

# 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.

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord 2 April 2023

Dear sisters and brothers.

We are entering Holy Week and during this week we will hear two accounts of the Lord's Passion: Matthew's version on Palm Sunday and John's version, as usual, on Good Friday. In these accounts, we will hear various references to "the Jews". We must be careful to avoid associating any racist or other derogatory meanings to these references. They are made in a particular social and cultural context and, fundamentally, they symbolize the rejection that humanity, in general, made of Jesus. In the theological context of the gospels, we can all associate ourselves with "the Jews". To further our understanding of references to "the Jews" in the gospels, the following statement may be helpful:

As we prepare to hear the Passion of our Lord proclaimed, we are mindful that the Gospel account is not a simple history or biography of the life of Jesus. Rather, it is a text with theological intent, and arose in a first century environment that was in a state of turmoil socially, politically and religiously.

Negative references to certain Jews or Judaism should never be interpreted as a collective condemnation or denigration of the Jewish people, for this is neither the message of the Gospel nor the teaching of the Church....

At the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church taught that "what happened in [Jesus'] passion cannot be charged against all the Jews, without distinction, then alive, nor against the Jews of today" and that "the Jews should not be presented as rejected or accursed by God, as if this followed from the Holy Scriptures."

The Council continued: "Christ underwent His passion and death freely, because of the sins of (all) humanity and out of infinite love, in order that all may reach salvation. It is, therefore, the burden of the Church's preaching to proclaim the cross of Christ as the sign of God's all-embracing love and as the fountain from which every grace flows." (Nostra Aetate, 4)

We pray that, as we receive the proclamation of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, our hearts and minds will be cleansed of any lingering anti-Jewish misconceptions in our Christian culture and be receptive to the true depths of God's **all-embracing** love to which the word of God testifies. (Teresa Pirola, Catholic Outlook, 25 March 2023)

Let us enter into this Holy Week open to God's infinite and all-embracing love as ultimately revealed in the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

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# OUR PARISH

### Churches

St Joseph's cnr Rouse & Stokes Streets Port Melbourne

Our Lady of Mount Carmel cnr Richardson & Wright Streets Middle Park

### **Sunday Masses**

5.00pm (Sat) Mount Carmel 9.00am Saint Joseph's 10.30am Mount Carmel

### Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

### **Carmelite Parish Office**

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Carmelite Website 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

### **Finance Manager**

Mark Zanon

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# THIS WEEK

# **Monday 3 April**

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

# **Tuesday 4 April**

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

# Wednesday 5 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

# Thursday 6 April,

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Joseph's

# Friday 7 April

9.00am Stations of the Cross, St Joseph's3.00pm The Lord's Passion, both Churches

# Saturday 8 April

7.00pm Easter Vigil, Mt Carmel NOTE LATER START TIME

# Sunday 9 April - Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord Year A

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's 10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

# WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Grace Callaghan, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Daphnie Cramer, Michael DeNittis, Maureen Dickason, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Michael Gurry, Portia Hendrick, Marija Jelinic, Joan Laragy, Robert Masquirien, Marta Menjivar, Baby Alba Middleton, Sian Middleton, John Pringle, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Jill Ridge, Keith Ryder, Ailbe Sheehy, Chris Silkok, Jim Sullivan, Sash Somerset-Beauverie, Judy Veenstra & Tami Yap.

# Those whose have died recently:

Chris Bainbridge, casualties of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict and those affected by COVID-19.

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

Amy Cabral, Les Sheridan, Phero Lo Quiy and Carmelite John Butler.

# IN OUR PARISH



Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 April 2023 at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Hall. New members are welcome.

Should you wish to contact a Vinnies representative, please call Kathy Mount 0437 588 855 or Joan Cusack 0478 224 624.



Port Melbourne/ Middle Park Parish

Lent and Easter Timetable 2023

# Holy Thursday 6 April

7.00pm: The Lord's Supper at St Joseph's

# Good Friday 7 April

9.00am: Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's 3.00pm: The Lord's Passion at both Churches

# Holy Saturday 8 April

7.00pm: Easter Vigil at Mount Carmel

# Easter Sunday 9 April

9.00am: Easter Mass at St Joseph's

10.30am: Easter Mass at Mount Carmel

# 8/9 April 2023 Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord

# 7.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: N/A

Readers:

Reader 1: Sally Diserio Reader 2: Mary Chow Reader 3: Denis Churkovich

Communion: Joe Chow

Music: N/A

# 9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: N/A

Reader: W. Kininmonth

Communion: Celebrant & Deacon
Counters: Jane Dee & Jim Power

Music: N/A

Hospitality: TBD

### 10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: N/A

Reader: Margaret Fagan

Communion: John Molnar

Music: N/A

Hospitality: N/A

# Communion to the Sick:

Kathy Mount (9-15 April 23)

# THANK YOU

# for your generosity last Sunday

# St Joseph's

Carmelite and

Parish Offering \$ 500.20

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

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Parish Offering \$ 1,274.00

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I draw your attention to the various celebrations of Holy Week, as outlined in this Newsletter, and encourage you to participate in these as fully as possible. I recently came across a report of a Survey which suggested that 4 in 10 Australians would attend an Easter service if they were invited by a close friend or family member. (*The Catholic Leader*). Make of this what you will, but you might consider putting it to the test among your own family and friends. **All are welcome.** 

Due to Holy Week ceremonies, we will **suspend** the Anointing of the Sick at St Joseph's and OLMC on Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, this week. These celebrations will resume on the first Wednesday and Thursday of May. For emergencies, though, please ring the Parish Office and follow the prompts on the message if the office is unattended.

As usual, a collection will be taken up on Good Friday to support the persecuted Christians and the maintenance of the *Christian Holy Places* in Israel. Please give as generously as you can.

We recently received a letter from Fr Bruce Clark, Carmelite Provincial, saying: Please accept my deepest gratitude for the Parish's most recent donation to Timor-Leste which was a result of the Christmas Tree Giving through the Parish. Fr Bruce goes on to assure us that our donation will assist the Carmelites in their ongoing human development work in Timor-Leste as well as in meeting the living costs of Timorese Carmelites in their mission of reconciliation and healing. Many thanks!

Blessings for the week ahead.

Paul Cahill, O.Carm.



# PROJECT COMPASSION



# Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 1 & 2 April



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. Ig recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty — support that is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting or by calling 1800 024 413.

# NOTICEBOARD

# menALIVE Men's Weekend

29th - 30th April 2023

Hosted by the Brunswick-Moreland Catholic Community

at:

St Fidelis Hall 49 Clarendon St, COBURG

menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the life of the Catholic Church.

The purpose of men ALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

For more information, please collect a brochure at the back of the churches.

# OUR LITURGY

Weather permitting, we will gather for the blessing of the palms:

**5pm Mt Carmel** - In the body of the Church and blessing of palms will take place at the front. **9am St Joseph's** - Outside the Church for the blessing of palms & process into Church for Mass. **10:30am Mt Carmel** - In the foyer of the church for the blessing of palms & process into Church for Mass.

# BLESSING OF PALMS

# COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

# Matthew 21:1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately.'
This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you,

and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem

all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?'

humble and mounted on an ass,

And the crowds said,

"This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Holy God, we praise thy name. God of all, we bow before thee. All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore thee. Infinite thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn, angel choirs above are raising.
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Lo! the apostolic train join thy sacred name to hallow. Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow, and, from morn till set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

# FIRST READING

# Isaiah 50: 4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 22 - MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?

# Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,

let him rescue him, if he loves him." Response

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

Response

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.

Response

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly, I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

Response

# SECOND READING

# Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not clingto his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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# **GOSPEL**

# Matthew 27:11-54

Reader 1: Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, who asked him: Are you the king of the Jews?'

'It is you who say it'.

But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer them. So Pilate said to him: 'Do you hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's amazement Jesus offered no reply to any of the charges.

Reader 2: At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that

time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate said to them: 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?'

The chief priests and the elders had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when Pilate asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?', they said, 'Barabbas'. 'In that case what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all shouted, 'Let him be crucified!' 'But why? What harm has he done?'

But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!'

Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression. In fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in

front of the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood.'
And the people shouted, 'His blood be on us and on our children!'

Then Pilate released Barabbas and ordered Jesus to be scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

### Celebrant:

The Governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. They stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him, they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

### Reader 1:

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him, they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him: it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time, two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

# Reader 2:

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!'

The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others, he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants to. For he did say, "I am the son of God"."

Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

### Celebrant:

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani!' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you destroyed me!'

When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him'. But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

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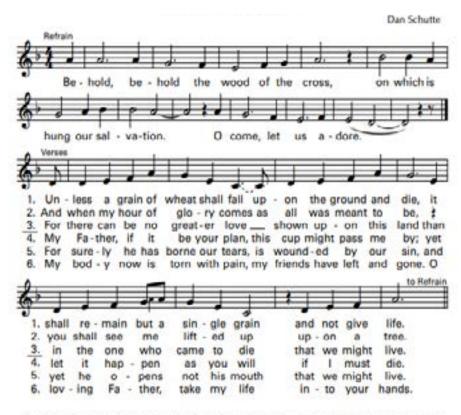
### Reader 1:

At that, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy people rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God'.

# APOSTLES CR FED

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.

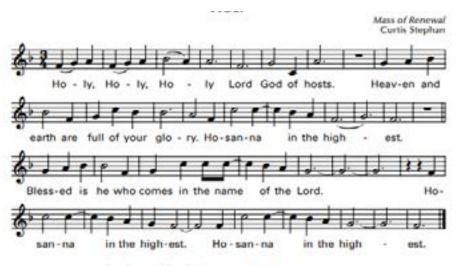


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Cel: The Lord be with you. All: And with your Spirit.

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.

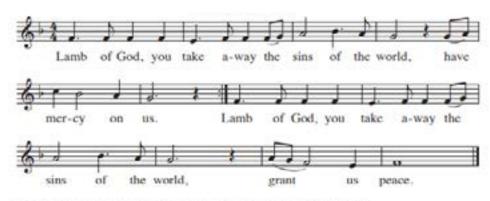


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# MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save Us, Saviour of the World For by your cross and resurrection You have set us free.

# LAMB OF GOD



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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.

**COMMUNION HYMN** 

BE NOT AFRAID

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

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

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



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# **Palm Sunday Walk**

# Justice for Refugees



Permanent Visas for all.

Fair processes and income support for people seeking asylum.

Sunday, 2 April 2023, 2pm State Library

onr Swanston and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne

THE PARISH OF PORT MELBOURNE AND MIDDLE PARK
IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY,
WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL CHILDREN,
YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.