



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.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C - 16 MARCH 2025

Dear sisters and brothers,

In my homily last week (not that I expect you to remember it even if you heard it), I referred to Jesus' temptations in the desert as a time in which he committed himself to his basic direction/orientation in life – or his mission. This mission of bringing all people to glory in God's kingdom with him was to be achieved through his commitment to a fully human life, with all the pain and struggle, disappointment and ultimately death which human life involves, along with its joys along the way. Jesus' commitment to achieving his mission in this fully human way was something he would have to recommit himself to many times throughout his life as he felt pain and struggle and disappointment along the way. Last Sunday's Gospel alluded to the fact that Jesus would have to recommit himself again and again to his mission by fully embracing his humanity when, at the end of the devil's unsuccessful attempts to tempt Jesus in the desert, we were told that the devil *would return at the appointed time* to tempt him again. Implicit in today's Gospel story of Jesus' glorious transfiguration on the mountain is that this is one of those appointed times.

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus took his three select disciples – Peter, James and John – up a mountain to pray and in this time of prayer he had an experience of his divine glory as he was transfigured. In this experience, the two greatest prophets of the Old Testament, Moses and Elijah also appeared to him in the glory of God's kingdom. In the course of their turbulent ministries among the people, both Moses and Elijah had also had their own special and fleeting experiences of union with God in glory. Both their experiences occurred on Mount Sinai. For Moses, when he asked God to *Show me your glory*, when he was struggling to get the people to follow the Law which God had revealed to him, God directs him to *a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and when my glory passes by, I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed, then I shall take away my hand, and you shall see my back.* (Exodus 33:17-23). Elijah, while fleeing from the anger of King Ahab, arrives at Sinai, deeply afraid and discouraged and he experiences God, not in the mighty wind or the earthquake or the fire, but in **Continued on pg 4**
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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

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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

Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Baptism - Vacant

First Reconciliation - Sally Diserio

First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen

Confirmation - Sally Diserio

Safeguarding Officer

Frances Correa

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Primary School

Bank Street, South Melbourne 3205

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THIS WEEK

Monday 17 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 18 March

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 19 March - FEAST OF ST JOSEPH,

followed by morning tea in St Joseph's Hall

10.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 20 March

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 21 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 22 March

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 23 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Kitty Brady, Bradford Bratton, Angela Cochill, Paul Derrington, Maureen Dickason, Pauline Flint, Lindsay Flint, Jill Foster, Lisa Healy, Bobby Lever, Gina Nardello, Mrs Loh, Ingrid Ohleiter, Maria Ohleiter, Rafal Rafalski, Ailbe Sheehy, Jim Sullivan & Rachel Szeto.

Those who have died recently: Celia Hughes, Michael Elliott, Geraldene Julia (Julie) Murphy, Luigina (Gena) Nardella.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Kathleen Collins, Stephen Kirley, Rita Duggan McDonald, Br Eugene Sharkey, Br Paul Sun, Seamus Walsh & Carmelites Enda Carney & David De Loughrey.

IN OUR PARISH



FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

The Feast of St Joseph will be celebrated on **Wednesday, 19 March 2025** with a morning mass commencing at the later time of **10am** at St Joseph's, Port Melbourne.

Mass will be followed by morning tea in St Joseph's Hall. Please join with the Carmelites and other parishioners to celebrate this occasion. All welcome.

Parish Ladies Dinner

Our next dinner is
Wednesday, 19 March 2025, 6.00pm
at **Clare Castle Hotel, Port Melbourne.**
Meal and drinks at each lady's expense.

To RSVP, please contact Susie Denholm via:
Email: susiedenholm25@gmail.com
Mobile: 0417 252 544

Numbers are capped at 20;
book early to avoid disappointment.
All welcome!

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 615.00
Credit Card	\$ 1,115.00
Direct Credit	\$ 1,733.20
Loose Plate	\$ 1,043.25
Tap & Go	\$ 285.00
Total	\$4,791.45



MINISTRIES

22-23 March 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Tris Tanumihardjo

Reader: Mark Leonard

Offertory: Janine Brodie

Communion: Tris Tanumihardjo

Music: Janine Brodie

Sacristan: Tris Tanumihardjo

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Brian Harrison

Reader: Ron Cassano

Offertory: Frances Correa

Communion: Danielle Craievich

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Music: Margaret Smith

Hospitality: Elaine Chaffer

Sacristan: Rob Winduss

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Denis Churkovich

Reader: Nina Batsakis

Offertory: Nina Batsakis

Communion: Kathleen Kiernan

Music: Choir / Peter Russo

Hospitality: Denis Churkovich

Sacristan: Peter Russo

Communion to the Sick:

Marlene Carlin 23-29 Mar 2025

DONATIONS

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the sound of "sheer silence" (1 Kings 19:11-13). These experiences, fleeting though they were, encouraged both Moses and Elijah to recommit themselves to their respective missions.

The transfiguring experience of Jesus, related in today's Gospel, also occurs on a mountain (Mount Hermon, in the southern part of Israel, and considered the equivalent of Mount Sinai in the north). It is a fleeting experience which Peter wanted, naturally enough, to make ongoing by building tents so that Jesus, Moses and Elijah could remain in this glorified state. However, no sooner had he suggested this than the experience ended with Jesus left alone and a voice from the cloud saying: *This is my son, the Chosen One, listen to him.* What is significant, though, is that while in their transfigured state, Jesus, Moses and Elijah were talking about Jesus' passing, which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. In other words, they were talking about his passion, death and resurrection by which he would ultimately fulfil his mission. His transfiguration was an experience which Jesus could have been tempted to use his divine power to make ongoing, but he recommitted himself to fulfilling his mission by living the fully human life by which his ultimate glory would be achieved and in which we would share.

If we listen to Jesus, particularly in prayer, then we too may at times sense his glory, but we will also recommit ourselves to following his way and dedicating ourselves to the love and service of others, whatever the challenges, setbacks, disappointments and difficulties involved.

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Bishop's Visitation

Bishop Tony Ireland will be conducting a Visitation of our parish from Friday 28 to Sunday 30 March.

Apart from visiting Galilee Primary School, meeting with me and the Parish staff and those involved in various ministries and committees of the parish and visiting some sick or homebound people, he also would like to meet with parishioners at a **Parish Forum on the morning of Saturday 29 March from 11am-12:30pm.** This Forum will be held in St Joseph's Hall and will NOT include the Parish Priest or Parish Staff. An invitation to attend this forum is extended to ALL parishioners, so please consider attending and mark it in your diary. Bishop Tony will also celebrate each of the Masses in the Parish that weekend.

Those involved in key ministries in the parish – Liturgical and Catechetical, Safeguarding, Food Cupboard are also invited to meet with Bishop Tony at **4pm**

on Friday 28 March. The Finance Council will meet with him at 5pm and then the Parish Leadership & Exploration Group over dinner **all in St Joseph's Parish Hall on 28 March.** I think most people involved in these various groups are aware of these arrangements, but please mark them in your calendars, as applicable, **along with the Parish Forum on 29 March 11:00am-12:30pm in St Joseph's hall.** The **St V de P** will meet with him at **10am on Saturday 29 March** in St Joseph's hall, prior to the Parish Forum.

Restoration of the Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's Church.

Even with the progress that has been made to date on this project, it is evident that the end result is going to be quite remarkable. We are very grateful to the parishioner, wishing to remain anonymous, who is underwriting the project, which is a very expensive one. If anyone else, however, would like to make a contribution to the project, you would be very welcome. To do so, contact the Parish Office or go to the parish website, www.sj-mc.org.au, activate the "Donate" button on the home page and select "Restoration of Stations of the Cross" in the Payment Details.

Farewell Luigina (Gena) Nardella

Long -time parishioner of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Gena died peacefully on Friday 7 March after some months of illness. Her Funeral Service will be held next Monday, 17 March, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 10am. Of recent years, as she became more frail, she received Holy Communion each week from one or other of our Ministers of Communion to the Sick, who provide a much appreciated service. Gena was a very gracious lady, loved by all who knew her. May she rest in peace.

Welcome Fr Paul Gurr

Paul has recently joined the Carmelite Community at Port Melbourne. He is now retired but you may know him by reputation for his wonderful musical talents which have resulted in recordings of a number of familiar hymns such as "Come as you are", which we often sing. Welcome Paul!

Blessings for the week ahead.



IN OUR PARISH

Safeguarding News

WEBSITE UPDATES

We have updated our website with the current safeguarding policy, code of conduct, antidiscrimination and racism and record keeping policies which are to be read along with the safeguarding policy. You can find these under the Safeguarding tab on the website.

POLICE CHECKS

Counters and Communion to the sick ministers need to have a police check done once in 3 years. We have most of the police checks expiring in early April, so new applications need to be made. You will receive an email with the form and instructions. Please complete the forms along with supporting paperwork. We are here to help if you need. To make it easy for you, we will make copies and organize the signing of your documents. Hard copies of the form will also be made available at the back of the church. Completed **forms will** need to be handed over to the parish office.

Thanks for your co-operation.

The Safeguarding Committee

Parish Men's Dinner

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

Cost: Meal and drinks at attendee's expense.
Speaker: Port Melbourne resident, Graham Turner

Graham will speak on "Living a life with blindness".

If you are interested in attending or to RSVP by Friday 21 March 2025, please contact Brian Rochford:

Mobile / SMS : 0404 056 542
Email: bfrchford@bigpond.com

All welcome !

Food Cupboard

The Food Cupboard is running low and donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated:

- Small packets of sugar
- Jam
- Honey
- Long Life Full Cream Milk
- Small Jars of Coffee
- Dry biscuits
- Sweet Biscuits
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toothpaste

Thank-you for your support.



Port Melbourne/Middle Park Parish

Lent and Easter Timetable 2025

Lenten Reconciliation Service - Tuesday 8 April

9.00am: St Joseph's

Lenten Reconciliation Service - Wednesday 9 April

7.00pm: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Palm/Passion Sunday - 12/13 April

5:00pm: Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:00am: Mass at St Joseph's

10:30am: Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Holy Thursday - 17 April

There will be NO morning mass

7:00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Joseph's

Good Friday - 18 April

There will be NO morning mass

3:00pm: Friday of the Passion of the Lord – Both Churches

Holy Saturday - 19 April

There will be NO morning mass

7:00pm: Easter Vigil Mass and ceremonies at Our Lady of Mount Carmel - *note time change*

Easter Sunday - 20 April

9:00am: Mass at St Joseph's

10:30am: Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

CARMELITE REFLECTION:

Transfiguration

This Sunday's Gospel of the Transfiguration completes the 'little parable' formed by the Gospels of the first two Sundays of Lent.

These Gospels tell us what Lent is about and what Christian life is about: a journey from temptation and doubt to transfiguration and faith. A journey away from allowing ourselves to be tempted to evil, and towards allowing ourselves to be tempted to good by the action of God's Holy Spirit within us.

As the 'Chosen One' Jesus will let God's glory be fully seen in the resurrection. On the one hand, this Gospel looks forward to the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. On the other, it invites us to reflect on our journey from temptation to transfiguration.

The journey Jesus undertakes does not end in death, but in life. Through prayer we remain in contact with the heart of God which allows God's love to transform and transfigure us and to 'burst forth' in goodness. That's how we allow the glory of God to be seen in us and through us.

Transfiguration means to be shot-through with the presence of God. Being transfigured is about allowing the presence of God to completely transform us; it's a revolution of mind and heart driven by God's Spirit and enabled by our open heartedness.

Our life as Christians is about being transfigured by the Spirit of God so that God is seen in, and experienced through, us.

It takes faith and perseverance to dare to allow ourselves to be tempted by the passion, hope and vision of God rather than our own desires and wants. It takes great faith to trust in God's word to us. But if we do, the living word of the Chosen One forms in us the heart of God.

*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: ASHES TOM CONRY

We rise again from ashes, from the good we've failed to do.
We rise again from ashes, redeemed, O Lord, by you.
Our penance, Lord, our sorrow, our grieving hearts renew,
an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

Then raise us up from ashes, your healing ease our pain.
Though spring has turned to winter, and sunshine turned to rain,
your rain will use for growing and create our world anew—
of an offering of ashes, an offering to you.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 27 - THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

**Response: The Lord is my light, the Lord is my light,
the Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The Lord is my life's refuge;
Of whom should I be afraid? **Response**

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek,
to dwell in the house of the Lord
all of the days of my life,
that I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord
and contemplate his temple. **Response**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord with courage;
Be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord! **Response**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

My brothers and sisters, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

STEVE ANGRISANO/TOM TOMASZEK

Refrain: Glory to you, O Word of God.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, O Word of God.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.



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: ON EAGLE'S WINGS

MICHAEL JONCAS

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

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

STEVE ANGRISANO/TOM TOMASZEK

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,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

ED BOLDUC

We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection
until you come again, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

STEVE ANGRISANO

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.

COMMUNION HYMN:

HERE I AM LORD

DAN SCHUTTE

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **Refrain**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

**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.**

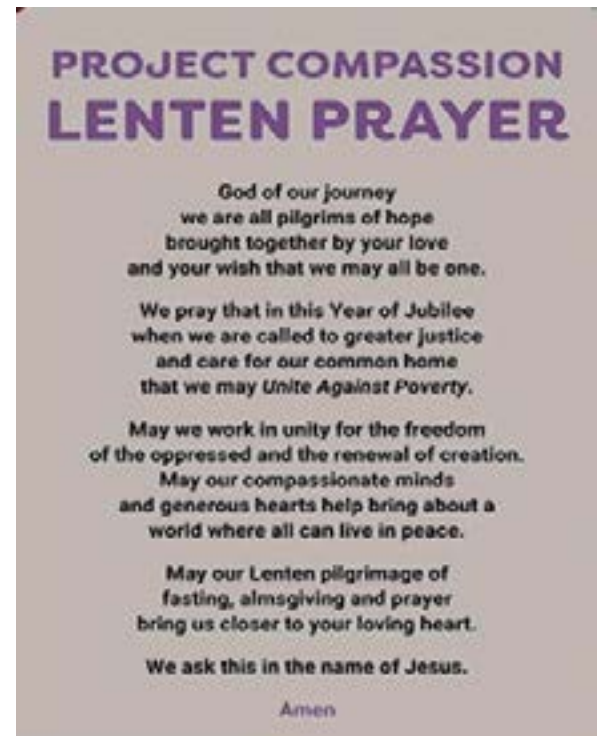
1. Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders God has done in every age. **Refrain**

2. Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might;
every heart every nation call him Lord. **Refrain**

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

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PROJECT COMPASSION:



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COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent
15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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