whose life enables faith, hope, love, beauty, justice and peace to break in upon the world.

And so what makes being a Christian so special? We know who's doing the electing and why, and we have each other as we struggle to live out Christ's reign every day – until he comes again.

LITURGICAL ART

Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

Recent experiences in Europe and North America have shown how life can be disrupted and endangered by blackouts in cities. Power failures can be seriously scary! Jesus describes the beginning of the end times in terms of a vast blackout: the sun and moon are darkened and the stars have fallen from the sky. But this threatening situation is also full of promise because the changes herald the coming of the kingdom, of God's basileia, and the arrival of a new order. It is up to us to read the signs of the times and be prepared.



OUR LITURGY

GLORIA

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 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.

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping

in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 145: PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL

Psalm 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

**Response: *Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.***

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **Response**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **Response**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. **Response**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'



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.*

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.

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.***

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