



THE CARMELITE

Parish of Port Melbourne and Middle Park
in the care of the Carmelites since 1882

We acknowledge the Yaluk-ut-Iweelam Clan, the traditional owners and custodians of this land. We pay our respects to them. May we walk gently here.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 21 November 2021

Hi Everyone,

I missed seeing you last weekend but was in quarantine or prison; however, you describe it. There is nothing like Netflix to binge on when you are bored out of your brain!

A REFLECTION

At present, I'm reading a book entitled "Emotional Agility" by Susan David which is most enjoyable and thought-provoking. I was especially taken by the story with which she opens the book:

A well-regarded captain stood on the bridge of a British battleship watching the sun set across the sea. At the story goes, the captain was about to head below for dinner when suddenly a lookout announced, "Light, sir. Dead ahead two miles."

The captain turned back toward the helm.

"Is it steady or moving?" he asked, these being the days before radar.

"Steady, captain."

"Then signal that ship," the captain ordered gruffly, "tell them, 'You are on a collision course. Alter course 20 degrees.'"

The answer from the source of the light came back just moments later: 'Advisable you change your course 20 degrees.'"

The captain was insulted. Not only was his authority being challenged, but in front of a junior seaman!

"Send another message," he snarled. "We are HMS Defiant, a 35,000-ton battleship of the dreadnought class. Change course 20 degrees.'"

"Brilliant, sir," came the reply. "I'm Seaman O'Reilly of the Second Class. Change your course immediately."

Apoplectic and red in the face, the captain shouted, "We are the flagship of Admiral Sir William Atkinson-Willes! CHANGE YOUR COURSE 20 DEGREES!"

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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(non COVID times)

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THIS WEEK

Monday 22 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 23 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 24 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's **followed by**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 25 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 26 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's,

Saturday 27 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel
6.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 28 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's
10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel, followed by Baptism

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Tommy Bednar, Paul Caghi - Cao, Nawal Cox, Jeffrey Dalton Kelly Edwards, Judy Fairhall, Gigi Falckh, Frances Farrugia, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Gerard Friary, Ivy Hermence, Silvio Ierardo, 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, Jane Spiteri, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Vivienne Williams, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently: Gordon Louey, Matthew John Russell, George Plunkett, Mary McGivern Shaw, Dorothy Stanhope (mother of Fr Wayne), and all those affected by COVID_ 19 throughout the world.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Elva Butler, Katherine Firth, Ellen Moloney, Rafalska Rozalia, John Evan Trainor, Emma Williams, and Carmelites, Thomas Kelly, and Peter Davies.

IN OUR PARISH

There was a moment of silence before Seaman O'Reilly replied: "We are a lighthouse, sir."

That story spoke to me on so many levels:

The Church, a lighthouse or a belligerent captain?

Parliament, a lighthouse or a belligerent kangaroo crossing the road?

Me, a lighthouse or a belligerent Parish Priest?

No doubt, each of us can relate to the story because, at different times, we can be both a lighthouse and a bellicose captain.

When you think about it, for Christians the real lighthouse is Jesus Christ, and the Church, if she is modelled on that same Jesus Christ, can also be a lighthouse. Sadly, too often, the Church and its ministers have been belligerent captains and not genuine lighthouses.

We are a small community – Port Melbourne and Middle Park – that has been around for a long time. Each of our communities are different; each Church has its characters and its memories, each parishioner has his or her own perceptions of what we are about. But the lighthouse which needs to guide us is Jesus.

That might sound like a cliché. However, it is true. The greatest thing we have going for us is US. We are wise, we are committed, we are human, we are graced, we are sinful, we live in hope, we love life, we believe. In others words, we are a wonderful mixture of all that is human, both good and not so good. At the same time, we are all daughters and sons of a loving God. We are part of a family and that family is our Parish.

As a Parish, we live or we die by the level of our commitment to each other, to our environment,

ARCHDIOCESE

28 November
First Sunday of Advent

6.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Norman Maguire

Readers: Abramo Ierardo

Eucharistic Ministers: Janine Brodie

Communion to the Sick: N/A

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Br Albino

Reader: Br Jose

Eucharistic Ministers: Elaine Chaffer

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Kathleen Kiernan

Readers: Nina Batsakis

Eucharistic Ministers: Clive Wansbrough

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

Hospitality: N/A

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

*Carmelite and
Parish Offering* \$517.00

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

*Carmelite and
Parish Offering* \$2,002.00

PARISH NEWS

to our indigenous sisters and brothers, to speak about justice, to act with compassion and to love as tenderly as possible (cf. Micah 6:8)

Thank you for being a part of our family. Let's face the future, with agility, with resolve and above all, with love. And let's do it together!

WHERE ARE WE?

Musically, up & creek, but with a paddle! We are searching for new ways to bring our musical life back together. If you have a talent, we want to hear about it. Administratively, we are spending too much money and we need to reign things in.

Personnel-wise, we have an incredible office team that is dwindling, and we have Carmelites who are getting older by the day but who are still terrific!

Commitment-wise, we have extraordinarily generous people who keep us going. We need to harness this even more.

I'd love to hear your thoughts about all these things. Email me at parish@sj-mc.org.au.

Blessings and peace,



IN OUR PARISH

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next series of Thanksgiving Envelopes is available for collection in the foyer of the church at St Joseph's or at the entrance (off the driveway) at Mt Carmel. If you are able to deliver envelopes to people you know, that will help defray the cost of posting out those that are not collected. If you are new to the parish and would like to join our thanksgiving Program, please call Anne at the Parish office on 9681 9600 or email on parish@sj-mc.org.au.



November 2021 Parish Men's Dinner

6:45 pm, Wednesday 24 November 2021,
O'Connor-Pilkington Rooms, OLMC.

Speaker: Noel Turnbull -

"The Australian commemoration industry:
recent remembrance or militarised history?"

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

THE CARMELITE CENTRE

Women's Art Circle, with Michele Harris, 10.30am - 12 midday, Wednesday 24 November

*Meditation *Mandala Making * Morning Tea & Musing

On the fourth Wednesday of the month from 10.30am to 12 pm facilitated by Michele Harris. Location is in South Melbourne. Address supplied by Michele after your booking. Please contact The Carmelite Centre.

Carmelite Pilgrims Short Walk 11.30am - 3.30pm Friday 26 November ALL WELCOME!

We look forward to meeting up in person for those who can join us on Friday 26 November to walk from the Carmelite Centre Middle Park to the Royal Botanical Gardens. This walk is estimated to be around 45 mins to one hour. You can bring snacks and drinks or purchase something from the cafe at the gardens. We can spend some time relaxing in the gardens and then some may wish to walk back to Middle Park or you can leave from the gardens if you wish.

We hope you can join us.

**Carmelite Conversation, The Poetry of John of the Cross
with Philip Harvey,
10.30am - 12 midday, Wednesday 1 December (Via Zoom)
More Details to follow**

Centering Prayer Meditations
5.00pm - 5.50pm Tuesdays (via Zoom)

Meditation
7.00-8.00pm Thursdays in the Malone Room

Lectio Divina
10.00am - 11.00am Fridays (via Zoom)

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

Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. It appears to have its roots in the 1880s when many European bishops were worried with what they saw as the rise of secularisation. I'm pleased they're not around today! These bishops were concerned at how governments were increasingly asserting more power over and against the church. Especially in France and Italy Bishops started to venerate Jesus as the Universal King. This devotion took off. By 1922, at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, sixty-nine cardinals petitioned the Pope to establish this feast. Within three years the Vatican had been inundated with requests, and so the solemnity was established.

It's clear from today's Gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus frequently spoke of his Kingdom, is hailed like a king on Palm Sunday and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different from those of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other Kings of Israel.

The earliest Christians seem to have understood this very well. We find very little writing or artistic representation of Jesus as a king before 324 AD. In that year Emperor Constantine becomes a catechumen and Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire. After this time Jesus starts to appear wearing a crown and holding an orb. Mary is styled as the Queen of Heaven and begins to be pictured as such. This is all understandable as the previously persecuted Christian sect now emerges to become the most powerful unifying force in the Roman Empire. It was a sweet victory, but it meant that whatever was said of the Roman Emperor, even more must be true of Christ the Universal King and Lord.

As centuries passed and the Roman Empire passed away, the Church maintained many of its now long-standing royal prerogatives and language. Just as an example, to this day the Pope and some bishops live in places called palaces. They wear jewels and rings and have feudal coats of arms. Worse still by far, however, is the mentality and behaviour of a very few Bishops, who seem to think that the church is above the scrutiny of the faithful, and the law of the land.

The problem with all these historical accretions is that they directly contradict the way in which Jesus spoke about himself as a King. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship occur within the passion narratives. Today's extract from John's gospel is among the most famous of them all. 'You say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

There are not too many Kings or Queens today who would love their people so much that they would be prepared to die for them. We know from history that when the going gets tough many monarchs get going. But what we get in Jesus as King is one who did not compromise his humanity, who would not yield from his preaching and does not abandon us in our desolation. Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter fidelity to us – even to the end.

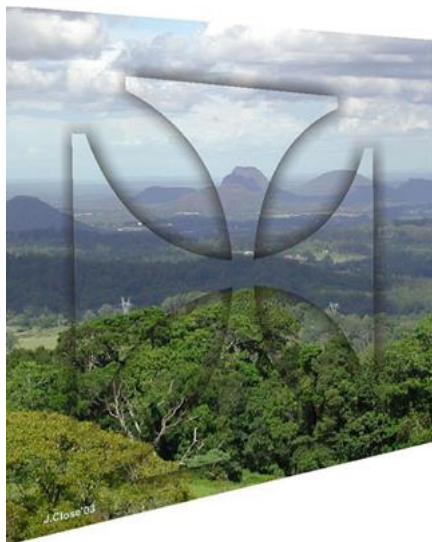
So let's not be seduced by the power, pride, riches and greed which worldly rulers so crave. Let's keep our own eyes on Christ our King who loved people more than things, who spoke the truth with love, and who died that we might live. And let's not shrink from challenging the entire Church to do the same.

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LITURGICAL ART

Art and Reflection *by Jenny Close*

Jesus says that his kingdom is not from this world. The kingdom, however, can be detected in the fabric of the universe if one has eyes to see. Jesus was born to testify to the truth, to show the world how to read its experience for signs of kingdom reality.



OUR LITURGY

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

Daniel 7:13-14

'I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire be destroyed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 92: THE LORD IS KING

Psalm 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

Response: ***The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.***

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **Response**

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are **Response**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **Response**

SECOND READING

Revelations 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my



men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind."So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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.

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, 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.***

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