



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.***

5th Sunday of Easter

15 May 2022

Hi Everyone,

WEEKDAY MASSES AT OLMC

My thanks to those who expressed their preference on where the Masses are celebrated and the consensus appears to be at the Lady Chapel. So that is where we'll celebrate the daily Masses, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

DELEGATES TO THE CANONISATION OF ST TITUS BRANDSMA

Frs Paul Cahill and David, along with representatives of our Carmelite ministries, left this week for the canonisation of Titus Brandsma at St Peter's in Rome. The more I hear about Titus the more I'm inspired by his life as a Carmelite, an educator and as a journalist. He died in Dachau for expressing his legitimate criticism of the ways that the Nazis treated the Jewish people. In so many ways, he is a contemporary inspiration for our own society. When we see or hear stories from everywhere, people are mistreated and degraded by individuals and regimes. It is a salient reminder to us as Christians of the inherent dignity of every human person and the right to live life in both freedom and relative comfort. In Australia we are blessed in so many ways but that should never lead to complacency.

Prayer to Titus Brandsma

***God our Father, your servant,
Saint Titus Brandsma,
laboured zealously in your vineyard and
gave his life freely because of his faith in you.
Through his intercession I ask for your mercy and help.***

***Father Titus never refused when he was asked for help by your people.
In his name, I come to you with my needs.....***

***Lord, help me always to imitate the great faith,
generous love and burning zeal of Saint Titus.
Glorify your servant as he strove to glorify you.
Amen.***

Mary, Mother of Carmel, pray for us.

Titus Brandsma, Carmelite martyr, intercede for us.

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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THIS WEEK

Monday 16 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 17 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 18 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 19 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 20 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 21 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

6.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 22 May - 6th Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Alberto Aguilon, Donald Baldie, Steve Balkin, Hein Basten, Tommy Bednar, Paul Caghi - Cao, Nawal Cox, Luka Dabovic, Maureen Dickason, Ben Dymond, Kelly Edwards, Judy Fairhall, Gigi Falckh, Lyn Falckh, Michelle Falckh, Frances Farrugia, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Lyn Fleming, Gerard Friary, Ivy Hermence, Anita Heyma, Steph Hudson, Andrija Junkovic, Chris Kowalski, Claudia Leibel, Baby Alba Middleton, Marino Mihocic, Wayne Mills, Felicity Morgan, Marie O'Connor, Ingrid Ohleiter, Sylvia Poliakova, Rafal Rafalski, Michael Ristevski, Lucie Carmen Rodriguez, Dennis Rohan, Keith Ryder, Sarah Abdel-Said, Teresa Sheehan, Angela Speranza, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Vivienne Williams, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently: Denise Cox, Lorraine Rohan, casualties of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict, and all those affected by COVID_ 19 throughout the world.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Bernard and Josefa Aldana, and Carmelites, Noel Kierce, Patrick Shaffrey, Michael Gerhard and Ignatius Carr.

IN OUR PARISH

INTERESTING JOURNEY

Thank you to those who expressed an interest in my meeting with my half-brother, Michael, last week. We had a delightful lunch with his wife, Jill, at the Graham Hotel, and we chatted as if we had known each other for years. I have to confess that I came away a little overwhelmed with all the information and photos that Michael shared though I was amazed to hear that I have another living half-brother, Patrick, who lives in Queensland. Wonders never cease! I also learned that my mother liked a beer and a smoke and she worked as a shearers' cook in western NSW. From what I know that was extremely hard and demanding work. She was a somewhat petite woman although my brother Michael got the tall genes. I'm also the 6th child out of 7 children so you can tell that she was a Catholic!!!!

(NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK) SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

I want to repeat my gratitude to everyone who went through the processes of getting a Working with Children Check (WWCC) and/or a Police check. I know it was onerous and possibly challenging but you have been marvellous in getting through what is, at times, a bureaucratic nightmare.

On top of that, I want to reiterate my great appreciation of all of those in the Parish who are involved in different ministries: we would be lost without you and I do hope you know that you are valued very much. We are really blessed in our Parish!

A new change in the Code of Conduct procedures will mean that we only need to sign the declaration every three years instead of the current one year. A blessing indeed!

Also, we are currently working on our ministry guidelines which I intend to simplify in large measure. We would appreciate any feedback from ministers as to their roles. Please let me know through email (parish@sj-mc.org.au.) if you have any things you wish for me to amend or improve. Many thanks.

1st EUCHARIST CANDIDATES

Our 1st Eucharist candidates commence this week through a program that is home-based but supported

ARCHDIOCESE

22 May

6th Sunday of Easter

6.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Pat Mount

Readers: Angela Cox

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Mount

Communion to the Sick:

15-21 May: Marlene Carlin

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Marlene Jorgensen

Reader: Kevin Mooney

Eucharistic Ministers: Danielle Craievich

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Hospitality: N/A

Communion to the Sick:

22 - 28 May: Frances Correa

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Kathleen Kiernan

Readers: Nina Batsakis

Eucharistic Ministers: John Molnar

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

Hospitality: Jackie and John Tidey

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

Carmelite and

Parish Offering \$664.00

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Carmelite and

Parish Offering \$948.00

IN OUR PARISH

by our Sacramental Co-ordinator, Elise Rimington. The children will receive the Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi in June. More on that later.

ELECTIONS

I don't know about you but I have become thoroughly over the electioneering and the progressive nastiness of many aspects of the various campaigns. They used to say that "politics is the art of the possible" but I think it's become "the art of what we can get away with" especially in terms of promises and immense spending. As you know, I don't talk about politics in homilies but I'd encourage everyone to make a thoughtful and honest selection of candidates with an eye to what is most important for our country which includes a system of care and concern for our most vulnerable citizens. Red, blue, teal, green or orange are only colours; it is the substance behind these colours that matters most!

You might like to look up the Justice and Peace website: www.justiceandpeace.org.au and look for the Election Kit 2022 Resource "Voting for the Common Good", a joint project of Social Justice, Welfare and Educational Agencies. The format of the document is very challenging. Each issue discussed is opened up and explored under four questions:

1. What do we believe?
2. What are the issues?
3. What are the effects? and;
4. What do we want?

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

As a parish we currently take communion to the home of those who are unable to attend mass on a regular basis. A couple of our regular volunteers will be away for a few months from June to October, so we are desperately seeking volunteers to help with this important ministry outreach. If you would consider helping with this ministry could you please contact Anne at the Parish Office on 9681 9600 or Frances Correa on sj-mcsafeguarding@cam.org.au.

Have a great week everyone and happy voting.

Blessings and peace,



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Vinnies are looking for short term storage space [6-9 months] in either a small warehouse or a secure garage in the local area to store some furniture and whitegoods for distribution to clients. Please call Gerhard Correa on 0400 640 611 if you are able to assist in this regard.

May 2022 Parish Men's Dinner

Wednesday 25 May 2022,

6:45 pm, O'Connor-Pilkington Rooms, OLMC.

Speaker: Colin Riley, sports enthusiast and volunteer, former PE teacher and lecturer
- "A life of Riley"

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

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

The word love has to be the most misused word in our language. We often say we love our house, our car, our holiday or even ice cream. Then we use exactly the same word to describe our feelings for our spouse, family, friends or children. If language is a window into meaning, then we are in strife at the loose way we transfer the same word for vastly different feelings and realities. At least I hope we feel differently about people over possessions. The way some people go on about their car, pets or money we begin to wonder.

The love Jesus encourages us to have in today's Gospel is a very particular love. He tells us not just to love one another, but to 'love as I have loved you'. The core of Jesus' love for us is sacrificial love, where he laid down his life that we might live. While love is a popular word, and even more popular notion, in our music, film, art and literature, sacrificial love is not something we hear much about these days or that we embrace very easily. Loving someone in the popular imagination has come to mean hanging in there until someone better comes along, or we grow bored of each other sexually or personally. Often it entails keeping the exit door on commitment nice and handy for the quick get away. But this hardly describes a love that involves sacrifice.

Sacrificial love is demonstrated in deeds not words. It states that there is no point in saying we love anyone unless our actions follow the profession we make. Sacrificial love is not just about warm and fuzzy feelings; it is an intensely practical affair where our love is judged by our gentleness, kindness and patience with each other. Christian love is not arrogant or rude, it does not drag other people down, but rejoices and weeps when others are successful or downhearted. Loving as Jesus has loved means telling the truth with compassion, forgiving, working at trust and holding on to faith in the face of difficult times. Jesus does not promise us that this commandment is easy, just necessary if we are to love as he loves us.

While sacrificial love demands of us that we die unto self, Jesus never asked us to 'kill' ourselves. The distinction matters. All too often the Church has been guilty of giving out this teaching in a way that people thought they should put up with violent, undignified and soul-destroying behaviour from their spouse, children, parents, family or friends. Sacrificial love is never destructive. It is a free gift where we sometimes forego other options, opportunities and even good things for a love and life that is even better. The Lord laid down his life for us and in turn the Father raised him up to a glorified life. What's true for him is true for us. We lay down our lives for each other so we can take up a new and richer life. We are never meant to destroy ourselves or stay in relationships that rip our dignity from us. Sometimes the most Christian thing we can do is to set up boundaries or make decisions that protect ourselves from behaviour which is neither loving nor Christian.

May this Eucharist then grant us the wisdom to love people and not things. May it help us embrace sacrifice in a way that leads to life and may it give courage to sort out the relationships that affirm our dignity and help us grow in faith, hope and love.

OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - THE SERVANT SONG

Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

Text: Richard Gillard

Tune: Richard Gillard; Harm. by Betty Pulkingham, b. 1929

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GLORIA

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest!,
and on earth, peace 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, 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

Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 145 : I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME

Response: ***I will praise your name, forever, my King and my God***

The Lord is gracious and merciful.
Slow to anger and of great kindness.
The Lord is good to all
and compassionate in all His works.

Response

Let all your works give you thanks, O Lord,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might.

Response

Let them make known your might to the children of Adam
and the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.
Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages,
and your dominion endures through all generations.

Response

SECOND READING

Rv 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain: ***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia***

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



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 HYMN - TAKE OUR BREAD

Refrain: **Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours; we are yours.**

Yours as we stand at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the signs of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours. **Refrain**

Your holy people stand washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.
We are poor, but we brought ourselves the best we could.
We are yours, we are yours. **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.**

The Celebrant prays the preface at the end of which all say:

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.

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.**

Refrain: ***Yahweh, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways everlasting.***

Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from harm. **Refrain**

Where can I run from your love?
If I climb to the heavens you are there;
if I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find you there. **Refrain**

You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun
in my mother's womb. **Refrain**

Marvellous to me are your work's;
how profound are your thoughts my Lord.
Even if I could count them,
they numbers as the stars, you would still be there. **Refrain**

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Come! live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: ***We are called to act with justice.***
 We are called to love tenderly.
 We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Refrain

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love!

Refrain

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