



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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20 August 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today's Gospel story acquaints us with the Canaanite woman, famous for outwitting Jesus.

The story is told by Matthew at a time when some of the disciples of the Jewish community to which Matthew was ministering were reaching out to those beyond the boundaries of Israel – the Gentiles – and inviting them to follow the Way of Jesus. This was causing some consternation in the Jewish community because many among them, even most, believed that, as the “Chosen People”, the salvation offered by God, in and through Jesus, was exclusively for them.

The story of the (non Jewish) Canaanite woman presents Jesus, in his initial response, forcefully rejecting her plea to take pity on her and rid her daughter of the devil which tormented her. Not to be easily dismissed, this woman turns Jesus' association of Gentiles with dogs back on him in her retort: “even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table”. The rest is history!

The story presents Jesus as a human being who grows in his own understanding of his mission. He comes to recognize that he is called to foster faith in God's love and mercy and salvation among all people, not just the traditionally “chosen” Israelites. He recognizes and rewards the “great faith” of the Canaanite woman, a talisman for all Gentiles – like us.

As we hear this story today, we give thanks for the gift of faith with which we are blessed. We recognize our call, as disciples of Jesus, to reach out in love and mercy, welcome, generosity, compassion, understanding, kindness, justice and forgiveness to all, not just those like us – or whom we particularly like. We also recognize that, as humans like Jesus, we are called to be humble enough to admit that we don't always get it right and that, in the course of life, we are challenged to grow into the truth and the fullness of life. If at first you don't succeed ...

.....

Continued on page 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

274 Rouse Street
Port Melbourne Vic 3207

Telephone 03 9681 9600
Facsimile 03 9681 9608

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 Assistant

Kelly McEnhill

Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

Sacramental Co-Ordinator

Baptism - Angela Cox

First Reconciliation - Angela Cox

First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen

Confirmation - Sally Diserio

Safeguarding Officer

Frances Correa

Facilities Manager

Dave Fletcher

Galilee Regional Catholic

Primary School

Bank Street, South Melbourne 3205

Telephone 03 9699 2928

THIS WEEK

Monday 21 August

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 22 August

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 23 August

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 24 August

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 25 August

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 26 August

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 27 August

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 Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Paul Cox, Daphnie Cramer, Mary Dalli, Andrew Derrington, Michael DeNittis, Maureen Dickason, Bernadette Falckh, Gigi Falk, Lyn Falk, Rebecca Fernando, Tony Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Evelyn Greach, Brendan Gurry, Michael Gurry, Portia Hendrick, Shawn Handricks, Marija Jelinic, Tae Yoon Jin, Robert Masquieren, Sean McPhee, Sharon Beverly Mendes, Marta Menjivar, Simon Millar, Baby Alba Middleton, Maria Toc Nguyen, Mary Paradise, Jim Power, Natalie Pringle, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Elise Rimmington, Michael Risteviski, Keith Ryder, Sharmini Senanayeke Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Somerset-Beauverie, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Angela Trigar & Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently:

Shirley Bowen, Joyce Buffman, Marie Julie Fernandez, Margaret Huntly, Damian Woodruff & casualties of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

Michelle Bassett, Myles Bebbington, Mark Crimes, Rosina Marengi & Carmelites Charley Haughey & Tarcisius Licari.

IN OUR PARISH

Happy 80th Birthday



Congratulations and best wishes to
ROBERT WINDUSS
a faithful sacristan and life long
parishioner of St Joseph's.



Welcome to our Family

On Sunday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel,
we welcome Grace Emily Monaghan as
she receives the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please keep Grace, her parents,
godparents & family in your prayers.



Congratulations & Blessings

to

FR MATTHEW MCPHEE

on the Golden Anniversary of his
Priestly Ordination on
Thursday, 24 August 2023.

Parish Men's Dinner Update

Save the Date **20 September 2023**

The Parish Men's Dinner will recommence on the
3rd Wednesday of the month from September.

More details will be provided in future newsletter.

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

26/27 August 2023

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Pat Mount

Reader: Tris Tanumihardjo

Offertory: Tris Tanumihardjo

Communion: Kathy Mount

Music: Kelly McEnhill

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: TBD

Reader: TBD

Offertory: Aoife Ling

Communion: Kelly McEnhill

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Music: Margaret Smith

Hospitality: Nova Hack

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Br Anacleto

Reader: Marlene Halim

Offertory: Jackie & John Tidey

Communion: Ann Crump

Music: Kelly McEnhill

Hospitality: Jackie & John Tidey

Communion to the Sick:

Denis Passalent: 20-26 Aug

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes \$ 940.90 *

(* includes \$700 for 7 weeks)

Credit Card \$ 800.00 **

(** includes a half yearly donation of \$650)

Direct Debit \$ 235.00

Loose Plate \$ 761.85

Tap & Go \$ 217.00

Total \$ 2,954.75

BSB: 083-347

Account Number : 58 216 8515

Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish

Welcome Marco

Deacon Marcolino (Marco) Gomes, O.Carm., who has been assisting at weekend Masses throughout the year, joined our parish team this week to assist more extensively in parish ministry. Welcome Marco! We look forward to your ministry among us. **If interested in a home visit from Marco or myself – or you know someone who is, please let us know.** (Email: Cathy@sj-mc.org.au; Phone: 9682 9600)

Congratulations Fr Matthew

This **Thursday, 24 August, Fr Matthew McPhee**, who has ministered in our parish in many much appreciated ways over many years – and who continues to do so at the ripe young age of 92 – celebrates the **50th anniversary of his Priestly Ordination**. Later in the year (30 November) he celebrates 70 years as a Carmelite. Whilst Matthew will celebrate with the Carmelites this Thursday, he will celebrate publicly with family, friends and parishioners on **Sunday 10 September with Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Middle Park, at 10:30am** and refreshments afterwards in the O’Connor/Pilkington rooms of the Carmelite Hall. **All are warmly welcome.**

Mary Paradise

A long time and faithful parishioner, Mary recently moved down to Ocean Grove to be closer to family. Those who knew her were sad to see her go, but wished her well. Unfortunately, however, during the night of the very day she moved (Monday last week), Mary suffered a stroke. Her sister-in-law, Carolyn Meehan, has written to say that Mary is currently receiving care in the Geelong Hospital Acute Neurological Ward. She is conscious and receiving the best possible care, however at this time, they do not know what her long term prognosis will be. Carolyn was keen that those who knew and were close to Mary would be made aware of her situation. Whilst Mary is unable to take calls, Carolyn is happy to be contacted by anyone wanting to follow-up on Mary’s situation. (Contact the Parish Office – Cathy@sj-mc.org.au or 9681 9600 – for Carolyn’s contact details). Please keep Mary in your prayers.

Frances Correa’s Mother

Marie Julie Fernandez, mother of our very faithful Safeguarding and Communion to the Sick Coordinator, Frances Correa, died peacefully in India last Monday, following an extended period of ill health. She was buried with Requiem Mass on Thursday. Frances, who has faithfully shared in the caring for both her mother and father by returning to India each year, was with her mother in her last days.

May Marie now rest in peace, enjoying the fullness of risen life in Christ and may Frances and her family be consoled in their loss and grief. We remember them in our prayers.

Parish Census

Thank you to those who completed a Census Card last weekend. Having up-to-date information is important for providing good service to parishioners and effective administration of the parish. If yet to do so, please complete one of the Cards available in the pews and return it, either today or next week, with the collection during Mass or afterwards in the basket near the Church entrance. Alternatively, a Census Card may be accessed by typing the following address into your web (browser: <https://form.jotform.com/232217259022852>) or go to the front page of the website (www.sj-mc.org.au) and complete a Card in one of the following formats:

- Parish Census – PDF (print, complete, scan and return via email to parish@sj-mc.org.au)
- Parish Census – Excel (complete online and return to parish@sj-mc.org.au)

Please be assured that the information you provide will be kept private to the parish.

Parish Leadership & Exploration Group

Following on from our Parish meeting a few weeks ago, a number of parishioners have generously responded to the invitation to be part of this group with me. I am very grateful to them and look forward to reflecting and working with them for the future life of our parish. They are: Mary Brady (Brigidine Sister), Marlene Carlin, Sally Diserio, Abramo Ierardo, Cathy Garbellini, Kelly McEnhill, Pat Mount, Ann Rochford, Margaret Smith, Peter Thomas – a nicely balanced spread of people and skills across the whole parish. We will arrange to meet shortly and begin our reflection and work. Stay tuned!

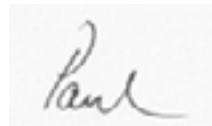
A Choir at OLMC

Parishioner, Giulia Canavero, a keen musician (pianist), has offered to form and direct a choir which might sing at times at the 10:30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. A number of parishioners have already responded, but if any others are interested in being part of any such choir, please let us know. (Email: Cathy@sj-mc.org.au; Phone: 9681 9600)

Cleaning Assistance

Thank you to those who have already responded to this request and we would be very pleased to hear from anyone else willing to assist with “light cleaning” e.g. (dusting of various surfaces) in either of our Churches. If able to assist, please contact Mark at the Parish Office (Email: Mark@sj-mc.org.au; Phone: 9681 9600).

Blessings for the week ahead.



A Kingdom for all

Today's Gospel marks a turning point in the ministry of Jesus. He sees himself as sent 'only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel'. That is, to those who were deemed sinners because they could not keep the Law of Moses, and were considered beyond the care and concern of God by religious authorities.

The story centres around a confrontation between Jesus and a pagan (Canaanite) woman. Firstly, Jesus ignores her altogether. Then, because the woman is making such a racket, the disciples ask him to give her what she wants. Jesus refuses. The woman approaches him directly and asks for help. He refuses again, quoting an ancient popular racial slur against the Canaanites. His words are harsh and demeaning, but the woman persists. She defeats Jesus' argument with her quick thinking and by twisting his own imagery in her favour. She points out to him that everyone, not just Israelites, can share in the goodness of God. Jesus opens his eyes to a broader, more inclusive, understanding of his mission. Admiring her sense of faith, Jesus tells the woman that her daughter is healed.

St Matthew uses this story about Jesus and the woman to answer the question about who belongs in the Kingdom of God – who are the insiders and who are the outsiders?

In terms of the story not only Israelites, but all who come with faith, are part of the Kingdom. The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah makes the same point: God's house is a house for all the peoples.

Matthew's early Christian community is struggling with accepting some non-Jews wanting to join them. Just as Jesus (the ultimate insider) moves past his own prejudices, so the members of the Kingdom and the Church must move past theirs' so that God's house of prayer will be a place of justice and integrity for all the peoples; a house from which God's salvation and healing flows.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: LEAD ME LORD

VERSES 1 & 2.

John D. Becker

Verses

1. Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, long - ing for their
 2. Bless - ed are the mer - ci - ful, for mer - cy shall be
 3. Blest are they who through their life - times sow the seeds of

1. Lord, for God's com - ing king - dom shall be theirs.
 2. theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.
 3. peace, all will call them chil - dren of the Lord.

1. Bless - ed are the sor - row - ing, for they shall be con -
 2. Blest are they whose hun - ger on - ly ho - li - ness can
 3. Blest are you, though per - se - cu - ted in your ho - ly

1. soled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.
 2. fill, for I say they shall be sat - is - fied.
 3. life, for in heav - en, great is your re - ward.

Refrain

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to
 seek and to find the nar - row way. Be my way;
 be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to -
 day. day. And lead me, Lord, to - day.

1-2 to Verses Final

Text: Matthew 5:3-12; 7:7, 13; John 14:6. Text and music © 1987, John D. Becker.
 Published by OCP Publications. All rights reserved.

Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano and
Thomas N. Tomaszek

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo-ple of good will. (1. We) A - men.

Verse 1
1. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,
1. we give you thanks for your great glo-ry. Lord God,
1. heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

Verse 2
2. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son. Lord God, Lamb of
2. God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the
2. sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the
2. sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right
2. hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

Verse 3
3. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
3. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
3. Ho-ly Spir-it. in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 67 - O GOD, LET ALL THE NATIONS PRAISE YOU!

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you, let all the nations praise you!

May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon the earth;
among all nations, your salvation.

Response

May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples, you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide.

Response

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!
May God bless us,
and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

Response

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek



GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



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 - EYE HAS NOT SEEN

Refrain

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for
 those who love him; Spir-it of love, come, give us the mind of
 Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

Repeat x4.

Cel: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your Spirit.**
 Cel: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**
 Cel: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All: It is right and just.**

HOLY

Mass of a Joyful Heart
 Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

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, in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san-na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Text © 2010, ICEL. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Music © 1997, 2010, Steve Angrisano and Thomas N. Tomaszek. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-
 rec-tion un-til you come a - gain, un-til you come a - gain.

Text: ICEL, © 2010
 Music: Mass of Saint Ann, Ed Bobba, © 2011, World Library Publications, a division of GIA Publications, Inc.

Mass of a Joyful Heart
Steve Angrisano

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

Music © 1997, Steve Angrisano. Published by OCP Publications. All rights reserved.

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.**

VERSES Majestically

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
2.1 have wept for love of them. They turn a-way. I will
3.1 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?

REFRAIN a tempo
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
call-ing in the right. I will go, Lord, if you
lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

Dan Schutte

ANTIPHON

Though the moun - tains may fall and the hills_ turn to dust,
 — yet the love_ of the Lord_ will stand_
 — as a shel - ter for all who will call_ on his name.
 — Sing the praise and the glo - ry of God.

VERSE 1

1. Could the Lord ev - er leave you? Could the Lord for -
 2. Should you turn and for - sake him, he will gent - ly
 3. Go to him when you're wea - ry; he will give you
 4. As he swore to your Fa - thers, when the flood de -

VERSE 2

1. get his love? _____ Though a moth - er for -
 2. call your name. _____ Should you wan - der a -
 3. ea - gle's wings. _____ You will run, nev - er
 4. stroyed the land. _____ He will nev - er for -

to Antiphon

1. sake her child, he will not a - ban - don you. _____
 2. way from_ him, he will al - ways take you back _____
 3. line, _____ for your God will be your strength_ _____
 4. sake you. _____ he will swear to you a - gain _____

An Invitation to Connect with Aboriginal Spirituality

Join us at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in exploring Social Justice and Aboriginal Spirituality, in the light of the Uluru Statement of the Heart and the Voice Referendum.

*Up to four representatives from Parishes in the Melbourne Archdiocese are invited to spend a day at the **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry**,*

*434 St Georges Rd, Thornbury
 on one of the following dates:*

Wednesday 13th September 2023

Friday 6th October 2023

Friday 13th October 2023

*The program for the day (details available on request) will commence at 10 am, and conclude at 2.30 pm.
 Lunch will be provided.*

If interested, please let us know (Cathy@sj-mc.org.au or 9681 9600) and we will forward your details to the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry.

Food Cupboard Update THANK-YOU

Our volunteers would like to thank parishioners and locals who have contributed to the food cupboard. Those in need are very grateful for your generosity. Some 'regulars' are coming each week and have started interacting with the volunteers and each other.

Some lessons that have been learnt are :

- Recipients are grateful for the clean, warm environment and opportunity to interact with volunteers and each other over a cuppa or read the paper.
- They are grateful for **small jars and cans** as often storage of larger quantities can impact the space available in their small accommodation.
- Many recipients are living on their own and can't consume the large quantities of some items whilst it is fresh, therefore they prefer the small sized jars and cans especially for coffee, tea, peanut butter, etc.
- The cupboard's needs change from week to week. At the moment, we have an adequate supply of: soup, pasta, corn kernels, tinned salmon, baked beans and spaghetti.
- Donations needed include & gratefully appreciated are:
 - small jars of coffee
 - small boxes of black tea bags
 - dry biscuits
 - sweet biscuits
 - small cans of tuna
 - small jar of honey
 - small jar of jam
 - cans of tinned fruit
 - small boxes of fruit juice
 - toilet rolls

Just as Michelangelo's Creation of Adam (detail below) is considered the most famous fresco of the Sistine Chapel, so Allegri's Miserere, created some hundred and twenty years later, is perhaps that chapel's most famous musical composition. Much as Michelangelo's multi-paneled ceiling fresco is framed by the works of earlier masters on the walls below - Botticelli, Ghirlandaio and Perugino - so, in the ACC's Sistine Chapel program, Allegri's masterpiece is supported by the works of his antecedents in the Sistine Chapel Choir - Josquin, Arcadelt, and Palestrina.

SISTINE CHAPEL

AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER CHOIR
directed by Douglas Lawrence



All this art, created for the Sistine Chapel across a period of four centuries, was intended to give its audience an idea how it would feel to be transported to heaven. It still does!

Michelangelo wrote a sonnet describing the physical pain he endured during the five years he spent single-handedly painting the Sistine Chapel ceiling, his head tilted back while standing atop a scaffold. Two of his many poems are sung as part of the ACC's Sistine Chapel program, set to music by Arcadelt, who was director of the Choir from 1539 to '51. These madrigals demonstrate the innovative genius that made the new madrigal genre and Arcadelt's name known throughout Europe.

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina was appointed to the Sistine Chapel Choir in January 1555, only to get the sack six months later. When Paul IV ascended to the papacy, married men were immediately banned from the choir and Palestrina, who was married with four children, was dismissed. A current member of the Sistine Chapel Choir, English bass, Mark Spyropoulos said "When you are a singer looking for work, you invariably spend a lot of time being in the wrong place at the right time and the right place at the wrong time". This was the case with Palestrina, who was not invited back for sixteen years.

Gregorio Allegri was a countertenor in the Sistine Chapel choir (1629-152). His Miserere had been a Vatican favourite for at least a century when the fourteen-year-old Mozart heard it during an Easter visit in 1770. The story goes that the young Mozart wrote the piece out in its entirety from memory, thus contravening the Papal edict that copies of the music must not leave the Vatican. And it still gets top billing today. The Miserere was voted "most loved unaccompanied choral work" by the ACC's audience in 2022. Following the ACC's performance of the Miserere, the program concludes with a relatively unknown work: Christus resurgens is a buoyant and lively piece that proves that Allegri was much more than just a "one hit wonder".

The ACC's online program notes are full of fabulous paintings and the stories behind them. With a little imagination, you'll feel as if you really did just visit the Vatican. The Dunkeld performance is offered in conjunction with a choice of dining and accommodation packages at the award-winning Royal Mail Hotel.

The ACC invites you to tour Europe with them for 16 days in July 2024. auschoir.org/2024-european-tour

PROGRAM

GIOVANNI PIERLUIGI DA PALESTRINA (c.1525-94)
Sicut Cervus; Missa Papae Marcelli
JOSQUIN DES PREZ (c.1450-1521) Ave Maria
JACQUES ARCADELT (c.1507-58)
Two settings of Sonnets by MICHELANGELO
BUONAROTTI (1475-1564)
GREGORIO ALLEGRI (1582-1652) Miserere:
Christus resurgens

PERFORMANCES

Saturday 12 August at 3PM
Sterling Place Community Centre, **DUNKELD**
Saturday 19 August at 3PM
Church of the Resurrection, **MACEDON**
Sunday 20 August at 3PM (LiveStream/On Demand)
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, **MIDDLE PARK**

BOOKING: www.auschoir.org

Media enquiries: Elizabeth Anderson manager@auschoir.org Mob: 0405267570

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