



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.*

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YEAR C - 2 FEBRUARY 2025

Dear sisters and brothers,

Happy New Year!

Jubilee Year

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a “Jubilee Year” with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*.

Jubilee is a special year to focus on and rejoice in God’s mercy and on our call to reach out to others in the spirit in which Jesus did – “bringing good news to the poor, release to captives, sight to the blind and freedom to the oppressed” (cf. Lk 4:18-19).

The Church celebrates a Jubilee Year every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope. A jubilee year draws its inspiration from an ancient Jewish tradition, outlined in the Old Testament Book of Leviticus. The word “jubilee” is derived from the Hebrew word *jobel*, which means “ram’s horn”. Such a horn was used as a trumpet, whose sound indicated to everybody the beginning of the jubilee year. In a jubilee year, debts were forgiven, misappropriated land returned, slaves freed, and the land given a rest. This spirit of repentance, forgiveness, generosity, compassion, justice, peace and respect for creation is what we pray will be deepened in us in the course of this year.

In this jubilee year of 2025, Pope Francis also invites us to reflect on what it means to be Pilgrims of Hope: a people who walk in joyful anticipation of “the heavenly goal to which we have been called” (cf. Pope Francis’ document announcing this jubilee year). It is also a year for us to especially recognize and give thanks for the signs of God’s kingdom alive in our world here and now, even in the midst of much that is contrary to it, and to deepen our commitment to doing what we can to build up that kingdom in our world. Pope Francis’ call to be pilgrims of hope reminds us that, despite all and above all, we are blessed

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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

274 Rouse Street
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After Hours Phone Number
0419 136 030

Email parish@sj-mc.org.au

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)

Parish Priest

Fr Paul Cahill, OCarm

Parish Secretary

Cathy Garbellini

Pastoral Associate

Kelly McEnhill

Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Baptism - Vacant
First Reconciliation - Sally Diserio
First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen
Confirmation - Sally Diserio

Safeguarding Officer

Frances Correa

Maintenance Manager

Dave Fletcher

Galilee Regional Catholic

Primary School

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Telephone 03 9699 2928

THIS WEEK

Monday 3 February

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 4 February

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 5 February - Anointing of the Sick

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 6 February - Anointing of the Sick

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 7 February

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 8 February

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 9 February

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

At the beginning of each year we refresh our list of those We Remember. Before including a name, please check with the person to ensure they are happy for their name to be published in our newsletter which is also added to our website.

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer:

Those who have died recently: Enzo Bertini, Jane Caregie, Josephine Cernia, Warren Davey, Mark Quentin Fairhall, Tom McDonald, Margaret O'Reilly, Tony Squillace.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Jack Hunt, Jim McCarthy, Michael Mifsud, Elvira Shenoy, Sarah Scanlon and Carmelite Daniel Kiely.

IN OUR PARISH



Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 11 February 2025** at 7.30pm in the Boardroom at the Parish Office, 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne. **New members are welcome.**

Should you wish to contact a Vinnies representative, please call Kathy Mount on 0437 588 855 or Pauline Semmens 0425 854 691.

Men's Parish Dinner Dates for 2025

The Men's Dinner will now be held on the **fourth Tuesday** of the month (unless otherwise specified) at the **Bleakhouse Hotel, 97 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park.**

The dates for 2025 are:

Tuesday, 25 February

Tuesday, 25 March

Tuesday, 15th April (3rd Tuesday because of Easter)

Tuesday, 27 May

Tuesday, 24 June

Tuesday, 22 July

Tuesday, 26 August

Tuesday, 23 September

Tuesday, 28 October

Tuesday, 25 November

Dinner & speaker details for the 25 February will be published in the next newsletter.

Parish Ladies Dinner

Our next dinner is

Wednesday, 19 February 2025, 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!

MINISTRIES

8-9 February 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Pat Mount

Reader: Mark Leonard

Offertory: Kathy Mount

Communion: Kathy Mount

Music: Janine Brodie

Sacristan: Abramo Ierardo

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Tris Tanumihardjo

Reader: Will Kininmonth

Offertory: Frances Correa

Communion: Cathy Garbellini

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Music: Margaret Smith

Hospitality: Cathy Garbellini

Sacristan: Rob Winduss

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Mary Brady

Reader: Sally Diserio

Offertory: Jackie & John Tidey

Communion: John Molnar

Music: Choir / Peter Russo

Hospitality: Kathleen Kiernan

Sacristan: Peter Russo

Communion to the Sick:

Frances Correa : 9-15 Feb

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 470.00
Credit Card	\$ 315.00
Direct Credit	\$ 643.20
Loose Plate	\$ 991.15
Tap & Go	\$ 420.00
Total	\$ 2,839.35



DONATIONS

Parish QR code

Enter the amount, your name, email address & optionally any comment.

Electronic Funds Transfer

BSB: 083-347

Account No: 58 216 8515

Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish

Parish Website: www.sj-mc.org.au
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in the hope that Jesus' life, death and resurrection gives us. We give thanks for this hope and pray that it might be deepened in and radiate from us.

In a few weeks' time, once the rhythm of our liturgical celebrations is settled for the year, we will introduce a jubilee candle and a jubilee hymn to our Sunday Masses. In the meantime, I commend to you the following Jubilee Prayer:

Father in heaven,

*may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

*May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,*

when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the
treasures of heaven.*

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Initiation into Christian life in the Catholic Church

At the 9am Mass at St Joseph's next Sunday, 9 February, Brent Wright, having completed a period of preparation, will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and 1st Eucharist. He has been supported in his journey of faith by his Sponsor, Kylie Englehart, who will accompany him in this joyful celebration. Along with Kylie, please support Brent with your prayers, welcome and good wishes.

Thank you for your generosity

Pam Newman and husband, Clive Wansborough, have expressed feeling "very overwhelmed, speechless with gratitude and deeply touched" by the generosity of parishioners who have gifted them \$3,629.20 through our recent "Fire Emergency Relief Appeal" to assist them in dealing with the consequences of their family home being completely burnt out. They further expressed: "We are so deeply touched by the generosity and thoughtfulness of the parish community. It has truly been a challenging time for us and feeling the love and support from the community has helped us reset our spirits everyday. The money will also be a huge help in this massive transition; we are so deeply grateful." The response to the Appeal to assist them was magnificent, reflecting a deep spirit of compassion and generosity among parishioners for those especially in need. We are all blessed to be part of such a grace filled community.

Stations of the Cross refurbishment project and other maintenance works

Through the extraordinary generosity of a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous, we have been able to resume the project of refurbishment of the Stations of the Cross in St Joseph's Church. Professional iconographer, Dimitri Kramitros, has been contracted to undertake this work, which will commence in the coming week. The project requires painstaking work which will take some months to complete. There will be some minor inconvenience in the Church throughout the project as pews will need to be moved a little into the central aisle, thus narrowing it a bit, in order to accommodate the scaffolding required. I seek your forbearance with any inconvenience, but I am confident that it will be well worth it for the final outcome.

Over the coming month or so, other painting is scheduled both in St Joseph's Church and in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church to complete repairs to some damaged surfaces. This shouldn't impact any liturgical celebrations.

Lenten Program

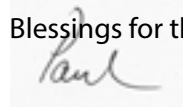
Two members of our Parish Leadership & Exploration Group have generously agreed to lead a prayer/discussion group, following a well developed program, at each of our churches each week during Lent. Ann Rochford will lead the group at **St Joseph's Hall on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, beginning Thursday 6 March**. Sally Diserio will lead a group at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (in the meeting room – the "Elijah Chapel") on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am, commencing Tuesday 11 March**.

I commend this initiative to you, not only for its intrinsic value but as a special Lenten commitment. I invite you to "sign up" for one or other group by adding your name to the list at the back of each church. Registrations will close on Sunday 2 March so that we can procure the required number of books necessary for participation in the program. There will be a cost of \$10 per person to cover the cost of the book.

Praying for our sick and deceased loved ones

As we begin a new year, we will refresh the list in our newsletter of those we are asked to pray for. If you wish to have your loved one/s included in this list, please notify us by writing their name/s on the sheets next to the "Book of Life" in the "Lady Chapel" in each of our churches or by contacting Cathy at the parish office (Cathy@sj-mc.org.au).

Blessings for the year ahead.



2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The key dates for the 2025 Sacramentation Program for our non-Galilee participants are :

1st Reconciliation (Catechist – Sally)

Family Preparation Evening – Thursday 13 March, 7pm St Joseph’s Hall
1st Reconciliation celebration – Thursday 10 April, 7pm St Joseph’s Church

Confirmation (Catechist – Sally)

Family Preparation Evening – Thursday 31 July 7pm St Joseph’s Hall
Rehearsal – Wednesday 27 August 7pm Sts Peter & Paul Church (TBC)
Sacramental celebration – Tuesday 2 September 6pm St Patrick’s Cathedral

1st Eucharist (Catechist – Aimee)

Family Preparation Evening – Tuesday 26 August, 7pm O’Connor/Pilkington room at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Middle Park
Sacramental celebration – Sunday 5 October, 10:30am OLMC

The 2025 Enrolment Forms will be available on our website next week.

THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE

The **February 2025 Newsletter** is available via the following website link:
<https://www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org/> Some upcoming Carmelite Centre events that are available in person or online include:

MONTHLY

Tues 11 ~ **Contemplative Walk** 9.30am in Middle Park
Wed 12 ~ **Carmelite Conversation** 10.30am on zoom
Tues 18 ~ **Scripture Study Group**: The Acts of the Apostles 1.30pm on zoom
Tues 18 ~ **Eco Spirituality Reading Circle** 5pm on zoom
Friday 28 ~ **Monthly Gathering** 11.30am in the Library

WEEKLY

~ **Prayer Meditation** every Tuesday 5pm on zoom
~ **Meditation** every Thursday 7pm in the Malone room
~ **Lectio Divina** every Friday 10am on zoom

FOOD CUPBOARD

The Food Cupboard re-opens on **Friday, 7 February 2025, 10am - 11:30am** to support the needy in our Community.

Thank-you to our volunteers for supporting this outreach program. If you are new to our community and would like to volunteer, please contact Cathy at the Parish office via email (Cathy@sj-mc.org.au) or phone 9681-9600.

Donations of non-perishable food can be brought to the churches during mass times or left at the parish office at 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne.

CARMELITE REFLECTION:

If Christ is the Light, who are we ?

Today’s Gospel tells us the story of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple. During the presentation, two holy people, Simeon and Anna, witness to Jesus as the “light of the nations”. So, it is the Church’s custom to celebrate this feast with the blessing and lighting of candles - a reference to the Christmas theme of light. The candles can serve as a reminder that Christ, our Light, is always present with us.

In the gospel, Luke presents Simeon as one who looks forward to the salvation promised by God through the prophets and who recognises that salvation in the child before him. Anna speaks about the child to all who were looking forward to the deliverance (salvation) of Jerusalem. Both proclaim Jesus as the ‘promised one of God’. Simeon describes Jesus as, ‘a light to enlighten the pagans, and the glory of your people Israel.’

If Christ is the Light, then who are we? The Gospels tell us not only who Jesus is, but who we are, too, as members of the Body of Christ, living and working under the reign of God’s grace.

Today’s feast draws our attention back to Christmas with its theme of light. It also draws our attention to wonder how we, as the Body of Christ here and now, might be Light for each other especially in the darkness of human experience.

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

OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

GLORY TO GOD

CURTIS STEPHAN

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

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.

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 of the Father,
have mercy, have mercy on us.

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.

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 24 – LET THE LORD ENTER, HE IS KING OF GLORY

Response: Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers. **Response**

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain. **Response**

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his saviour.
Such is the race that seeks for him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob. **Response**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers and sisters so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.



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 MICHAEL JONCAS

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 eagles' 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**

**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

CURTIS STEPHAN

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

CURTIS STEPHAN

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

CURTIS STEPHAN

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us, 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.**

Bernadette Farrell



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3. Long-ing for food, — man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
 4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5. Man-y the gifts, — man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
 2. hope, — man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone —
 3. wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
 4. warmth, — man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
 5. hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
 2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
 3. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
 4. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
 5. to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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Holy God, we praise thy name!
 Lord of all, we bow before thee!
 All on Earth thy sceptre claim,
 All in Heav'n 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 heav'ns with sweet accord;
 Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

Holy Father, holy Son,
 Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
 Though in essence only one,
 Undivided God we claim thee;
 And adoring bend the knee,
 While we own the mystery.

NOTICEBOARD



Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

We urgently need your support.

The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild.

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WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL CHILDREN,
YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.**