



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.***

6th Sunday of Easter

22 May 2022

Hi Everyone,

CLOSURE OF THE PARISH OFFICE

Due to a shortage of personnel, the Parish Office will be closed next week from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th May (inclusive). The Parish emergency number will be available, however, I would ask that it be reserved for genuine emergencies. Many thanks.

SUGGESTION RE SATURDAY EVENING MASS AT OLMC

Last Saturday I was approached by a parishioner about the possibility of changing the Saturday evening Mass from 6:00pm to 5:00pm during the winter months. I also received some positive feedback from a number of parishioners. The reason for the request is that during the winter months it is both cold and dark and that is a challenge for our older parishioners. I think the suggestion deserves positive consideration so I'm putting it to all of those who attend the Saturday evening Mass. Would you prefer a 5:00pm or 6:00pm Mass at Mount Carmel during the winter months? I would love to hear from as many as possible so please chat to Kelly or myself or email us at parish@sj-mc.org.au.

PS. We have a Wedding booked in for one Saturday evening at 4:00pm in August but that is not insurmountable.

LIGHTING IN NEVILLE STREET AND THE WALKWAY BETWEEN OLMC AND THE HALL AND REPAIRS TO THE A/C IN CARMELITE HALL

With these winter months it is extremely difficult for parishioners to park in Neville St (between the Church and the Priory) because the lighting is virtually non-existent. I've asked our electrician to fix a form of floodlights in Neville Street and the 1st part of the walkway to ameliorate the situation.

Also, one of the air-conditioning units in the O'Connor/Pilkington rooms has given up the ghost, so a new compressor and unit will be installed in the kitchen end of these rooms.

Both these changes are relatively expensive, however, I think we need to ensure both the safety and comfort of people who access our property via the Neville Street entrance and who use the rooms within the hall.

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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Carmelite Website
www.carmelites.org.au

Office Hours 9am-4pm (non COVID times)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday (CLOSED TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS)

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THIS WEEK

Monday 23 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 24 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 25 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 26 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 27 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 28 May

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

Sunday 29 May - Ascension of the Lord

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

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Alberto Aguilon, Donald Baldie, Steve Balkin, Hein Basten, Tommy Bednar, Paul Caghi - Cao, Nawal Cox, Luka Dabovic, Maureen Dickason, Ben Dymond, Kelly Edwards, Judy Fairhall, Gigi Falckh, Lyn Falckh, Michelle Falckh, Frances Farrugia, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Lyn Fleming, Gerard Friary, Ivy Hermence, Anita Heyma, Steph Hudson, Andrija Junkovic, Chris Kowalski, Claudia Leibel, Baby Alba Middleton, Marino Mihocic, Wayne Mills, Felicity Morgan, Marie O'Connor, Ingrid Ohleiter, Sylvia Poliakova, Rafal Rafalski, Michael Ristevski, Lucie Carmen Rodriguez, Dennis Rohan, Keith Ryder, Sarah Abdel-Said, Teresa Sheehan, Angela Speranza, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Vivienne Williams, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently: Gino Cianci, Irena Wojciechowska, casualties of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict, and all those affected by COVID_19 throughout the world.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Steve Molnar, Albin Rzesniowiecki, Maria Rzeniowiecki, Joseph Rzepisko, Czeszowo Rafalska, Tadeusz Rafalski, and Carmelites, Walter Bridger, Damian Barker, and John O'Beirne.

IN OUR PARISH

A PLETHORA OF STATUES!!

Recently we received an almost life-sized statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel from a Port Melbourne parishioner. This poses us with a dilemma of where to place the statue within St J's as we already have a statue of her in the Lady Chapel. It's been suggested that this statue shares space with the statue of St Therese of Lisieux and that St Joseph be taken from the Lady Chapel and placed in the portico of the Church. To place St Joseph at the entrance of the Church makes sense, however, I would appreciate any wisdom you have to share. I won't put the OLMC statue in the side chapel because Our Lady of Fatima is already there!

Also, we probably need to find a space in one or both of our churches for a shrine to St Titus Brandsma. We don't have a statue of him but we may be able to acquire a good photograph. Any suggestions or donations?

ABSENCE OF KELLY DURING JUNE AND JULY

Kelly will be absent during the months of June and July as she returns to the US for a family visit.

RETIREMENT OF ANNE AND SHANE

As I've mentioned before, both Anne and Shane are retiring at the end of June so we are looking for ways to replace them. An advertisement has been placed on the Archdiocesan website for vacancies in various parishes and we are in discussions with two parishioners. Pray that we find appropriate replacements for them both otherwise we'll have to shut up shop and I can retire!

Have a great week and keep warm and safe.

Blessings and peace,



ARCHDIOCESE

29 May

The Ascension of The Lord 6.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Tris Tanumihardjo

Readers: Des Collins

Eucharistic Ministers: Abramo lerardo

Music: Kelly

Communion to the Sick:

29 May - 4 June: TBA

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Br Jose

Reader: Br Marco

Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Glenda

Counters: Brian Harrison & Toni Stuart

Music: Joan

Hospitality: N/A

Communion to the Sick:

22 - 28 May: France Correa

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Sally Diserio

Readers: Margaret Fagan

Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Newman

Music: Kelly

Hospitality: Peter Thomas

THANK YOU

**for your generosity last Sunday
St Joseph's**

*Carmelite and
Parish Offering* \$779.00

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

*Carmelite and
Parish Offering* \$1,122.00

IN OUR PARISH

May 2022 Parish Men's Dinner

Wednesday 25 May 2022,
6:45 pm, O'Connor-Pilkington Rooms, OLMC.

Speaker: Colin Riley, sports enthusiast and volunteer, former PE teacher and lecturer
- "A life of Riley"

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

THE CARMELITE CENTRE

Centering Prayer Meditation, with Kathryn Pile, Tuesdays 5.00 – 5.50pm

Centering Prayer Meditation draws on the Christian tradition of meditation from the heart centre, using themes from spiritual writing and scripture, to help us experience beyond limited intellect, the total mind we call Heart, deepen a way of being in God's Presence. It is an invitation for all with an open heart who are seeking to bring unity and wholeness into their daily life, whether or not from a Christian background.

You may like to use this app for your personal Tuesday centering prayer meditation. Receive a weekly email from Kathryn Pile, and join us at home at 5pm on Tuesdays via zoom.

Kathryn Pile has a long history of practicing various forms of meditation to assist her to meet the challenges of juggling everyday living. Always a seeker and from a rich ecumenical background, she attends Anglican and Catholic churches, and is a regular attendee of Carmelite Centre events and prayer opportunities. Kathryn has a Graduate Certificate of Guiding Meditation from the Catholic Theological College – University of Divinity.

The suggested donation for each Centering Prayer session is \$10 which helps offset costs involved in providing the sessions and remunerating the presenter. Please contact the Carmelite Centre to obtain the Zoom link.

Monthly Gathering last Friday of the Month 11.30am – 1pm

Join us in the Carmelite Library last Friday of each month between 11.30am and 1pm. An opportunity to meet in person and also as we plan to gather in the library you may like to browse and borrow books. Even though the library is not officially open at this time we can organise for you to borrow books if needed.

We can share a cuppa and also you may like to bring some nibbles to share.

Look forward to seeing some of you in the library each month. These get-togethers may be hosted by various members of our Carmelite Centre community. Contact us to let us know you are coming.

Carmelite Centre Program Bookings

T: 9690 5430 (leave message if unattended) or
reregistration@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org
via website: www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Have you noticed how many books, films, television and radio programs harken back to yesteryear? 'Retrospectives' are huge in the art world. Have you noticed when musicians play more romantic classical music in the first half and contemporary music in the second half that people leave at half time? It seems the public likes the art of the 19th Century more than that of today. Nostalgia is big business and we cannot get enough of it.

Nostalgia literarily means 'a yearning for home'. And if our artistic tastes reveal anything about who we are at present, maybe the home we yearn for is where things are clearer, roles are more defined, accepted harmony is developed and discord and dissonance is avoided – at least in public.

In today's Gospel, Jesus says that as a result of our love for him and fidelity to his word, the Father will come and make a home with us. The image of God as homemaker is, sadly, not very developed in Christian spirituality, maybe because too many undomesticated men have had too much of the say for far too long! But this is an image that holds a lot for how and where we meet God.

The best homes are places where we relax because we are ourselves, we are known and we know the others with whom we live. It's a common experience, for example, that when we have been out from our homes, as soon as we enter our front door we want to go to the loo. There is something intimate and familiar about our home that enables us to relax on many levels as we turn the key. Home is an earthy place where we don't get away with much and our vulnerability can be on display. Christian homes are particularly hospitable places, where Christ dwells in them to the degree that dignity, love and forgiveness are present.

A home, however, is more than a house in which people live. Homes need work and attention. A friend of mine says memories rarely just happen, they need to be created. That's the sort of attention to a family's life that turns a house into a home.

And this is the world in which God enters our lives. God wants us to be relaxed and vulnerable in God's presence. We don't need to put on a show or say what we think God wants to hear, that's a theatre where we preform, not a home where we know each other. Easter faith is about being comfortable and intimate, about being who we are, rather than the persona we would prefer God to see.

As with most of our homes, being at home with God has its ups and downs, days when we think we cannot bear to stay one more moment, other days where we could never imagine being anywhere else and then most days where we are neither up nor down and we just get on with the routine of our lives. God the homemaker remains faithful through it all, offering the gift of Easter peace, sending us out to proclaim Christ's Kingdom, welcoming us home eager to learn how everything went and reassuring us always that while God is at home with us our hearts should never be troubled and we are not to be afraid.

For Christians, nostalgia is not about living in the past, it is about yearning for the sort of home where our heart truly is. © **Richard Leonard SJ**

OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

REFRAIN

All the ends of the earth, all you crea-tures of the sea, lift up your eyes to the won - ders of the Lord. For the Lord of the earth, the mas-ter of the sea, has come with jus-tice for the world. *Fine*

VERSES 1&2

1. Break in to song at the deeds of the Lord, 2. Heav - en and earth shall re - joice in his night; 1. the won-ders he has done in ev - 'ry age, 2. ev - 'ry heart ev - 'ry na - tion call him Lord. *to Refrain*

VERSE 3

3. The Lord has made his sal - va - tion known, faith-ful to his 3. prom - is - es of old. Let the ends of the earth, let the 3. sea and all it holds make mu-sic be - fore our King! *to Refrain*

GLORIA

Refrain: *Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.*

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
(Refrain)

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**

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! **Refrain**

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 67: LET ALL 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. **Refrain**

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

Refrain

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. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain: ***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia***

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:
I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that
I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'



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 - AS THE DEER LONGS

DOD MURA

REFRAIN



As the deer longs for run - ning streams, so I ___ long,



so I ___ long, ___ so I ___ long for you. Fine

VERSES



1. A - thirst my soul for you the God who is my life! When shall I
 2. Ec - hoes meet as deep is call - ing un - to deep, o - ver my
 3. Con - tin - ual - ly the foe de - lights in taunt - ing me: "Where is God,
 4. De - fend me, God, send forth your light ___ and your truth, they will lead
 5. Then I shall go un - to the al - tar of my God. Prais - ing you,



1. see, when shall I ___ see, ___ see the face of God?
 2. head, all your might - y wa - ters, sweep - ing o - ver me.
 3. ___ where is your ___ God?" ___ Where, O where, are you?
 4. me to your ho - ly moun - tain, to your dwell - ing place.
 5. — O my joy and glad - ness, I shall praise your name. to Refrain

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.

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

COMMUNION 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 shelter, many 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

Bob Dulford

ANTIPHON

Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic - es, lift your hearts.

This is the day the Lord has made. Let all___the earth re- joice.___

VERSE 1

1.I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have an-swered my plea___

1.You have saved my soul from death. You are my strength and my song___

VERSE 2

2.Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord._____

2.Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry._____

VERSE 3

3.This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re- joice.

3. He has turned all death to life. Sing of the glo-ry of God._____

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