



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.*

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 17 November 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

Take the fig tree as a parable, Jesus says in today's Gospel from St Mark. He goes on to say: **as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.**

Through this imagery, St Mark is encouraging the early Christian community, suffering much oppression and persecution in Rome, to be alert to the signs of God's presence among them amidst all the difficulties and challenges they are facing in remaining faithful to following the Way of Jesus and hopeful, in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds, to his promise that his kingdom will ultimately triumph.

But as for that day or hour, (when God's kingdom will ultimately prevail) nobody knows it, Jesus goes on to say ... neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.

Two thousand years later, these words seem as relevant as ever as we reflect on the situation of our world, with so many wars, so many people being oppressed and persecuted, so many going hungry, so many living in poverty, so many being deprived of basic education and health care, so many suffering injustices of one kind or another.

It's easy to be discouraged, despite our prayers and practical efforts to assist those in need to the extent we are able. We can easily succumb to feeling "what's the use; nothing will ever change" and either give up in despair or turn away from the current realities.

In this situation, Jesus says to look at the fig tree (or whatever plant or flower we choose to think of), note the new life which springs from it and see it as a parable/sign/symbol that the new life of God's kingdom of peace and unity, joy, forgiveness and reconciliation will dawn in the fullness of time, even though we have no idea of when that will be. In the meantime, our calling ***Continued on pg 4***
Both our Churches are fitted with a hearing induction loop. Please use the 'T' or other appropriate switch on your hearing aid. Please tell us if you experience any difficulty.

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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After Hours Phone Number
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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)

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THIS WEEK

Monday 18 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 19 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 20 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 21 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 22 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 23 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 24 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Patrick Achiam, Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Maurizio Bonizzoni, Dorina Butera, Grace Callaghan, Shirley Callaghan, Rita Colli, Mary Hong Cao, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Daphnie Cramer, Grace Cumming, Mary Dalli, Michael De Nittis, Anthony Dickason, 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, John Goral, Amelia Grace, Evelyn Greach, George Grzyb, Nova Hack, Bernardine Hagan, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Lincoln Hanland, Darren Harland, Chin Hsia, Portia Hendrick, Carol Higginson, Jason Ho, Steph Hudson, Marija Jelinic, Sr Martin Jones, Teresa Kwol, Paul Chan Yin Leung, Margaret Lopes, Austin Lorraine, Les Lugowski, Christine Lyell, Coco McMaster, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquiren, Ian MacLachlan, Maggie McKern, Marta Menjivar, Alba Middleton, Maria Loc Nguyen, Paul Nghi Cao Thanh, Caterina Orfanidis, Barry Paff, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Michael Risteviski, Dennis Rohan, Clara Romeo, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Frances Sheehy, Sash Carti Somerset-Beauverie, Dorothea Spencer, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Diane Thakur, Angela Triglar, Ria Van Lith, Julieanne Wharton & Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently. Bernard Comerford, John Drury, Graham Morrison & Theo Tijis,

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Rozalia Rafalska and Carmelites Thomas Kelly and Peter Davies.

IN OUR PARISH



Welcome to our Family

This Sunday, we welcome:

Milan Kasalo

as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism at St Joseph's.

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

Parish Ladies Dinner

Our next dinner is

Wednesday, 20 November 2024, 6.00pm

at **Clare Castle Hotel, Port Melbourne.**

Meal and drinks at each lady's expense.

To RSVP, please contact Ann Rochford via:

SMS to: 0435 023 534

Email: abroch@bigpond.net.au

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

All welcome !

Parish Men's Dinner

Date: **Wednesday, 27 November, 2024**

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

Cost: **\$40.00 pp**

Speaker: **Dr Steve Hodgkinson.** Steve holds, and has held, the role of Chief Information Officer for many major Victorian Government organisations. His presentation is titled "What is Artificial Intelligence and what could it look like in the future". Cost is \$40. If you would like more information or to **RSVP**, please contact Brian Rochford:

Mobile: 0404 056 542

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THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes \$ 460.00

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Loose Plate \$ 967.20

Tap & Go \$ 285.00

Total \$3,895.15



MINISTRIES

23-24 November 2024

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Kelly McEnhill

Reader: Pat Mount

Offertory: Kelly McEnhill

Communion: Kelly McEnhill

Music: Kelly McEnhill

Sacristan: Kelly McEnhill

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Ron Cassano

Reader: Tris Tanumihardjo

Offertory: Elaine Chaffer

Communion: Jacek Glenda

Counters: Ron & Sandra Cassano

Music: Frances Correa

Hospitality: Helen Lezala

Sacristan: Rob Winduss

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Mary Brady

Reader: Nina Batsakis

Offertory: Nina Batsakis

Communion: Sr Reba Woodwiss

Music: Choir / Kelly McEnhill

Hospitality: Peter Thomas

Sacristan: Kelly McEnhill

Communion to the Sick:

TBA: 25 Nov - 1 Dec

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is to take heart from the signs of God's presence among us even now, amidst all that seems contrary to it, and persevere in our efforts, in faith and hope, to live as people of his kingdom.

Let's be alert to these signs ... the goodness we do see in the many acts of kindness and generosity and self sacrifice which so many people exhibit and which we ourselves try to express. Let's take heart from these acts of love, see them as signs of God's presence in our lives and in our world, and persevere in our faith and hope that God's kingdom will come in its fullness in the fullness of God's time.

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We were saddened to learn of the death of long-time parishioner, **Bernard Comerford**, last Tuesday. We pray that he will rest peacefully in the loving embrace of God and we extend our sympathy and prayerful support to his wife, Margaret, and family. Bernard's funeral will be celebrated with Requiem Mass at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church** at 11am on Wednesday 20 November.

We also pray for former parishioner, **John Drury**, who also died this past week and whose funeral will also be celebrated with Requiem Mass at 10:30am on Wednesday 20th November, but at **St Joseph's Church**. May John also rest peacefully in the loving embrace of God. We also extend our sympathy and prayerful support to his wife, Dianne, and family.

**Archdiocesan Celebration – Journey To Jubilee 2025
Sunday 24 November 2024**

The following invitation from the Archdiocese has been extended to all parishes. If anyone would like to take up this invitation on behalf of our parish, please let Cathy (parish@sj-mc.org.au or 9681 9600) or me know.

*As we anticipate the opening of the Year of Jubilee 2025, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli extends an invitation to parishes and communities to an **Archdiocesan Celebration on Sunday 24 November 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral** to begin the Archdiocese of Melbourne's journey towards the Jubilee Year 2025 (which will be formally inaugurated on 29 December). Each parish and community is invited to send representatives to the **11.00am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral** in which they will be commissioned to return to their community and share the joy of the upcoming Jubilee Year. Mass will be followed by a **Festival in the Cathedral grounds** which will mark 'one year to go' until Australian Catholic Youth Festival that will be held in Melbourne next year.*

Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au

Blessings on all of us,



**A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF
NOVEMBER**



God of Compassion,
We remember with gratitude and love
all the people we have known and
who you have called home to yourself.

In this month of the holy souls
we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses
who have shaped us, inspired us, loved us and forgiven us.
We pray especially for our deceased family members,
knowing that they also pray for us.

We hold out to you
the millions who are dying because of war, famine,
disease and climate change.

We pray for refugees who die in search of safety.

May our sorrow encourage us to work for a more just world
where every life is treated with equal dignity.

Living and dead, we are all your family.
May your perpetual light shine on us all.

Amen.

Written by Michael McGirr

CARMELITE REFLECTION:

When the Son of Man appears

With the approach next Sunday of the Feast of Christ the King and the end of the Liturgical Year, our readings this Sunday take on an 'end times' feel.

In the Gospel Mark presents a vision of the full establishment of the Kingdom and the coming of Christ as the final proof of God's victory. The language is necessarily that of symbol and myth as it describes something yet to come, not an historical reality. But this does not mean that it has no relationship with reality.

The vision is set against the background of a time of distress. Early Christian communities, like Mark's, certainly endured much distress through persecution and suffering and their struggles to follow the teachings of Jesus.

The coming in glory of the risen Jesus together with the great gathering of his people from every corner of the earth, were meant as reassurance to a weary and frightened community of believers.

They have followed the way of discipleship, sharing in Jesus' suffering, some to the point of death. One day the final victory will be God's and they will enter with Jesus into the fullness of the Kingdom.

In the meantime, however, disciples have to learn to read the signs of the presence of Jesus in everyday life. Jesus is not sitting passively at God's right hand. Through the Holy Spirit he continues to be actively present in the hearts and lives of believers, and in the universe.

Neither are the disciples to wait passively for the final coming. We wait in patient hope, but not in idleness, because the ministry of making Christ present in every thought, word and action, and every moment of history, continues.

The Gospel ends on a note of uncertain certainty: Christ will come, but we don't know when.

*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: SEEK YE FIRST

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, Alleluia

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia

GLORIA

DAN SCHUTTE

**Refrain Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest
 And on Earth, peace on Earth, Peace to people of goodwill**

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

Refrain

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, the right of the Father
Have mercy on us

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

Refrain

Amen, amen.

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 16 - YOU ARE MY INHERITANCE, O LORD!

Response: You are my inheritance, O Lord.
You are my inheritance, O Lord.
You are my inheritance, O Lord.

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup,
you it is who holds fast my lot.
I set the LORD ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. **Response**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices,
my body, too, abides in confidence;
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption. **Response**

You will show me the path to life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever,
the delights at your right hand forever. **Response**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'



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: BE NOT AFRAID

BOB DUFFORD

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign men
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live

**Refrain: Be not afraid. I go before you always
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

And blessed are your poor
For the kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of me
Blessed, blessed are you. **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, holy, holy Lord, God of host
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

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

LAMB OF GOD

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.**

Dan Schutte

Refrain

Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta -
- ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we
need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

Verses

1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and
2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey; I come to
3. My bread will ev - er sus-tain you through days of
4. Your fields will flow - er in full-ness; your homes will

1. sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel-come the lost and
2. drink with - out price. My feast of glad-ness will feed your
3. sor - row and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of
4. flour - ish in peace. For I, the giv - er of home and

1. lone - ly to share the cup of my love.
2. spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.
3. glad-ness to flood the depths of your soul.
4. har-vest, will send my rain on the soil.

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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 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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NOTICEBOARD



Carols by Afternoon Light
Saturday 7 December, 3:00pm
Sts. Peter and Paul's Church,
377 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne
Tickets: \$35 - Standard
\$25 - Concession
Children 12 years and under - Free
<https://www.trybooking.com/CWNLO>

Join us for a heart-warming afternoon of festive music in the stunning setting of Melbourne's oldest and historic churches! Immerse yourself in the spirit of the season as we present a beautiful selection of traditional Christmas carols and enlightening songs of Hope. Performed by professional musicians and the Sts. Peter and Paul's Choir.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH



Parish Christmas Social

Thursday, 5 December 2024, 6.00pm - 8.30pm
St Joseph's Hall, Port Melbourne

See back page for more details.



Food Cupboard

The last Food Cupboard opening for this year will be held on **Friday, 6 Dec 2024**. The cupboard will reopen on **Friday, 7 Feb 2025**.

A huge THANKYOU to all the Volunteers & Parishioners and Community donors who have supported the Cupboard throughout the Year.



Advent Reconciliation Services

St Joseph's Tuesday, 10 December 2024, 9:00am

OLMC Wednesday, 11 December 2024, 7.00pm



Christmas Family Mass

Tuesday, 24 December 2024, 5.00pm
Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Middle Park

During this mass the children will perform the Nativity Pageant.

If your child would like to participate, please contact the parish office via email, parish@sj-mc.org.au or telephone **9681 9600**.

PARISH CHRISTMAS SOCIAL



Thursday 5th December 2024
6.00pm - 8.30pm
St Joseph's Hall, Port Melbourne
Cost : \$40.00 per person

Come along for a great night and take the opportunity to get to know other parishioners. Cost includes savoury & sweet Finger Food, Beer, Wine, Bubbles, Soft Drinks, Coffee/ Tea & a ticket to all the prizes:

- one **Raffle** ticket
- one **Lucky Door Prize** ticket
- one **Lucky \$50 Note** ticket

We need **PRIZES** for our raffle ! If you are able to donate a prize, please contact Cathy on 9681 9600 or leave it at the parish office.

To book select one of the following methods:

- contact Cathy at the Parish Office (9681-9600 or cathy@sj-mc.org.au) & pay using the **DONATE** button on the Home page of the parish website (www.sj-mc.org.au)... be sure to select **Parish Christmas Social** and specify your **First name** and **Last name**.
- use the QR Code on page 3; this directs you to the **DONATE** button on Home page of the parish website (www.sj-mc.org.au). Follow the above instructions.
- see **Pat Mount** after the 5.00pm Mass at Mt Carmel.
- see **Ann Rochford** after the 9.00am Mass at St Joseph's
- see **Peter Thomas** after the 10.30am Mass at Mt Carmel

For catering purposes, payment **MUST** be made by **Tuesday 26 November 2024**.



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