



# 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.*

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 17 September 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

As with most parables, the one we hear in today's Gospel reading outlines a grossly exaggerated situation in order to make a point. The details of the parable are not to be taken literally. It is the point of the parable which we must fasten on and try to integrate into our lives.

Today's parable is about the servant who received unimaginable mercy and forgiveness from his master about a huge debt he owed but who then showed absolutely no mercy or forgiveness to his fellow servant over a comparatively minor debt. The point of this parable is summed up in the punch line at the end: **That is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother or sister from your heart.**

The parable directs our attention to the unimaginable and inexhaustible mercy, compassion and forgiveness which God extends to us. This is to be the model and measuring stick for the mercy, compassion and forgiveness we are called to extend to others. Of course, this is no easy model and standard to which to measure up! It can be mighty hard to achieve in certain circumstances. In fact, it can only be possible to the extent that we can allow Jesus to be "Lord" in our lives, as St Paul implies in our Second Reading today from the Letter to the Romans.

In reminding us that "**The life and death of each of us has its influence on others**", St Paul is primarily directing us to the influence that the life and death of Jesus has on us – if we allow it ... if we allow him to be "Lord" of our lives. His total, completely selfless love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness can overpower us, if we allow it, helping us to achieve what otherwise is impossible.

What St Paul says also reminds us of the influence we can have on each other for the good if we allow the Spirit of Jesus to "overpower" us – if we allow Jesus to be the "Lord" of our lives. Last Monday we honoured such a good man in Jim Power of Port Melbourne who had such a good influence on so many who came to pay tribute to him. On Wednesday 27 November at 11am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, we have the opportunity to do likewise to another man of great good influence on others, Rom Brady of Middle Park. We also acknowledge and give thanks for the life of Brigidine Sister, Anne Boyd, Province leader and resident at the Albert Park convent. She died last Tuesday after being shockingly diagnosed with cancer very recently. We acknowledge the positive influence she exerted

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**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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Carmelite Website  
[www.carmelites.org.au](http://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 Assistant

Kelly McEnhill

### Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

### Sacramental Co-Ordinator

Baptism - Angela Cox

First Reconciliation - Angela Cox

First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen

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#### Primary School

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## THIS WEEK

### Monday 18 September

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Tuesday 19 September

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

### Wednesday 20 September

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Thursday 21 September

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

### Friday 22 September

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Saturday 23 September

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

### Sunday 24 September

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, Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Grace Callaghan, Mary Hong Cao, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Paul Cox, Daphnie Cramer, Mary Dalli, Andrew Derrington, Michael DeNittis, Maureen Dickason, Leonie Dimes, Bernadette Falckh, Gigi Falk, Lyn Falk, Maria Fatima, Rebecca Fernando, Tony Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Evelyn Greach, Brendan Gurry, Michael Gurry, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Portia Hendrick, Ivy Hermance, Marija Jelinic, Tae Yoon Jin, Mary Loc, Christine Lyell, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquiren, Sean McPhee, Sharon Beverly Mendes, Marta Menjivar, Simon Millar, Baby Alba Middleton, Maria Loc Nguyen, Mary Paradise, Natalie Pringle, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Elise Rimington, Michael Risteviski, Keith Ryder, Sharmini Senanayake Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Somerset-Beauverie, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Angela Triglar & Tami Yap.

### Those whose have died recently:

Elizabeth Ebbs, Sr Anne Boyd, Rom Brady, Manuel Marques, Jim Power & Mary Terminello.

### Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

Michael Carlin, Albert Ridgway, Sr Geraldine Stapleton & Carmelites James De Laurier, Brian Pitman & Samuel Coote.

## IN OUR PARISH

### Parish Men's Dinner - 20 September 2023

The Mens' Dinner is resuming after the short "winter hibernation".

The next meeting will be held in the O'Connor - Pilkington Room, OLMC, Middle Park on Wednesday, 20th September at 6.45pm.

An email will be sent shortly to the regular attendees. However all male parishioners are invited and are welcome to attend.

If you are interested in attending, or would like additional details regarding the function, please contact Brian Rochford on mob: 0403056542 or email: [bfrochford@bigpond.com](mailto:bfrochford@bigpond.com).

### Sacramental Program - First Eucharist

Enrolment form, containing details of the Preparation Process and relevant dates, for **First Eucharist** is available at the bottom of the Home Page of the parish website: <https://sj-mc.org.au/>.

**Enrolments close:** First Eucharist - 1 October 2023



**THANKYOU** to our amazing parish community for coming together year after year to support the SVDP Winter Appeal.

This year's appeal raised **\$7,843.00**.

Your unwavering generosity makes a real difference to the lives of people in need in our community.

*Kathy Mount*

**23/24 September 2023**

**24 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)**

*Commentator:* Kelly McEnhill

*Reader:* Pat Mount

*Offertory:* Kathy Mount

*Communion:* Kathy Mount

*Music:* Kelly McEnhill

**9.00am St Joseph's**

*Commentator:* Ron Cassano

*Reader:* Tris Tanumihardjo

*Offertory:* Aoife Ling

*Communion:* Cathy Garbellini

*Counters:* Cathy Garbellini & Nova Hack

*Music:* Kelly McEnhill

*Hospitality:* TBA

**10.30am Mount Carmel**

*Commentator:* John Molnar

*Reader:* Sr Mary Brady

*Offertory:* Sr. Reba Woodwiss

*Communion:* Sr. Reba Woodwiss

*Music:* Br. Anacleto

*Hospitality:* Margaret Blades

**Communion to the Sick:**

Sr Mary Brady: 25 Sep - 1 Oct

## THANK YOU

*for your generosity last weekend*

### Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 583.00
Credit Card	\$ 410.00
Direct Debit	\$ 165.00
Loose Plate	\$ 1,231.20
Tap & Go	\$ 162.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,551.20</b>

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on so many lives, not only in her recent leadership ministry but also through her ministry in education over many years and then her great commitment to ecological ministry. We give thanks for Jim's, Rom's and Anne's lives and pray for them and their loved ones who especially mourn their passing. We also give thanks for all those other good people who have had a good influence in each of our lives and pray that we might be good "influencers" ourselves!

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**Thank you** to everyone who helped Fr Matthew celebrate his 50th anniversary of Priestly ordination and 70th anniversary of Carmelite life last Sunday. Special thanks to Frs Paul Sireh and David Hofman for providing such good music and singing at the Mass and to Belinda Ahearn (Carmelite Province Executive Assistant) and those who assisted her in ensuring the Reception afterwards was so enjoyable.

**Music at OLMC**

An enthusiastic group of parishioners met a couple of weeks ago and have committed to forming a group to lead "live" music and singing at the 10:30am Mass when they can. They are commencing rehearsal soon and will advise when they are ready to perform. In addition, the generosity of a parishioner is enabling us to hire a professional organist and cantor on a periodic basis to lead singing at this Mass. We look forward to these developments and will advise more details as arrangements are firmed up.

**The "Voice" Referendum**

I draw your attention to the flyer on the back of this newsletter which outlines an event to assist us to be informed and educated before casting our vote on 14 October. I commend it to you. It is a free public event on Thursday 21 September, 6:30-8:00pm at St Kilda Town Hall. Booking is through <https://www.trybooking.com/CKTHM>

**Parish Leadership & Exploration Group**

This recently formed group met last Tuesday night for the first time. After introducing ourselves to each other, we shared something of our hopes for the future development of the parish. We felt that we needed to get a better "handle" on the make-up of our parish community before proceeding further and we plan to focus on this at our next meeting on 17 October. We also appreciate that we are a "work in progress" and so plan to focus on refining and understanding our purpose as we move forward in service of the parish community and its mission. Stay tuned!

Blessings for the week ahead.



# REFLECTION

## A family formed by forgiveness - Part 2 ?

Today's Gospel follow directly from last Sunday's reading about how to deal with differences and disputes.

Peter has understood the point of last Sunday's Gospel (forgiveness and pastoral care), but wants to know the limits – is forgiving someone seven times enough? Jesus' reply indicates that there should be no limit to the number of times. Then he tells a parable about forgiveness and gratitude.

There is no doubt that genuine forgiveness, forgiveness 'from the heart', is a real challenge. The more personally we are hurt by another person the harder it is to forgive them. Forgiveness is often more a movement than a moment. Often we only come to forgiveness step by step over a long period of time.

If we can pray for those who hurt us we have already taken the first step on the road to forgiveness. Forgiveness does not imply that what a person did was OK.

The biblical idea of forgiveness is built on the awareness of God's extraordinary compassion towards us; God's refusal to hold our past against us - the theme of today's first reading.

But that action of God must find its resonance in how we behave towards each other. It will only have that resonance when we experience personally God's overwhelming love for us. That is what binds us into relationship with God and into acting towards others as God has acted towards us.

That experience of God's compassion builds a gratitude in us which enables us to forgive each other.

For the disciple of Jesus, forgiveness must be real and genuine - from the heart - and built on the awareness of God's compassion and mercy towards us. That is why Jesus includes forgive us our debts as we have forgiven those who are in debt to us in his great prayer. If God has forgiven us, then we must forgive each other.

We don't live our Christian lives in some kind of fantasy-land filled with pious thoughts and lovely dreams. We live it in the often harsh realities and difficult situations that human beings encounter.

How we live it will depend on the degree to which we have the same mind and heart as God.

Real life is the proving-ground of faith.

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

# OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: : HERE I AM LORD

VERSE 1 & 2

Dan Schutte



1.1, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2.1, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3.1, the Lord of wind and flame. I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who  
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



1. make the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
2. break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
3. bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_  
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_  
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? \_\_\_\_



Here I am, Lord. \_\_\_\_ Is it I, Lord? \_\_\_\_ I have heard you



call - ing in the night. \_\_\_\_ I will go, Lord. \_\_\_\_ if you



lead me. \_\_\_\_ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart. \_\_\_\_

# GLORIA



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.

## Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.
2. 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.
3. 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!

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## FIRST READING

### *Sirach 27:30 – 28:7*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,  
and both are found with the sinner.  
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,  
who keeps strict account of sin.  
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,  
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.  
If a man nurses anger against another,  
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?  
Showing no pity for a man like himself,  
can he then plead for his own sins?  
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;  
who will forgive him his sins?  
Remember the last things, and stop hating,  
remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.  
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;  
remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 103 - THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL

**Response: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**Response**

He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills.  
Redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

**Response**

He will not, he will not always chide. nor does he keep his wrath forever.  
Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

**Response**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
So surpassing is his kindness to those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

**Response**

## SECOND READING

### *Romans 14:7-9*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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## GOSPEL

### *Matthew 18:21-35*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt.'



Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

#### 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 - TAKE OUR BREAD

**Refrain**      **Take our bread, we ask you,  
 Take our hearts, we love you,  
 Take our lives, oh Father,  
 We are yours, we are yours.**

Yours as we stand at the table you set,  
 Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.  
 We are the signs of your life with us yet;  
 We are yours, we are yours.      **Refrain**

Your holy people stand washed in your blood,  
 Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.  
 We are poor, but we brought ourselves the best we could.  
 We are yours, we are yours.      **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

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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 GIA Publications, Inc.

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

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LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a-way the sins of the 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.

John Foley

REFRAIN *Tranquil and slow*

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

*Fine* VERSES *Slightly faster with excitement*

one Lord.

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

*mp* to Refrain

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

Dan Schutte

ANTIPHON



Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives light to our days.



Man - y are the bless-ings he bears to those who trust in his

*fine* VERSES 1-3



ways. 1. We the daugh-ters and sons of him who  
 2. In his wis - dom he strength - ens us, like  
 3. Ev - 'ry mo - ment of ev - 'ry day our



1. built the val - leys and plains, praise the won - ders our  
 2. gold that's test - ed in fire, Though the pow - er of  
 3. God is wait - ing to save, al - ways, read - y to



to Antiphon  
 1. God has done in ev - 'ry heart that sings.  
 2. sin pre - vails our God is there to save.  
 3. seek the lost, to an - swer those who pray.

VERSE 4



4. God has wa - tered our bar - ren land and spent his mer - ci - ful rain.



to Antiphon  
 4. Now the riv - ers of life run full for an - y - one to drink.

## 2024 Study Tour

*Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece*

20 September – 6 October 2024

Tour Leader: Dr Rosemary Canavan

**Online Information Sessions:** Saturday 16, 23 September, or 7 October 2023 at 2pm  
 Participants have the opportunity to undertake a study unit with CTC in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award

RSVP & further information: [rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au](mailto:rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au)



## Volunteer Position available ...

### Be the Voice of Gratitude: Volunteer to Thank Our Donors

In the spirit of giving and community, The Carmelites and Carmel Impact are launching a gratefulness initiative to personally thank our supporters.

Our supporters are the reason we are able to continue our mission in Australia and Timor-Leste; From spiritual care for our community in Australia, as well as providing education, scholarships, and nutritious meals for the communities in Timor-Leste.

If you're passionate about giving back, fostering connections, and share our belief that a simple thank you could have an immense impact, we would love to invite you to join us in becoming the beacon of appreciation.

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For more details and expression of interest, email Hillaria at:

[together@carmelimpact.org.au](mailto:together@carmelimpact.org.au).





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## Special Guest Speakers



Nerita Waight, a Yorta Yorta and Narrandji woman with Taungurung connections, is CEO of the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service and a Council Member of the First People's Assembly of Victoria.



Yorta Yorta man Ian Hammi is Chair of the Board of Directors, First Nations Foundation (National), Chair of the Board of Directors, Koorie Heritage Trust and an experienced policy developer and manager.



Amanda Young, a descendant of slaves from Vanuatu, is Executive Director First Nations at climate advisory Pollination, a former lawyer and CEO and a current board director of three non-profits including Oxfam Australia.

**Special Entertainment – Men In Suits!**

## FREE PUBLIC EVENT

**date**  
**Thursday**  
**21 September 2023**

**time**  
**6.30 pm-8.00 pm**

**venue**  
**St Kilda Town Hall**  
**Carlisle Street**  
**St Kilda**

**rsvp**  
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