



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.*

2nd Sunday of Easter 16th April 2023

CARMELITE REFLECTION

Two stories of transformation

The great Easter feast of last Sunday began the Church's fifty-day celebration of the Resurrection which concludes with the feast of Pentecost in six weeks.

The Gospel of each Sunday is a meditation on Jesus as: the resurrected Christ, made known in the scriptures and the breaking of the bread, the bearer of life in all its fullness, our way, truth and life, pledge of God's love.

In today's Gospel reading there are two stories of transformation through encounter with the risen Jesus.

Firstly, Jesus appears to a group of frightened and bewildered disciples hiding in a room. His first words are, 'Peace be with you'. Fear and bewilderment turn into joy as the disciples recognise the presence of the Risen Jesus with them. But that's not all. He then sends them out to be missionaries of peace and forgiveness. In receiving the Holy Spirit they are transformed from a group of frightened people, hiding in a room, to bold proclaimers of God's love and mercy.

The second story in today's Gospel is the one we all know as doubting Thomas, though, really, it should be known as believing Thomas - doubt is only the beginning of the story.

Jesus doesn't scold or rebuke Thomas. If Thomas is looking for proof, he has only to touch Jesus to see he is real. But Thomas doesn't do that. It is his personal encounter with Jesus which transforms him from doubter to believer.

It is yet another Gospel reminder that faith is not about believing with our minds or in looking for proof. It is found only in our living relationship with Jesus.

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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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www.carmelites.org.au

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Tuesday - 9am - 4pm
Wednesday - 9am-4pm
Friday - 9am-12pm

(CLOSED MONDAYS & THURSDAYS)

Parish Priest

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THIS WEEK

Monday 17 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 18 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 19 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 20 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 21 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 22 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 23 April - 3rd Sunday of Easter - Year A

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Grace Callaghan, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Daphnie Cramer, Michael DeNittis, Maureen Dickason, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Lyn Fleming, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Michael Gurry, Portia Hendrick, Marija Jelinic, Joan Laragy, Robert Masquirien, Marta Menjivar, Baby Alba Middleton, Sian Middleton, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Jill Ridge, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Somerset-Beauverie, & Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently:

Pasquale Ianno, Sr Marie O'Kelly, John Pringle casualties of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict and those affected by COVID-19.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

Paul Carlin and Carmelite Laurie Moffat.

Perhaps these days give us a bit more time just to sit and chat with Jesus, to recognise him already present in our hearts, to allow our fears and doubts to be overcome by love, to find new, creative ways of transforming darkness into light, peace and joy for others.

May the new life we celebrate over the next fifty days bring us the creativity of Spirit we need to be the living heart of God in our world today.

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

IN OUR PARISH

April 2023 Parish Men's Dinner

Wednesday 26 April 2023, 6:45 pm

Venue: O'Connor- Pilkington Room
at the church hall of Our Lady of Mt Carmel,
corner of Richardson & Wright Sts, Middle Park.

Speaker: James Barrett, Radiologist:
"Freedom to Speak Up".

Cost: \$40 per head
RSVP: John Molloy - 9699 2031

2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Enrolment forms, containing details of the Preparation Process and relevant dates for the Sacraments of **First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation**, are available at the bottom of the Home Page of the parish website: <https://sj-mc.org.au/>.

Enrolments close:

First Reconciliation - 1 May 2023

Confirmation - 1 June 2023

First Eucharist - 1 October 2023

22/23 April 2023 3rd Sunday of Easter

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Mary Chow

Reader: Tris Tanumihardjo

Communion: Joe Chow

Music: Abramo Ierardo

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Rob Lever

Reader: John Molloy

Communion: Jacek Glenda

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Music: Cathy Garbellini

Hospitality: TBD

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Marlene Halim

Reader: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Communion: Kathleen Kiernan

Music: Peter Russo

Hospitality: Peter Thomas

Communion to the Sick:
Frances Galvin (23-29 April 23)

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

Carmelite and
Parish Offering \$ 1,266.10

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Carmelite and
Parish Offering \$ 1,231.20

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Park Parish

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Undoubtable Wounds

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the identity of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

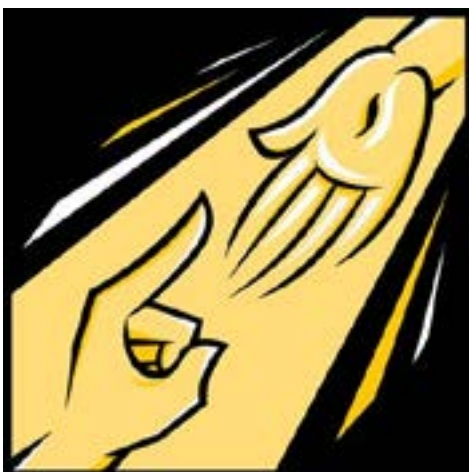
Pope Francis says we can only join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

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OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - ALLELUIA SING TO JESUS

VERSES 1 AND 3

Traditional

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter, his the
2. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of lords, we
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God, on

1. throne. Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
2. own. Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Mar - y. earth thy foot - stool,
3. high; Al - le - lu - ia, to the Sav - ior who has won the

1. ry a - lone; Hark! The songs of peace - ful Si - on
2. heav'n thy throne; thou with - in the veil has en - tered,
3. vic - to - ry; Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it,

1. thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of
2. robed in flesh our great High Priest; thou on earth both
3. font of love and sanc - ti - ty, Al - le - lu - ia!

1. ev - 'ry na - tion hath re - deem'd us by his blood,
2. priest and vic - tim in the Eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
3. Al - le - lu - ia to the tri - une maj - es - ty.

GLORIA

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
2. 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.
3. 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!

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FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 118 - GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever." **Response**

I was hard pressed and I was falling, but the LORD helped me.

My strength and courage is the LORD, and he has been my saviour.

The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just. **Response**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. **Response**

SECOND READING

St Peter 8:8-11

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'



Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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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.

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain



Let heav-en re-joice and earth be glad; let all cre-a-tion sing. Let
 chil-dren pro-claim through ev-'ry land: "Ho-san-na to our King."

Verses 1-3



1. Sound the trum-pet in - to the night; the day of the Lord is
 2. Rise in splen-dor; shake off your sleep; 7 put on your robes of
 3. Raise your voic-es, be not a-fraid. Pro-claim it in ev-'ry

to Refrain



1. near. Wake your peo-ple, lift your voice, pro-claim it to the world.
 2. joy. And in the morn-ing you shall see the glo-ry of the Lord.
 3. land. Christ has died, but he has ris-en; he will come a-gain.

Verse 4



4. Sing a new song un-to the Lord, whose la-bor has led us to life. With
 to Refrain
 4. grate-ful hearts and joy-ful danc-ing, play be-fore the Lord.

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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

Mass of the Resurrection
Randall DeBruyn

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

OUR FATHER

LAMB OF GOD

Mass of the Resurrection
Randall DeBruyn

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. world, 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

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!



Bob Dufford

REFRAIN

All the ends of the earth... all you crea-tures of the sea... lift up your
 eyes to the won-ders of the Lord... For the Lord of the earth... the
 mas-ter of the sea... has come with jus-tice for the world... *fine*

VERSES 1&2

1. Break in to song at the deeds of the Lord...
 2. Heav-en and earth shall re-joice in his might;

to Refrain

1. the won-ders he has... done in ev-'ry age...
 2. ev-'ry heart... ev-'ry na-son call him Lord...

VERSE 3

3. The Lord has made his sal-va-tion known, faith-ful to his
 3. prom-is-es of old... Let the ends of the earth... let the
to Refrain
 3. sea and all it holds make mu-sic be-fore our King!...

NOTICEBOARD

Carmelite on a Mission by Fr Anthony Scerri

After years of requests, Fr Anthony has published his reminiscences. In *Carmelite on a Mission*, Fr Anthony not-only recounts the great volume of his life's events and experiences, he shares his memories of people and places through the lens of kindness and humour, always mindful of our Father as friend and companion on his life's journey.

If you would like to purchase a copy of Fr Anthony's *Carmelite on a Mission*, Carmelite Media sells for AU\$21.90 which includes postage and handling. Or you can also purchase from [Apple Books](#) or [Amazon](#).





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