



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.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 16 FEBRUARY 2025

Dear sisters and brothers,

As I remarked a couple of weeks ago, the theme given by Pope Francis to this *Jubilee Year* is *Pilgrims of Hope*.

The virtue of hope is surely one which we need to keep alive in our hearts, both in personal situations and in the context of the world at large. The *hope* that we refer to is not just a sense of optimism that difficulties might be resolved, problems go away and everything will work out well (though we certainly and naturally do 'hope' for that). The *hope* the Pope refers to, though, is fundamentally a theological virtue which accompanies that of *faith*. This *hope* is based on Christ's resurrection and our belief, as St Paul emphasizes in today's 2nd Reading from his 1st Letter to the Corinthians, that we are raised to eternal life in, with and through Christ.

This hope, based in Christ's resurrection, is also not an excuse to just "leave it all in God's hands", though ultimately that is what we must do. Rather, our hope and our faith call us to be people who inculcate the spirit of the Beatitudes, which we hear in today's Gospel Reading from St Luke, into our approach to life. This is not to say that it is a good thing to be poor or hungry or unhappy nor a bad thing to be rich and satisfied and happy. What matters is that we have in our hearts a spirit whereby, even in our relative prosperity and happiness, we are sensitive to those who are poor or hungry or unhappy in one way or another and have the generosity to reach out to them in their need in whatever way we can.

In the context of today's Gospel Reading, Jesus is addressing his disciples with all sorts of vulnerable people gathered all around looking to experience the healing and hope filling ministry of Jesus. Jesus is reminding his disciples that God loves these poor, hungry, needy and vulnerable people – and so should they, reaching out to them in whatever loving and practical ways they can.

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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

Carmelite Parish Office

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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 Associate

Kelly McEnhill

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Mark Zanon

Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Baptism - Vacant
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Confirmation - Sally Diserio

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Primary School

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THIS WEEK

Monday 17 February

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 18 February

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 19 February

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 20 February

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 21 February

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 22 February

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 23 February

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Bradford Bratton, Angela Cochill, Paul Derrington, Pauline Flint, Lindsay Flint, Jill Foster, Bobby Lever, Ingrid Ohleiter, Maria Ohleiter, Rafal Rafalski, Ailbe Sheehy, & Jim Sullivan.

Those who have died recently: Josephine Cernia, Marie Donegan, Sr Dorothy Bernadette Nihill & Keith Park.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Magdalen Fu, Aidan Moloney, Paul Moloney, John Wong and Carmelite Thomas Bulter.

IN OUR PARISH

First Reconciliation Enrolments

Non Galilee candidates in grade 3 or higher are invited to enrol for the 2025 First Reconciliation Program.

- **Enrolments close:** Monday, 10 March 2025
- **Family Preparation Night - Compulsory Session** - Thursday, 13 March 2025, 7pm, St Joseph's Hall, 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne.
- **Sacrament:** Thursday 10 April 2025 at 7pm at St Joseph's Church, 268 Rouse St, Port Melbourne

Enrolment forms are available at the bottom of the Home Page of the parish website: <https://sj-mc.org.au/>.

Parish Men's Dinner

Tuesday 25 February 2025, 6.45pm
at **Bleakhouse Hotel, Albert Park**
97 Beaconsfield Parade (cnr Victoria Ave)

Cost: Meal and drinks at attendee's expense.

Speaker: Our parish priest, Fr Paul Cahill.

In late 2024 Fr Paul undertook "A journey with St Paul" through Turkey and Greece. He will give us an outline of his trip (including photographs of a number of archeological sites).

For more information or to RSVP,
please contact Brian Rochford:
Mobile: 0404 056 542
Email: bfrochford@bigpond.com

All welcome !

MINISTRIES

22-23 February 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Des Collins

Reader: Pat Mount

Offertory: Kathy Mount

Communion: Kathy Mount

Music: Kelly McEnhill

Sacristan: Kelly McEnhill

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Ron Cassano

Reader: Tris Tanumihardjo

Offertory: Aoife Ling

Communion: Jacek Glenda

Counters: Ron & Sandra Cassano

Music: Will Kininmonth

Hospitality: Rose Zoric

Sacristan: Rob Winduss

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Reader: Nina Batsakis

Offertory: Nina Batsakis

Communion: Denis Churkovich

Music: Choir / Kelly McEnhill

Hospitality: Margaret Blades

Sacristan: Peter Russo

Communion to the Sick:

Marlene Carlin: 23 Feb - 1 Mar

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

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|---------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes | \$ 370.00 |
| Credit Card | \$ 955.00 |
| Direct Credit | \$ 1,593.20 |
| Loose Plate | \$ 1,220.85 |
| Tap & Go | \$ 476.00 |
| Total | \$4,615.05 |



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As *Pilgrims of Hope*, then, we are called to walk with and support each other in our faith and hope in the risen Christ and, at the same time, to “walk” with our brothers and sisters in their need, accepting them in love, doing what we can to support them practically, but recognizing that, ultimately, it is our communion with the risen Christ, that will raise us all up to the fullness, joy and peace of eternal life with him.

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Congratulations Br Leo

Today the Carmelite community rejoices with Br Leo on the 60th anniversary of his profession as a Carmelite. Br Leo has been a member of the Port Melbourne Carmelite community for the past twenty years, eighteen of them as Prior (Leader). For many years, whilst more mobile than he has been in recent years, he was a regular visitor to the sick and homebound in the parish – and still maintains contact with a number of them by phone. Before coming to Port Melbourne, he was Prior for six years of our community at Coorparoo in Brisbane, where he also exercised an active and much appreciate ministry to the sick and homebound in the parish. For the first 30+ years of his Carmelite life, he was a member of staff at Whitefriars College (the Carmelite Boys Secondary College at Donvale), where he was a renowned teacher of Indonesian. He also served as Prior of the Carmelite community associated with Whitefriars for many years. Today we congratulate Br Leo on his 60 years of faithful service as a Carmelite, pray in thanksgiving for his life and service and pray God’s blessing on him for many years to come.

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Lenten Program

Two members of our Parish Leadership & Exploration Group have generously agreed to lead a prayer/discussion group, following a well developed program, at each of our churches each week during Lent. Ann Rochford will lead the group at **St Joseph’s Hall on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, beginning Thursday 6 March**. Sally Diserio will lead a group at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (in the meeting room – the “Elijah Chapel”) on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am, commencing Tuesday 11 March**.

I commend this initiative to you, not only for its intrinsic value but as a special Lenten commitment. I invite you to **“sign up” for one or other group by adding your name to the list at the back of each church**. Registrations will close on Sunday 2 March so that we can procure the required number of books necessary for participation in the program. There will be a cost of **\$10 per person** to cover the cost of the book.

Blessings for the week ahead.



Congratulations to Brent Wright on his Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at St Joseph’s last Sunday.

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The key dates for the 2025 Sacramentation Program for our non-Galilee participants are :

1st Reconciliation (Catechist – Sally)

Family Preparation Evening – Thursday 13 March, 7pm St Joseph’s Hall
1st Reconciliation celebration – Thursday 10 April, 7pm St Joseph’s Church

Confirmation (Catechist – Sally)

Family Preparation Evening – Thursday 31 July 7pm St Joseph’s Hall
Rehearsal – Wednesday 27 August 7pm Sts Peter & Paul Church (TBC)
Sacramental celebration – Tuesday 2 September 6pm St Patrick’s Cathedral

1st Eucharist (Catechist – Aimee)

Family Preparation Evening – Tuesday 26 August, 7pm O’Connor/Pilkington room at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Middle Park
Sacramental celebration – Sunday 5 October, 10:30am OLMC

The 2025 Enrolment Forms are available on our website www.sj-mc.org.au.

CARMELITE REFLECTION:

Blessings & Woes

Over the next three Sundays we will listen to almost the whole of Luke's Sermon on the Plain. Luke has used Matthew's Sermon on the Mount but changed and shortened it significantly. It is important to realise that both Sermons are more than only the Beatitudes which begin them.

In Luke, Jesus' words are addressed to the disciples, not to the gathered crowd, so we might think of the sermon as a teaching about discipleship.

The whole of the Sermon is quite confronting and challenging, especially those verses which form today's Gospel reading. The Sermon begins with four blessings and four woes.

At first glance it is very odd to call people who are poor, hungry, weeping and hated blessed, fortunate or happy. But we have to hear the words of Jesus in the context of the religious teaching and general thinking which belonged to his time. Then, it was generally thought that those who suffered these things were experiencing the effects of either their own personal sinfulness or that of an ancestor. Similarly, those with wealth, plenty of food and high status were considered blessed and rewarded by God.

In the beatitudes Jesus reverses this way of thinking and effectively says that the opposite is true: God is, in fact, on the side of the poor and suffering. They experience suffering through no fault of their own (e.g., sin), it is simply the situation in which they find themselves. As the woes ('Alas for you...') make clear, the rich have a great deal to lose. The poor and suffering are fortunate in Jesus' view because they have a need which the overflowing generosity of God can fill. They are in situations which attract God's impulse to save. The Kingdom of God is already among them.

All things being equal, being wealthy, well-fed, happy and enjoying a good reputation are perfectly desirable. But in Jesus' view all things are not equal. Often the poor are poor precisely because the rich are rich. The powerless suffer at the hands of those who have power and influence. 'The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer' is a saying that endures even to this day.

Throughout his Gospel, Luke has Jesus insist repeatedly on the need for his followers to embrace poverty and to be under no illusions about the danger of wealth. Those who remain possessed by their possessions and the privileges they bring are unable to receive the gift of salvation, but even they can join the blessed through their care of the poor.

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

OUR LITURGY

10:30am Live Music Mass: Music will be on a separate pew sheet.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE –
VERSES 1 - 3

HYMN TO JOY

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry,
2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee, Earth and heav'n re -
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing

1. Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee,
2. flect thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee,
3. ev - er blest, Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing,
4. stars be - gan; Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us,

1. O - p'ning to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
2. Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; Field and for - est,
3. O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther,
4. Bind - ing all with - in its span. Ev - er sing - ing,

1. sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
2. vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
3. Christ our broth - er, All who live in love are thine;
4. march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;

1. Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
2. Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.
3. Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.
4. Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, In the tri - umph song of life.

Text: 87 87 D; Henry van Dyke, 1852-1913, alt.
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapted by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

GLORY TO GOD

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, 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, amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the one who puts his trust in human beings,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the one who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

CURTIS STEPHAN

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 1 – BLESSED ARE THEY WHO HOPE IN THE LORD

Response: Blessed, blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not
the counsel of the wicked,
nor walks in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the company of the insolent,
but delights in the law of the LORD
and meditates on his law day and night. **Response**

He is like a tree
planted near running water,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves never fade.
Whatever he does, prospers. **Response**

Not so the wicked, not so;
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,
but the way of the wicked vanishes,
the way of the wicked vanishes. **Response**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CURTIS STEPHAN

APOSTLES CREED

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.
Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.
Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.
Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



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: BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven, my victory won.
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church. 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

CURTIS STEPHAN

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.

Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

CURTIS STEPHAN

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

CURTIS STEPHAN

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us, 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.**

COMMUNION HYMN:

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

VERSE I

John Foley

REFRAIN *Tranquil and slow*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though
man-y, through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this

Fine VERSES *Slightly faster with excitement*

one Lord. 1.Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or
2.Man - y the gifts, man - y the
3.Grain for the fields, scat-tered and

mp to Refrain

1.free, wo - man or man, no more
2.works, one in the Lord of all
3.grown, gath - ered to one, for all

Refrain: **Though the mountains may fall
and the hills turn to dust,
yet the love of the Lord will stand
as a shelter for all who will call on his name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God.**

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget his love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
he will not abandon you. **Refrain**

Should you turn and forsake him,
he will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from him,
he will always take you back. **Refrain**

As he swore to your fathers,
when the flood destroyed the land,
he will never forsake you;
he will swear to you again. **Refrain**

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