



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.***

Fifth Sunday of Lent - 17 March 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

In the 1st Reading this weekend, we hear the Prophet Jeremiah giving heart and hope to the Israelites in their exile in Babylon. This state of affairs is interpreted as God punishing the people and teaching them a lesson for their infidelity to the solemn agreement – the “Covenant” – as outlined in the “Law” (the 10 Commandments) that God had given them through Moses on Mount Sinai.

Jeremiah reassures them, however, that God will make a “new covenant” with them. This new covenant will not be written on stone tablets, like that handed down through Moses, but it will be written “on their hearts” and planted “deep within them”. This new covenant is based on the personal loving relationship God will establish with each of them and in doing so “will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind”. This new covenant relationship will, as we know, be established through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

In today’s Gospel from St John, we hear that when Jesus went up for the festival in Jerusalem, some Greeks indicated that they wanted to “see Jesus”. When this request is conveyed to Jesus, it prompts him to reflect on what “seeing him” involves. He uses the parable about the grain of wheat needing to die in order to “yield a rich harvest”. In his own case, this will involve literally dying on the cross. However, this is necessary in order for him to rise from the dead to eternal glory.

Jesus goes on to say that anyone who claims to “serve him” must enter into the same dynamic of dying to self in order to rise to eternal glory: *wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him (or her) ... And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men (people) to myself.*

So, the new covenant that is planted deep within us, written on our hearts, is the personal loving relationship with Jesus extended to each of us. This includes the “Greeks”, that is, non Israelites as well as Israelites. This relationship, this new covenant, enables us, like Jesus, to offer our lives in loving service to others. In so doing, we share in his glory.

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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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Friday - 9am-12pm

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THIS WEEK

Monday 18 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 19 March

9.00am **Feast of St Joseph incorporating Lenten**

Reconciliation Service, St Joseph's

followed by morning tea.

11.00am **Requiem Mass** for Mrs Gayl Hindle, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 20 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

7.00pm Lenten Reconciliation Service, Mt Carmel

Thursday 21 March - Harmony Day

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 22 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 23 March

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 24 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: Victor Acciarito, Patrick Achiam, Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Grace Callaghan, Mary Hong Cao, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Paul Cox, Daphnie Cramer, Grace Cumming, Mary Dalli, Michael De Nittis, Maureen Dickason, Leonie Dimes, Bernadette Falckh, Gigi Falk, Lyn Falk, Maria Fatima, Rebecca Fernando, Tony Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, John Fuller, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Evelyn Greach, Brendan Gurry, Maureen Gurry, George Grzyb, Nova Hack, Bernardine Hagan, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Darren Harland, Chin Hsia, Portia Hendrick, Carol Higginson, Jason Ho, Marija Jelinic, Sr Martin Jones, Margaret Lopes, Les Lugowski, Christine Lyell, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquieren, Ian McLachlan, Marta Menjivar, Alba Middleton, Sam Neill, Maria Loc Nguyen, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Dennis Rohan, Jill Ridge, Michael Risteviski, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Carti Somerset-Beauverie, Dorothea Spencer, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Angela Triglar, Julieanne Wharton & Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently: Geraldo Colarusso, Hilda Delaney.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time:

Kathleen Collins & Carmelite David De Loughrey.

IN OUR PARISH



Welcome to our Family

This Sunday, we welcome:

Leonardo Martinez

as he receives the

Sacrament of Baptism at
St Joseph's, Port Melbourne.

Please keep Leonardo, his parents,
godparents & family in your prayers.

Parish Men's Dinner

Date: Wednesday, 27 March 2024

Time: 6.45pm

Venue: O'Connor-Pilkington Room,
OLMC, Middle Park

Cost: \$40.00 pp

Speaker: Michael Rochford (Computerised 3D printing technology and its application to heavy industry).

To **RSVP** or if you want more information, please contact Brian Rochford on:

Mobile: 0403 056 542

Email: bfrochford@bigpond.com)

Parish Ladies Dinner

The next Parish Ladies Dinner is
Wednesday, 27 March at 6.00pm.

at Clare Castle Hotel, Port Melbourne.

If you are interested in attending,
or would like more details,
please contact Pauline Semmens on
mob: 0478 224 624.

Numbers are capped at 20
so book early to avoid disappointment.
Meal & Drinks at own expense.

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes \$ 290.00

Credit Card \$ 575.00

Direct Credit \$ 791.75

Loose Plate \$ 608.75

Tap & Go \$ 240.00

Monthly \$ 1,000.00

Total \$ 3,505.50



MINISTRIES

23/24 March 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF PASSION OF THE LORD

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: N/A

Readers:

- Mary Chow (Readings 1&2)
- Abramo Ierardo - Gospel P1
- Tris Tanumihardjo - Gospel P2

Offertory: Tris Tanumihardjo

Communion: Joe Chow

Music: Kelly McEnhill

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: N/A

Readers:

- Br Anacleto (Readings 1&2)
- Liz Northam - Gospel P1
- Brian Harrison - Gospel P2

Offertory: Terry Gurry

Communion: Jacek Glenda

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Music: Cathy Garbellini

Hospitality:

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: N/A

Readers:

- Mary Brady (Readings 1&2)
- Peter Thomas - Gospel P1
- Denis Churkovich - Gospel P2

Offertory: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Communion: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Music: Choir

Hospitality: Jackie & John Tidey

Communion to the Sick:

Marlene Carlin: 24-30 March

DONATIONS

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As our remembrance and celebration of Easter draws nearer, may we give thanks for the new covenant that is planted deep with us and written in our hearts and pray that we will grow in the personal loving relationship with Jesus which sees us give of our lives in loving service of others and thus share in the glory of the risen Jesus – both now and in eternity.

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Gayl Hindle's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 11am this **Tuesday 19 March** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. There will be **NO 9am Mass at OLMC on Tuesday morning.**

Feast of St Joseph – Tuesday 19 March.

Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday morning at 9am. This Mass will incorporate the Lenten Reconciliation Service for St Joseph's.

Lenten Reconciliation Service at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will be celebrated on **Wednesday 20 March at 7pm.**

Galilee 1st Reconciliation

Last Tuesday evening about 30 young students from Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School, consisting of families from the parishes of South Melbourne and Port Melbourne-Middle Park celebrated the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation. Congratulations to the children, their parents and teachers on the prayerful and reflective way in which they participated in this celebration.

Palm Sunday

Hard and all as it is to believe, Easter is almost upon us with the celebration of Holy Week, commencing next weekend with Palm Sunday. Palms will be blessed at each of our Masses. **All are invited to bring along their own greenery to be blessed** and to take it home with them as a remembrance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Christmas 2023 Giving Tree Appeal

The results of this Appeal were recently finalised and, combined with the profit from the Christmas Craft Stall sale, amounted to \$2,066.60. This amount was gratefully received by the Carmelites to support works in Timor-Leste. Many thanks to all for your generosity.

Blessings.



SAFEGUARDING - CODE OF CONDUCT

CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION

All volunteers need to sign a Code of Conduct Declaration once every 3 years. The Safeguarding committee (**Port Melbourne/Middle Park Safeguarding**) has emailed all volunteers whose code of conduct is expiring. The email contains necessary documentation and options to sign and return the Declaration. The easiest is by returning signed Declarations by email. In this case, paper copies are not required. However, if you prefer to complete a paper Declaration, these are available at the entrance of both churches. The email you receive gives options of how to return signed paper Declarations.

Please keep an eye out for the email and if you need help or have questions please email the safeguarding committee at sj-mc.safeguarding@cam.org.au

Thanks for your cooperation and support.
The Safeguarding Committee

PROJECT COMPASSION



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
16 & 17 March**





Partnership in action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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Port Melbourne/Middle Park Parish

Lent and Easter Timetable 2024

Feast of St Joseph Mass *incorporating* Lenten Reconciliation Service - Tuesday 19 March

9.00am: Mass at St Joseph's

Lenten Reconciliation Service - Wednesday 20 March

7.00pm: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Palm/Passion Sunday - 23/24 March

5:00pm: Vigil Mass at Mount Carmel

9:00am: Mass at St Joseph's

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

Holy Thursday - 28 March

There will be NO morning mass

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

Good Friday - 29 March

There will be NO morning mass

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

Holy Saturday - 30 March

There will be NO morning mass

8:00pm: Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel- *note time change*

Easter Sunday - 31 March

9:00am: Mass at St Joseph's

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

REFLECTION

A new bond of love and life

The first reading this Sunday tells us that our journey to transfiguration happens from within, by our hearts being changed. The prophet Jeremiah looks forward to a new covenant between God and his people. This covenant will not be written in stone, but in human hearts. This new covenant cannot be broken since God always forgives and never remembers our sins. It is in our hearts that we learn the truth about the strength of God's love for us and recognise ourselves as God's own people.

There is a lovely phrase in the preface of Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I which captures this sense: You have bound the human family to yourself through Jesus your Son, our Redeemer, with a new bond of love so tight that it can never be undone.

The words of John's Gospel help answer the question about how this covenant is made. God's love is revealed in a weak and suffering human being through whom God offers his own life as the pledge of love and forgiveness which seals this new covenant.

When some Greeks come asking to see Jesus he knows his preaching is complete and that 'the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified'.

Unless the grain of wheat dies, it remains all alone. If it dies it yields a 'rich harvest'. Jesus' death yields a rich harvest of followers with whom and in whom he is always present. We are not left to make the journey from temptation to transfiguration alone - Jesus is our constant companion. He is the way by which we get from one to the other.

Faith in (seeing) Jesus, draws us out of temptation and into transfiguration – to be the living presence of God in the world, the meeting places between human need and God's compassion, to be light and life for one another.

If we, too, 'want to see Jesus' we must look into our own hearts. It is there that God writes his law of love in the person of his Son. It is there that we discover the presence of One who loves us beyond death and who gently refashions us into the image and likeness of his Son.

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

OUR LITURGY


10:30am Mass Only - LIVE MUSIC MASS

ALL THE MUSIC FOR THE 10:30AM MASS WILL BE ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

VERSES 1 & 4

REFRAIN Bernadette Farrell




Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;



Son... of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

VERSES



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark-ness; you are the
2. You are the one whom proph-ets hoped and longed for; you are the
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser-vants; you are the
4. You are the Word who binds us and u-nites us; you are the



1. Word who leads us in-to light; you are the Word who
2. one who speaks to us to-day; you are the one who
3. Word whose on-ly law is love; you are the Word-made-
4. Word who calls us to be one; you are the Word who



1. brings us through the de-sert: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!
2. leads us to our fu-ture: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!
3. flesh who lives a-mong us: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!
4. teach-es us for-give-ness: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother or sister to say to brother or sister, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - PSALM 51 - CREATE A CLEAN HEART IN ME

Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me.

Response

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Response

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners shall return to you.

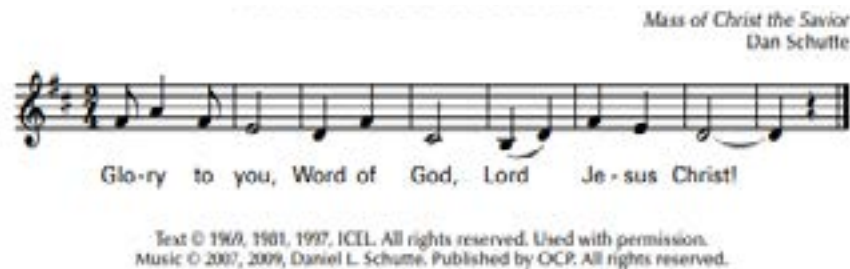
Response

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single
grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves their life loses it;

anyone who hates their life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a person serves me, they must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour them.
Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all people to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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

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 eagle's 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**

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

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, 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, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a -
gain, un-til you come a - gain,

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LAMB OF GOD

Mass of Christ the Savior
Dan Schutte

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.

Refrain

We re - mem - ber how you loved us to your death,
and still we cel - e - brate, for you are with us here;
and we be - lieve that we will see you when you come
in your glo - ry, Lord. We re - mem - ber, we
cel - e - brate, we be - lieve.

Verses

1. Here, a mil - lion wound - ed souls are
2. Now we re - cre - ate your love, we
3. Christ, the Fa - ther's great "A - men" to
4. See the face of Christ re - vealed in
yearn - ing just to touch you and be healed,
bring the bread and wine to share a meal,
all the hopes and dreams of ev - 'ry heart,
ev - 'ry per - son stand - ing by your side,
Gath - er all your peo - ple, and hold them to your heart.
Sign of grace and mer - cy, the pres - ence of the Lord.
Peace be - yond all tell - ing, and free - dom from all fear.
Gift to one an - oth - er, and tem - ples of your love.

1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:

Salt for the King - dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King - dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King - dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

life, O peo - ple: Life in the King - dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King - dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King - dom of God!
love our home - land: Love is the King - dom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the
King - dom of peace; Bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice,
Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is being celebrated on the **21 March 2024**.

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IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY,
WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL CHILDREN,
YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.**