



# 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.*

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 15 October 2023**

Dear sisters and brothers,

This weekend I would like to share with you some information about the *Synod on Synodality* which Pope Francis has convened and which is currently happening in Rome. This information is drawn, with permission, from a report in **Catholic Outlook**, an online publication of the Diocese of Parramatta NSW. It is titled [Ear to the Ground: Letter Two from a listening and global Synod](https://catholicoutlook.org/ear-to-the-ground-letter-two-from-a-listening-and-global-synod/) By Br Mark O'Connor FMS. It is available here: <https://catholicoutlook.org/ear-to-the-ground-letter-two-from-a-listening-and-global-synod/>

Br Mark writes:

*Dear Friends,*

*In the chaos of contemporary life and even inside the Church, we are all tempted to lose hope. But these days, in Rome, the Spirit of the Risen Jesus is hovering over the 'chaos'. The Spirit is breaking through and breathing new life into the Universal Church, through this global Synod – which aims to renew our Church ...*

## **Emerging signs of hope**

*Pope Francis has decided to ask the Synod participants to listen to each respectfully and to honour the confidentiality of the small group process that has begun. He wants to avoid polarisation and division and stresses the spiritual nature of the event. It is not a 'parliament', but a new way of being Church attentive to how the Spirit is speaking powerfully – even in silence ...*

*Putting my 'ear to the ground', I could observe some very clear signs of hope ...*

*1. The **retreat** before the Synod. It was extraordinary and clearly deeply moved many delegates. Timothy Radcliffe OP set the tone for an exciting first week to follow.*

*2. The importance given to the **process of listening and conversion**.*

*The entrance to the Synod hall: with its San Damiano Cross reminded us that spiritual renewal of the Church is a central focus of this Synod. This is a replica of the cross St Francis of Assisi is said to have been praying in front of when he received a divine commission to "rebuild" the church.*

*3. The **layout of the Synod with the round tables** signifies the very different process that this Synod is adopting. It gave us a powerful image of how Pope Francis' process for the Synod on Synodality is helping shift the feeling that the truth resides at the top of the hierarchy. It was really striking to see Pope Francis addressing the synod not from the stage, where we usually see*

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him, but from one round table among many. Indeed, Pope Francis offered his opening remarks to the Synod from a roundtable, surrounded by tablets, saying that if you have disagreements with your sister or your bishop, say it to their face, not behind their backs. This model is a very different type of Synod from those in the past where many outcomes were determined before the meeting had even begun! ...

The message from the first week of the Synod is then, very clear. The Synod is primarily about transforming the life of the Catholic Church to become more responsive to the Spirit. And as Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ brilliantly points out (see <https://catholicoutlook.org/a-reflection-for-the-popes-prayer-intention-for-october-2023/>) – “the effectiveness of the Synod will not lie in the quality of the speeches that are made, the majorities that are won on significant votes, nor in the changes to Church structures that are agreed upon. **It will lie in the quality of the interchange between people at every level that is generated by the Synod.**”

Fr Hamilton sees the potential for Synod as an attractive model for the whole Church in all its relationships at parish, diocesan and national levels ...

I personally believe this Synod is primarily notable because it is showing concretely how a new relationship between lay people and the hierarchical Church and between men and women in the Catholic Church is possible! ...

We need a future Church leadership that is willing to give up power in favour of new structures. The Church is definitely not a democracy. But neither is it a dictatorship – even a benevolent dictatorship!

Therefore, as Pope Francis never tires of repeating: **Our future as a Church is not one of prohibitions and commandments, but a Church that lives in relationship with people and in relationship with Jesus Christ.** That is the bottom line and I believe the Synod will show us the direction the pilgrim people of God must travel.

Another excellent article on the Synod is also available at <https://catholicoutlook.org/a-dominican-friar-sets-the-tone-for-a-jesuit-popes-synod/>

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### Parish Giving Campaign

Thank you to everyone who picked up their Parish Giving Campaign letter last weekend. There are still a number though which haven't yet been collected, **so please take yours this weekend if you haven't already done so.** There are also generic letters available for anyone for whom we didn't have details available to prepare a personalised letter. For those who wish to return a completed pledge card, please do so via the collection at Mass, or drop it into the parish office.

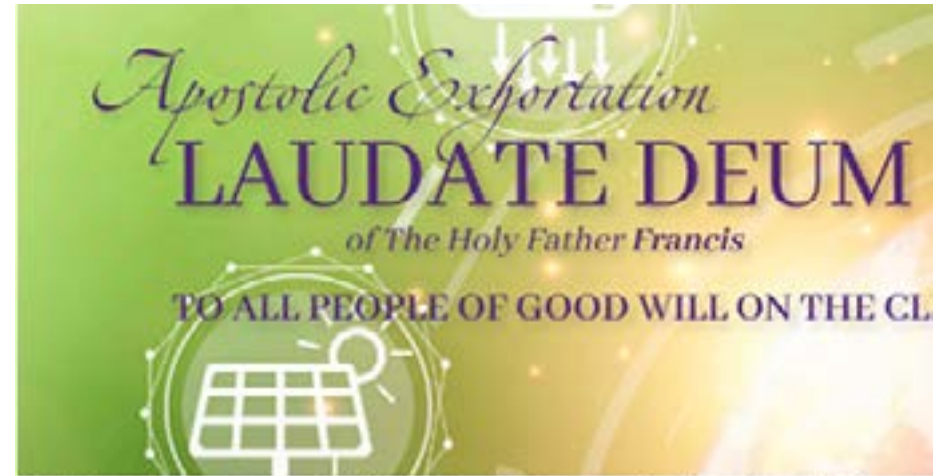
### Music at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church

This weekend, we welcome our organist Rosaleen and Cantor Leighton who will lead our singing at the 10:30am Mass. We look forward to their ministry on the 3rd Sunday each month. We hope, as time goes by, that we can have the services of an organist and cantor more often at this Mass.

As mentioned last week, we also look forward to the group of parishioners who are forming a singing group also leading us at the 10:30am Mass when they are ready.

We are also very grateful to Kelly McEnhill for preparing the music which is normally played electronically at our Masses.

Blessings for the week ahead.



The Pope's recent Apostolic Exhortation can be downloaded here: <https://carmelites.org.au/4829-laudate-deum-pope-francis/file>

## 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, OCarm

### Parish Secretary

Cathy Garbellini

### Pastoral Assistant

Kelly McEnhill

### Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

### Sacramental Co-Ordinator

Baptism - Angela Cox

First Reconciliation - Angela Cox

First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen

Confirmation - Sally Diserio

### Safeguarding Officer

Frances Correa

### Facilities Manager

Dave Fletcher

### Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School

Bank Street, South Melbourne 3205

Telephone 03 9699 2928

## THIS WEEK

### Monday 16 October

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Tuesday 17 October

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

### Wednesday 18 October

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Thursday 19 October

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

### Friday 20 October

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Saturday 21 October

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

### Sunday 22 October

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, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Portia Hendrick, Jason Ho, Marija Jelinic, Tae Yoon Jin, Sr Martin Jones, Mary Loc, Christine Lyell, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquiren, Sean McPhee, Sharon Beverly Mendes, Marta Menjivar, Baby Alba Middleton, Mary Nguyen-Loc, Mary Paradise, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Elise Rimmington, Michael Risteviski, Keith Ryder, Sharmini Senanayake Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Somerset-Beauverie, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Angela Trigar & Tami Yap.

### Those whose have died recently:

Ivy Hermence, Judith Nicholson, Natalie Pringle & Anna Rakic.

### Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

Carmelite Jacobinus Mahoney & Tim Malone.

## IN OUR PARISH



### Welcome to our Family

On Sunday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we welcome Michael Strangio as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism.

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

### October 2023 Parish Men's Dinner

Wednesday 18 October 2023, 6:45pm  
O'Connor-Pilkington Rooms, OLMC.

**Speaker:** Jeffrey Pang,  
from NEU Audio Hearing & Brain Health

RSVP: Brian Rochford on 0403 056 542 or  
[bfrochford@bigpond.com](mailto:bfrochford@bigpond.com)

Cost: \$40

## Food Cupboard

The **Food Cupboard** is in **URGENT** need of replenishing !!

Donations would be gratefully appreciated of :

- Tinned Fish - Tuna & Salmon
- Coffee - Small jars of Nescafe
- Milk - Longlife full cream & lite
- Biscuits - Sweet and Dry
- Tinned Fruit
- Sugar (small bags)
- Rice
- Jars of Pasta Sauce

Donations are accepted at weekend masses and at the Parish Office during business hours where they can be left in the Food Cupboard in the foyer. Thankyou.

**21/22 October 2023**  
**29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)**

*Commentator:* Tris Tanumihardjo  
*Reader:* Pat Mount

*Offertory:* Kathy Mount

*Communion:* Kathy Mount

*Music:* Janine Brodie

### 9.00am St Joseph's

*Commentator:* Lis Northam

*Reader:* Ron Cassano

*Offertory:* Aoife Ling

*Communion:* Kelly McEnhill

*Counters:* Ron & Sandra Cassano

*Music:* Joan Cusack

*Hospitality:* Cathy Garbellini

### 10.30am Mount Carmel

*Commentator:* TBD

*Reader:* Sally Diserio

*Offertory:* Jackie & John Tidey

*Communion:* Kathleen Kiernan

*Music:* Br. Anacleto

*Hospitality:* Jackie & John Tidey

### Communion to the Sick:

Denis Passalent: 23Oct – 29 Oct

## THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

### Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 323.00
Credit Card	\$ 930.00 *
Direct Credit	\$ 385.00
Loose Plate	\$ 958.95
Tap & Go	\$ 147.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,743.95</b>

\* - includes a quarterly donation

BSB: 083-347

Account Number : 58 216 8515

Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish

## REFLECTION

### *Invitations refused and accepted*

The third of the parables addressed to the chief priests and the elders is our Gospel today. Told in the context of a wedding feast given by a great King it's a parable in three parts.

The first part is about God's gracious invitation and its indifferent and sometimes violent refusal by those invited first (the religious and lay leaders).

Second part: God's invitation having been rejected by the first to whom it was offered, is now offered to others - good and bad alike (the sinners).

Third part: the story of the guest without a wedding garment - one who accepts the invitation but does not change - a little like the son in the first parable who said, "Yes", but didn't go to the vineyard.

The wedding garment is a symbol of a converted life full of good deeds.

The sense of the last line of the Gospel: "Many are called but few are chosen", is that all are called to salvation, but it is only had by those who accept the invitation and who change and yield good deeds.

There is no room for complacency.

All three Gospel parables of the last three Sundays are about conversion. Conversion is not just turning away from sin but a radical reorienting of one's life (turning) towards God. Repentance is not so much being sorry for past sins as a total change of direction. Conversion is impossible for the self-righteous because they don't believe they need it. Hardness of heart and the refusal to listen are two great biblical sins.

In the three parables, St Matthew is urging his community to seek after true righteousness which comes from conversion and repentance, which flows from allowing the vision of God to fill their eyes and hearts. The kingdom has been entrusted to them, they are to produce its fruit of good deeds through a life of continual turning towards God.

Hard hearts, blocked ears, blind eyes, refusing to change are the path to death. We are those who choose Life.

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

## OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT VERSES 1 & 3

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus,  
I want to look at Je - sus,  
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right - eous - ness shine on my path And  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, We

star of my life is Je - sus,  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.



GLORIA

Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan

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

*Isaiah 25:6-10*

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,  
he will destroy Death for ever.  
The Lord will wipe away  
the tears from every cheek;  
he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 23: I SHALL LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

**Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.

**Response**

He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
with your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.

**Response**

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**Response**

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
for years to come.

**Response**

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Renewal*  
Curtis Stephan

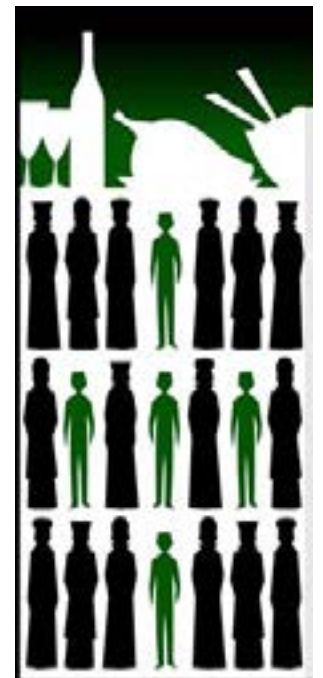


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## GOSPEL

*Matthew 22: 1-10*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'



## 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 - YOU ARE MINE

I will come to you in the silence I will lift you from all your fear  
You will hear My voice I claim you as My choice  
Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless I am eyes for all who long to see  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light  
Come and rest in Me

**Refrain Do not be afraid, I am with you I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine**

I am strength for all the despairing Healing for the ones who dwell in shame  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free  
And all will know My name **Refrain**

I am the Word that leads all to freedom  
I am the peace the world cannot give  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain  
Stand up, now, walk, and live **Refrain**

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

Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan

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

Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan

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

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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 - WE ARE MANY PARTS

VERSES 1 & 3

REFRAIN Marty Haugen

We are man-y parts, we are all one bod-y, and the  
gifts we have we are giv-en to share, may the Spir-it of Love  
make us One in- deed, One, the Love that we share, One, our  
Hope in des- pair, One, the Cross that we bear.

VERSES

1. God of all, we look to you, we would be your  
2. So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is  
3. All you seekers great and small, seek the great-est

to Refrain

1. ser- vants true, let us be your love to all the world.  
2. my joy, too, all is brought to- geth- er in the Lord.  
3. gift of all, if you love, then you will know the Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN - ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

DAN SCHUTTE

**Refrain:** All the ends of the earth,  
all you creatures of the sea,  
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.  
For the Lord of the earth,  
the master of the sea,  
has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,  
the wonders He has done in every age.

**Refrain**

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might  
every heart and every nation call him Lord.

**Refrain**

The Lord has made salvation known,  
faithful to His promises of old.  
Let the ends of the earth,  
let the sea and all it holds  
make music before our King!

**Refrain**

## A GUIDE TO THANKS-GIVING

Use this simple chart to see how a small portion of your income could contribute to the building up of our community in a profound way.

Household annual income	Household weekly income	Proportional giving (% of weekly income)				
		1%	3%	5%	10%	12%
\$20,000	\$385	\$4	\$12	\$19	\$38	\$46
\$40,000	\$769	\$8	\$23	\$38	\$77	\$92
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$12	\$35	\$58	\$115	\$130
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$15	\$46	\$77	\$154	\$185
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$19	\$58	\$96	\$192	\$231
\$120,000	\$2,308	\$23	\$69	\$115	\$231	\$277
\$150,000	\$2,885	\$29	\$87	\$144	\$288	\$346
\$200,000	\$3,846	\$38	\$115	\$192	\$385	\$462

*\*Note: The 'Household weekly income' figure is presented before tax.*



# PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

## The Parish of Port Melbourne & Middle Park Profit and Loss

	2022	2023	
Income		1/01- 30/09/2023	Budget
Thanksgiving	156,980	123,869	164,829
Rent & Hire Income	22,188	28,837	24,757
Investment Income	131,455	83,730	135,120
Weddings & Funerals	25,950	20,375	27,507
Other	20,295	21,149	15,178
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>356,868</b>	<b>277,960</b>	<b>367,391</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Archdiocesan Levies	37,727	25,356	39,991
Cleaning, Repairs & Maintenance	89,490	60,501	119,000
Employment Costs	133,943	57,277	101,352
Insurance	65,472	40,187	69,400
Investment Expenses	21,134	15,430	23,546
Church, Hall & Office Expenses	43,662	20,400	62,013
Parish Priest Stipend	54,767	46,583	60,584
Utilities	18,309	9,847	19,408
Other	50,867	25,268	28,479
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>515,371</b>	<b>300,849</b>	<b>523,773</b>
<b>Surplus/-Deficit</b>	<b>-158,503</b>	<b>-22,889</b>	<b>-156,382</b>

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