



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.*

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th February 2022

Hi Everyone,

I'm still hankering to be back on the Sunshine Coast but life wasn't meant to be easy!

APPRECIATION TO WILLIAM

As of 4 March 2022, William will formally cease to be our Parish Director of Music. The major reason for this is related to finances within the Parish; however, I do want to express both my own and the Parish's gratitude to William for his very devoted service over the past 6 years. William has brought a very high level of professionalism to the role and has carried out his duties with both commitment and absolute reliability. It has been a pleasure to work with him and I am saddened by the need to change our musical arrangements in the community.

William has also had responsibility for the cantors who have also served us so faithfully since before my return to the Parish. In saying all this, I want to wish William and his wife, Elisabeth, every best wish for the future and that he goes with a great sense of having served so well and been an inspiration in his love for the Church and its liturgy.

MUSIC IN THE PARISH

With the changes necessitated by the above notice, we are trialling a new way of doing the music ministry at our weekend liturgies. We have purchased 2 iPads, one for each Church, which will be retained in the Churches. We have also acquired a licence with Spotify which will enable those responsible for music to build up a playlist of hymns for the liturgy. We have also acquired a portable speaker for each Church so that the hymns can be played at the appropriate times. The words of the hymns will be provided in the weekly Bulletin. I'd encourage everyone to sing along and also to provide feedback on how the music goes over the next weeks. If we have teething problems, I'd also ask for your patience!

SACRISTANS

With the change from having a full-time sacristan for OLMC, I'm very appreciative of the support of those who are willing to help with Sacristan duties in both Churches. Our sacristans are Robert W, Kelly, Peter Russo, Bev and Josephine Grant and Nina Batsakis. We still need a sacristan for the 9:00am Mass on Thursdays at OLMC. If we can't find one then we will need to suspend Masses there on Thursdays so I'm really hoping that someone

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

6.00pm (Sat) Mount Carmel
9.00am Saint Joseph's
10.30am Mount Carmel

Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

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(CLOSED TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS)

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THIS WEEK

Monday 21 February

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 22 February

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 23 February

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 24 February

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 25 February

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's,

Saturday 26 February

6.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 27 February - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's
10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel, 8

WE REMEMBER

Please ask permission of the sick person(s) before putting their name(s) on the list. We need to be sensitive to the fact that some people may not wish their names published.

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Tommy Bednar, Paul Caghi - Cao, Nawal Cox, Kelly Edwards, Judy Fairhall, Gigi Falckh, Frances Farrugia, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Gerard Friary, Ivy Hermence, Chris Kowalski, Marino Mihocic, Felicity Morgan, Marie O'Connor, Sylvia Poliakova, Rafal Rafalski, Michael Ristevski, Lucie Carmen Rodriguez, Dennis Rohan, Lorraine Rohan, Keith Ryder, Sarah Abdel-Said, Teresa Sheehan, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Vivienne Williams, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently: all those affected by COVID_19 throughout the world.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time. Carmelite, Thomas Butler.

IN OUR PARISH

might bite the bullet and offer. The duties are not onerous but they do need some consistency. We can always cover for unexpected absences and our trainer, Kelly, is happy to help you. Please give it some thought.

LETTER TO MINISTERS TO THE SICK, COUNTERS AND DRIVERS

This week I have written to our Ministers to the Sick, our Parish Counters and Drivers to ask them to help us fulfil the requirements of having a Working with Children Check (WWCC) and a Police Check. This is NOT a reflection on any person but is required by both Government legislation and Archdiocesan law. Neither of the 2 processes are overly difficult to fulfil and our Safeguarding Officer, Frances, is more than willing to help people. She can be contacted at sj-mc.safeguarding@cam.org.au.

I realise that for some people this seems daunting and possibly unnecessary, however, I do not want to lose people from these important roles and again ask for your patience and forbearance.

This requirement is also required of all Parish employees, including the clergy.

Generally, other ministries such as Reading and Distribution of Holy Communion only require a WWCC and, again, Frances is more than willing to help. So, don't be shy and be assured we don't learn anything personal about you from these checks unless you are a serial killer and in such a case we could make an exception!!!!!!

VOLUNTEERING IN THE PARISH

As you may have guessed by now, as a Parish we are moving to a greater reliance on volunteers to do what we have previously paid for. I think you would realise that financial costs in the Parish need to be driven down if we are to survive, given the fact that we maintain 5 heritage buildings that are in constant need of maintenance. This maintenance is something we cannot avoid.

ARCHDIOCESE

26/27 February
8th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

6.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Bro Anacleto

Readers: Mary Chow

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Chow

Communion to the Sick: N/A

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Brian Harrison

Reader: Marlene Jorgensen

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Garbellini

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li
Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Simon Santoso

Readers: Nina Baksakis

Eucharistic Ministers: Marlene Halim

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

Hospitality: Denis Churkovich

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

Carmelite and
Parish Offering \$405.00

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Carmelite and
Parish Offering \$725.00

In the past we have as a Parish relied not only on investments but also income from the hire of our two Halls. As you would appreciate the past 2 years have reduced the income to the Parish dramatically and we are only slowly opening up our facilities for paying customers. It is not as easy as it sounds because we require the services of people who will be able to open, clean and close our facilities after they are hired out. If you have any concrete suggestions, let me hear them.

WEDDING CO-ORDINATOR AT OLMC

I am immensely grateful that Cathy Garbellini has agreed to be our wedding co-ordinator at OLMC. OLMC, as you can imagine, is the preferred choice of wedding venues, possibly because of the long aisle.

VOLUNTEERS FOR SJ'S HOSPITALITY

We are looking for volunteers for the usual hospitality at St. Joseph's after the Sunday Mass. It's not onerous but it would be wonderful if we could start up again.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Angela Cox who has been our Baptism Preparation Co-ordinator for some time now but who needs to finish because of her own commitments. She has been a warm and gentle presence for those seeking to have children baptised in the Parish and we will miss her from that role. Thankfully, she is not leaving the Parish.

Have a great week and enjoy the remainder of February as we slip gradually into autumn.

Blessings and peace.



February 2022 Parish Men's Dinner

Wednesday 23 February 2022,

6:45 pm, O'Connor-Pilkington Rooms, OLMC.

Speaker: Ron Curtain, former family law barrister
and Federal Circuit Judge

- "Family law experiences"

RSVP: John Molloy - 9699 2031 Cost: \$35

The Carmelite Centre is a joint venture of the Carmelites of Australia and East Timor and our Parish of Port Melbourne/Middle Park.

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REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Some years ago I was at an annual parents' dinner for a Catholic school for profoundly disabled children.

A well-known local politician, whose child was in the school, was asked to speak. This is what he said:

'I would like to pay tribute to the staff at this school. Only parents and teachers know what a joy and a heartbreak it is to have a profoundly disabled child. I always wanted the perfect child, but where is the perfection in my son David? We are told that God looked at the world and it was perfect, but my son cannot understand things as other children do. David cannot remember facts and figures as other children do. David walks with difficulty and cannot speak. How can God be filled with joy at David?'

The audience was shocked by this pained question from an anguished father.

'I believe', the father continued, 'that when God allows a world in which David can now live for 50 years, perfection is found in the way people react to children like him.'

'Just recently David and I were walking in our local park. Some boys had been there most of the day playing cricket. They were serious about this competition. David was very excited and I knew he wanted to join in. David has terrible physical co-ordination, but I approached one of the boys on the pitch and asked if David could play. The boy looked around for guidance from his mates. Getting none, he took matters into his own hands and said "Things are tight, we have to get six runs to win but we'll try and give him a bat". David smiled broadly. After scoring three more runs the next boy got out. David was put up the batting order and called to the wicket. I helped him get out there.'

'Everyone knew that it was all but impossible for my son to help them win the game. He didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, let alone hit with it. The bowler, however, sent down a soft ball so David could at least make contact. The second similar ball came and David swung clumsily and missed it. One of David's team mates came up to him and together they held the bat and faced the bowler waiting for the next ball.'

'As the ball came down, David and his teammate swung at the ball and together they hit a strong ground shot to the boundary. At his captain's urging David stumbled up the pitch as quickly as he could. Never in his life has David run so fast. He came back for a second run as the fielder saved the ball from being four runs and so the team was screaming for a third run. The fielder could have thrown the ball to David's stumps and got him out. On the winning third run, however, he threw the ball to the other end where the other batsman was safely home. The keeper casually sent it up to David's end, just as David was completing the third, winning run.'

'That day', said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, 'those boys showed me why God always looks at creation and knows it is very good.'

Jesus said, 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that? Be kind, be merciful, forgive and do not condemn, for the measure you give out is the measure you will receive!'

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OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain: **Christ be our light!**
 Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
 Christ be our light!
 Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

Longing for shelter, people are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. **Refrain**

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GLORIA

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 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.

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Response: ***The Lord is kind and merciful,
the Lord is kind and merciful.***

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,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Response

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

Response

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

Response

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.



'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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 HYMN - MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE (INSTRUMENTAL)

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.**

The Celebrant prays the preface at the end of which all say:

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.

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

HERE I AM LORD

Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Refrain: Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

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Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Refrain: ***Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
Has turned the night into day!***

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.

God is light; in him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

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