



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.*

20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 17 AUGUST 2025

Dear sisters and brothers,

We are confronted today by a very challenging Gospel Reading from St Luke. In contrast to the “peace” that we associate with Jesus, so often referred to either directly or indirectly in the Gospels, today we hear him say he that he has come not to bring peace, but division. How are we to reconcile this apparent contradiction in the life and ministry of Jesus?

According to Scripture Scholar, Brendan Byrne SJ, a clue is to be had in the contrast between Luke’s account of the angels singing to the shepherds at Jesus’ birth: *Glory to God in the highest, and, on earth, **peace** to those who enjoy God’s favour* (2:14) and then later, at his Presentation in the Temple, Simeon says to Mary: *this child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, destined to be **a sign that will be rejected**, so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare* (2:34-35).

In other words, Luke is telling his late 1st century Christian community, who are already starting to suffer persecution at the hands of the Romans, that the peace that Jesus brings is not a “wishy washy”, “feel good” thing, but rather something that results from a true conversion of heart. Such a conversion of heart can bring deep-seated prejudices, insecurities and values contrary to the gospel to the surface. When these “secret thoughts” are “laid bare”, confronted and healed, and commitment to the Way of Jesus is strengthened, this can lead to opposition, even rejection, by those otherwise near and dear to us. This would have been the case in many early Christian communities whereby those converted to Christianity would have been at odds even with members of their own families. The “peace” that such people would experience would have been that inner peace that comes from being true to oneself and one’s own conscience and convictions. Luke, then, is encouraging his early Christian community to hold firm to their conviction of being called to follow the Way of Jesus and the values associated with it, even in the face of persecution from hostile rulers as well as opposition from others whom they love dearly.

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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
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(CLOSED MONDAYS & THURSDAYS)

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Cathy Garbellini

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THIS WEEK

Monday 18 August

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 19 August

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 20 August

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 21 August

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 22 August

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 23 August

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil, Mt Carmel

Sunday 24 August

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: James Arnold, Geraldo Bacelar, Kitty Brady, Vaughan Carlin, Brendan Coburn, Angela Cochill, John Condon. Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Maria Do Ceu, Fr Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Kathie Fennell, Lindsay Flint, Pauline Flint, Jill Foster, Cinthia Furcanetto, Justine Grahame, Lisa Healy, Sylvie Lagane, Tony Lagane, Bob Lever, Mr Loh, Mrs Loh, Gerald Lopes, Hazel McKay, Marcello Marasco, Lisa Morrison, Maria loc Nguyen, Ingrid Ohleiter, Maria Ohleiter, Pina Orientale, Mr. Passareti, Julieta Pereira, Paul Quattrocelli, Rafal Rafalski, Tony Robinson, Maria Sekeme, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Emmanuelle Somerset-Beauverie, Maria Speziale, Jim Sullivan, Rachel Szeto, Yvon Thanet, Kyler Tolongs, Bill Toohey, Bridget Toohey, Henry Verhoeven & Ruth Wrathall.

Those who have died recently: Gigi Falckh, Elizabeth Szabo & Terence Vaughan.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Stephen Baker, Kate Ferrier, Jonathon Wilks & Carmelites Brocard Leybourne, Charley Haughey, & Tarcisius Licari.

IN OUR PARISH

Parish Ladies Dinner

Our next dinner is
Wednesday, 20 August 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
All welcome!

Parish Men's Dinner

Tuesday, 26 August 2025, 6.45pm
at **Bleakhouse Hotel, Albert Park**
97 Beaconsfield Parade (cnr Victoria Ave)
Meal & drinks at attendee's expense.

Speaker: Mark Murnane, principal of Murnane Legal, will give us a presentation on Estate Planning. If you are interested in attending, please contact Brian Rochford by **Friday, 22 August 2025:**

- phone or text: 0403 056 542
- email: bfrochford@bigpond.com

All welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 28 Aug, 7pm - Parish meeting at St Joseph's Hall

Sunday 31 Aug, 9am - Mass at St Joseph's followed by Morning Tea to celebrate Fr Hugh Brown's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 410.00
Credit Card	\$ 915.00
Direct Credit	\$ 1,648.45
Loose Plate	\$ 901.25
Tap & Go	\$ 430.00
Total	\$ 4,304.25



MINISTRIES

23-24 August 2025
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Rosie Joyce
Reader: Mark Leonard
Offertory: Abramo Ierardo
Communion: Abramo Ierardo
Music: Tris Tanumihardjo
Sacristan: Abramo Ierardo

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Brian Harrison
Reader: Ron Cassano
Offertory: Aoife Ling
Communion: Cathy Garbellini
Counters: Brian Harrison & Toni Stuart
Music: Elaine Chaffer
Hospitality: Cathy Garbellini
Sacristan: Rob Winduss

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Kathleen Kiernan
Reader: Nina Batsakis
Offertory: Br Daryl Moresco
Communion: Br Daryl Moresco
Music: Choir / Peter Russo
Hospitality: Jackie & John Tidey
Sacristan: Peter Russo

Communion to the Sick:

Kathy Mount - 24 -30 Aug 2025

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Jesus' reference to the "fire" he has come to bring to the earth is a reference to the Holy Spirit and the "baptism" he is still to receive is a reference neither to his baptism by John the Baptist nor sacramental Baptism as we know it, but to the suffering and death he is to experience in Jerusalem which, nonetheless, will bring about his resurrection – and thus: *how great is my distress till it is over!*

As we ponder today's Gospel, may we be strengthened in our commitment to following the Way of Jesus and to living our lives in hope of the resurrection.

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Archbishop's Campaign

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is being conducted in our parish **at all Masses this weekend**. I encourage you to support, if possible, this campaign because it helps fund the following ministries of the Archdiocese:

- John Pierce Centre – supporting ministry to the deaf;
- Melbourne Overseas Missions – a humanitarian organisation of the Archdiocese that provides funding, material good and volunteer personnel to partner Catholic dioceses and parishes in developing countries;
- University of Divinity Building Fund – supporting theological education of both clergy and laity (Carmelites studying in Australia for ministry do so through the University of Divinity);
- Grants to Catholic community agencies and community service organisations;
- The Archbishop's various evangelisation initiatives.

The first four of the elements of the campaign outlined above attract Tax Deductibility.

Using one of the special Campaign envelopes that you will find on the pews for your donation will ensure you receive a receipt. **Please give as generously as you can.**

Confirmation next weekend

- Two adults, Cristina Garcia and Carlos Garcia Daroca, who have recently joined our parish and attend Mass at St Joseph's Church, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 9am Mass next Sunday.
- Young people, other than those attending Galilee Catholic Primary School, who have been preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on 2 September at St Patrick's Cathedral along with the Galilee children, will make their commitment to living their Baptismal calling at the 10:30am Mass at OLMC next Sunday, supported by their parents and sponsors.

Please keep Cristina and Carlos and the children, along with their parents and

sponsors, in your prayers.

Congratulations Kathy and Pat Mount

Kathy (current President of our St V de P Conference) and Pat have both been successfully nominated for the Vinnies "A Call to Serve" Award, in recognition of their great work and partnership in reaching out to the poor and needy in our area over an extended period of time. They are to receive their Award next Saturday, 23 August, during Mass at St Clare's Church, North Box Hill. Congratulations Kathy and Pat on this richly deserved recognition for the great work you do, along with your Vinnies' colleagues – and a big "Thank you" to you all from all of us.

Parish Meeting

This important annual meeting, which **all parishioners are invited and encourage to attend**, will take place in **St Joseph's Hall at 7pm on Thursday 28 August**. The Agenda will include:

- Report from the Parish Priest.
- Finance Report.
- Consideration of Draft Parish Vision Statement and Guidelines for the formation of a Parish Pastoral Council (This document will be available next weekend so that people might be prepared to discuss it at the meeting).
- Discussion of recent developments about collaboration between our parish and our neighbours at St's Peter and Paul parish, South Melbourne.
- General Business

Regarding the issue about collaboration with our neighbouring parish in South Melbourne referenced above, Bishop (now Archbishop) Tony Ireland raised this in his Visitation of the parish earlier in the year. There have also been recent discussions about this between both the Carmelite and Capuchin Provincials. (The Capuchin Friars are responsible for the Pastoral Care of the South Melbourne parish). In addition the Vicar General of the Melbourne Archdiocese has had recent discussions about this with Fr Eldridge D'Souza, Administrator of Sts Peter & Paul parish, and myself. We are being urged, as part of the Archdiocesan evangelisation program, *Take the Way of the Gospel*, to explore ways in which we might more closely collaborate in our common mission that could enhance our effectiveness.

Blessings for the week ahead.



THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE

Let's stretch our souls - exploring the commandment namely: "...that you love one another as I have loved you." [John 15:12].



The aim of this face-to-face discussion group is to help us better understand the commandment and to practice what it means to live that commandment today.

Participants will each bring their own knowledge, experience and reflections to share with each other so that we can learn from and teach each other.

When and where:

It will be held monthly on the last Tuesday of every month, at 11.15am – 12.45pm in the **Carmelite library, Richardson St, Middle Park.**

Session dates:

1. Tuesday 26 August – Love your God
2. Tuesday 30 September – Love yourself
3. Tuesday 28 October – Love your neighbour
4. Tuesday 25 November – How do we live this commandment

Session 1. Tuesday 26 August 11.15am

You shall love your God with all your heart, with all your soul with all your strength and with all your mind.

Who is your God? How do you know your God? How do you 'love' your God?

Session 2. Tuesday 30 September 11.15 am.

Love your neighbour as yourself. This session will focus on love of yourself. Do you know yourself? How is your self formed? Do you love yourself?

Session 3. Tuesday 28 October 11.15 am.

Love your neighbour.

Who is your neighbour? Does love of others whom I do not know differ from the love I have for my family and friends and if so how? How can I show this love?

Session 4. Tuesday 25 November 11.15 am.

How do we live today in accordance with this commandment?

What does it require to live this commandment? How do I prepare myself? How would I recognise myself as a tool for Jesus' message?

Registration:

Please register on the Carmelite Centre website: .

<https://www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org/events2/>

This will allow us to provide any information required

2025 FIRST EUCHARIST

Non Galilee candidates in grade 4 or higher are invited to enrol for the 2025 First Eucharist Program.

- **Enrolments close:** Thursday, 21 August 2025
- **Family Preparation Night: Compulsory** - Tuesday 26 August, 7pm O'Connor/Pilkington room at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Middle Park
- **Commitment Mass & Rehearsal: Compulsory** - Sunday, 31 August 2025, 10:30am, Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Middle Park
- **Sacrament:** Sunday 5 October, 10:30am Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Middle Park

The 2025 Enrolment Forms are available on our website www.sj-mc.org.au. Enrolment forms are available at the bottom of the Home Page of the parish website: <https://sj-mc.org.au/>.

CARMELITE REFLECTION

Reflection - Being prepared, remaining faithful

Sometimes we can be overwhelmed by life. Feelings of fear, uncertainty and anxiety bubble away beneath the surface. Sometimes, those feelings reach the surface in an explosion of words and actions.

In this Gospel passage we encounter the startling image of Jesus in distress and anguish over his mission and what he is yet to face. His statement that he, the Prince of Peace, has not come to bring peace, but division, is confronting.

Right at the beginning of this passage, Jesus says he has come to bring fire to the earth and wishes it were blazing already. The 'fire' Jesus talks about is the fire of the Holy Spirit; the fire that melts away all that is not of God. But the Holy Spirit won't be given until after Jesus has faced and endured his destiny (passion and death) in Jerusalem. Perhaps we, who now live with the presence of the Spirit, need to ask, 'What has yet to be melted away so that only the real presence of God remains in us, purified of greed, ambition, selfishness, and so on? We could also ask, 'Where is the passion of God in my life?'

Jesus also speaks about a 'baptism' he must yet receive. It is not the sacrament of baptism he means. 'Baptism' was a biblical word used to describe turbulent and potentially overwhelming events which, like a roiling sea, threaten to engulf us. Again, it is a reference to his approaching suffering and death. Jesus is distressed and clearly wishes it was already over.

Following from last Sunday's Gospel, the disciple is called not only to stand ready and stay faithful to his employment (call), but also to stand firm in the face of opposition. Peace is not to be won at any price (e.g. compromising God's word).

Christians should never expect that discipleship makes life easy. Far from delivering us from the difficulties of life, our discipleship is more inclined to plunge us into the difficult and confronting issues which affect us and those around us. There will be division and discord an account of the Word that is preached and the values that we hold – sometimes even among those who are closest to us.

To share Jesus' baptism is to share with him in his passion and resurrection. It carries significant responsibilities (remaining faithful to God's word) and sometimes means that we are misunderstood or even punished for meeting those responsibilities. To follow Jesus is to speak God's word, in what we say and in our actions.

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

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround You,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

GLORIA

Mass of Creation: Marty Haugen

**Refrain: Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

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! **Refrain**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 40 - LORD, COME TO MY AID!

Response: Lord, come to my aid, Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me. **Response**

The LORD heard my cry.
He drew me out of the pit of destruction,
out of the mud of the swamp;
he set my feet upon a crag;
he made firm my steps. **Response**

And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.
Many shall look on in awe
and trust in the LORD. **Response**

Though I am afflicted and poor,
yet the LORD thinks of me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O my God, hold not back! **Response**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

DAN SCHUTTE

Refrain: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Your words, oh Lord, are spirit and light
You have the word of everlasting life. **Refrain**

GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



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 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE (JUBILEE SONG 2025)

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

**Refrain: Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**

Every nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son. **Refrain**

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heaven and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free. **Refrain**

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him. **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, HOLY

DAN SCHUTTE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

LAMB OF GOD

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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: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

JOHN FOLEY

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew,
Servant or free,
Woman or man no more. **Refrain**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

DAN SCHUTTE, BOB DUFFORD

**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.**

1. Could the Lord ever leave you?

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

2. Should you turn and forsake him,
he will gently call your name.

Should you wander away from him,
he will always take you back.

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

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