



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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23 July 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

As always, our Readings today offer us encouragement in our commitment to live our Christian lives in the face of the challenges which life presents.

People throughout history have faced the same sort of challenge ... to live according to their consciences and deeply held beliefs. The early Christian community for which St Matthew was writing found themselves fighting what they felt was an uphill battle. They were trying to live as Jesus proposed – placing greater emphasis on reaching out to others in mercy and compassion rather than on judgment of them; and on the personal relationship with God to which they were called in the risen Jesus rather than on ritualistic, strict and legalistic observance of the traditional Jewish Law.

These early Christians found, as we find today, that the message of Jesus meets with a very mixed response. There are many “voices” espousing values and promoting a way of life different from that which Jesus would seem to promote. Sometimes, however, it is difficult to know what is right and what is the way Jesus would have us respond to the complex realities of our lives and our world. In trying to address a similar reality for the early Christian community for which he was writing, Matthew invokes a parable of Jesus, which we hear in today’s Gospel Reading. In this parable, wheat and darnel, a poisonous weed, grow together, becoming very intertwined and difficult to separate. For us, too, it can be difficult to separate good from bad, right from wrong, what we think and believe we should do and what we’re tempted to do that we’re not certain is in accordance with our deeply held beliefs and values.

As we reflect on our lives, we might identify that which seems like wheat (goodness) and that which seems like darnel (poisonous) and humbly acknowledge that sometimes we find it hard to separate one from the other. We try to do our best to harvest the wheat and eradicate the darnel in our lives, but our best “gardening” efforts are inadequate. As the parable encourages us, in the end we need to rely on God to ensure that the wheat – the goodness – prevails and that God welcomes us into the fullness of His/Her kingdom, having finally eradicated the darnel in us.

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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

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Tuesday - 9am - 4pm

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Friday - 9am-12pm

(CLOSED MONDAYS & THURSDAYS)

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THIS WEEK

Monday 24 July

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 25 July

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 26 July

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 27 July

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 28 July

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 29 July

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 30 July

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, Marie Julie Fernandez, 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, Tera Kwol, Robert Masquiren, Sharon Beverly Mendes, Marta Menjivar, Simon Millar, Baby Alba Middleton, 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:

Maree Metcalf & casualties of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

Guiseppa Battista, Michelina Battista, Penelope Gallagher, Carmel Leonard, Kathleen Underwood & Carmelite Frank Shortis.

IN OUR PARISH

Envelopes

The next series of Thanksgiving Envelopes are available for collection in the foyer of the churches.



New to Thanksgiving

If you are new to the parish and would like to join our Thanksgiving Program, please contact Cathy at the Parish Office via email Cathy@sj-mc.org.au or 9681 9600.

Food Cupboard

The **Food Cupboard** is up and running **every Friday** from **7 July 2023** between 10:00am - 11:30am at St Joseph's Hall.

Access to St Joseph's Hall is via the Rouse Steet driveway leading to the carpark at the rear of the church.

Donations are accepted at weekend masses and at the Parish Office during business hours where they can be left in the Food Cupboard in the foyer.

Farewell to Mary Paradise

Mary is moving to Port Lonsdale and will be closer to family. We thank her for her contribution to the parish community especially as a regular at St Joseph's masses & the Craft Group over the last 25 years and wish her well in her move.

Parish Men's Dinner

We are looking for a volunteer to organise the monthly Parish Men's Dinner which is held on the last Wednesday of the month.

For more details, please contact Cathy for more details (Cathy@sj-mc.org.au or 9681 9600).

29-30 July 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Des Collins

Reader: Abramo Ierardo

Offertory: Br Anacleto

Communion: Janine Brody

Music: Janine Brody

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Kevin Mooney

Reader: William Kininmonth

Offertory: Jim Power

Communion: Jacek Glenda

Counters: Brian Rochford & Jim Power

Music: Cathy Garbellini

Hospitality: TBD

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Angela Cox

Reader: Nina Batsakis

Offertory: Nina Batsakis

Communion: TBD

Music: Peter Russo

Hospitality: Jackie & John Tidey

Communion to the Sick:

Kathy Mount : 30 Jul - 6 Aug

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 323.00
Credit Card	\$ 250.00
Direct Debit	\$ 1,515.00
Loose Plate	\$ 1,114.80
Tap & Go	\$ 40.00
Total	\$ 3,242.80

BSB: 083-347

Account Number : 58 216 8515

Account Name : Port Melbourne /
Middle Park Parish

Congratulations to Confirmation candidates

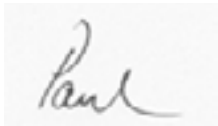
Last Friday week, 14 July, 39 young people celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation at Saints Peter's & Paul's Parish, South Melbourne. Most of these children attend "Galilee", our Regional Catholic Primary School and many of them come from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph's parish. Our parish also presented 4 non-Galilee students, prepared by Sally Diserio, to Bishop Ireland for the sacrament. Our congratulations are extended to the children who were confirmed, along with their parents and sponsors. Our thanks go to Sally and the catechists and teachers at Galilee for their preparation of the young Confirmation candidates. Thanks are also extended to Fr Gary Devery, OFM Cap, Parish Priest and staff of Saints Peter's & Paul's for their hospitality and to Bishop Ireland for engaging the candidates and all in attendance in the celebration of the sacrament. We pray that the Spirit, in whom the candidates were confirmed, may continue to grow in their lives.

Parish Meeting this week

All parishioners are invited to a meeting next Thursday 27 July at 7pm at St Joseph's Hall for general discussion on our parish's future, including our challenging financial situation. If you are unable to make it in-person but would like to participate by Zoom, please let us know (Cathy@sj-mc.org.au or 9681 9600) and we will send you the log-in details. A proposed Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome & Introductions
3. Background and Context of Meeting - local
4. Background and Context of Meeting – wider Church
5. Discerning our "Mission" as a Parish
6. Listening to experience and invitation of neighbouring parish, Sacred Heart & St Columba, St Kilda West & Elwood
7. Financial Realities, Challenges & Fund Raising Proposal
8. Responding to financial issues – Discussion
9. Responding to Sacred Heart & St Columba's experience and invitation in discerning our "Mission" – Discussion
10. Other possibilities
 - Parish Council?
 - Further Meeting/s?
 - Sub-committee/s?
11. Other

Blessings for the week ahead.



CRISIS APPEAL FOR TIMOR LESTE



PLEASE DONATE

Help our team on the ground respond to the devastation & looming food shortage...

You'll help us:

- Purchase and distribute food and clean drinking water along with non-perishable food items and kitchen utensils for cooking
- Equip communities with the materials needed to rebuild homes, buildings, roads and other infrastructure
- Provide clothes, sanitation items, and other material aid for those in temporary shelters
- Respond to long term needs of the communities in the coming **months**

CARMELITE PRAYER

Mary,

You are always with the brothers and sisters of your Son as we seek to follow in his footsteps.

Help us keep our hearts open to God and to the needs of one another.

Be with those who struggle with disease and illness, tension and tragedy.

Help us bring peace and reconciliation wherever it is needed.

Help us to protect and look after each other.

Help us bring moments of healing and grace into each other's lives.

Help us to be God's heart in the heart of the world.

This we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

REFLECTION

The Patient Gardener

The section of St Matthew's Gospel from which we are now reading concerns the Kingdom of God. Jesus uses this expression frequently in his teaching. The Kingdom is not heaven, it is the life and heart of God. We live in the Kingdom when we live according to the mind and heart of God. The Kingdom, or reign of God, breaks into human reality when human beings live, breathe and act out of the life of God; when the heart of God becomes ours; when we allow God to speak and act in and through us.

Jesus frequently uses parables in his teaching - stories drawn from real life, designed to get his listeners to think, ask questions and make decisions.

Today's parable is a story about wheat and darnel growing together in a field. Apparently darnel, a weed, looks so similar to wheat that it is almost impossible to tell the two apart until the ears appear at harvest time. Only then can you really tell the difference between the two plants. Before that, there may be some signs to do with the direction in which the spikelets grow. Perhaps that is what the servants see and report it to the owner.

They ask if the owner wants them to remove the darnel. The owner says to leave both plants to grow together until harvest when the difference in the plants will be obvious. That will be the time to do the weeding.

So, what does it all mean?

No doubt, there were people in Matthew's community who thought that the Reign of God would come swiftly and with vehemence and immediately crush what was contrary to it. Others had grown anxious about the fact that the coming of the Kingdom seemed much delayed and wanted to get on with the job of weeding out the 'evil ones' according to their own judgement.

The parable, however, urges patience and to leave final judgement to God. What appears to be darnel may yet turn out to be wheat. Only time will tell.

The parable is also a reflection on the mixture of good and evil in the world. But it calls us to reflect, too, on the mix of good and evil we find in our own hearts. What will we turn out to be?

The parable also raises the question: can darnel turn into wheat given God's patience and mercy?

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

OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

VERSES 3 & 4

Bob Hurd

REFRAIN



Gath - er your peo - ple, O Lord. Gath - er your



peo - ple, O Lord. One bread, one bod - y, one



spir - it of love. Gath - er your peo - ple, O Lord.

VERSES



1. Draw us forth to the ta - ble of life:
2. We are parts of the bod - y of Christ,
3. No more harm on the moun - tain of God,
4. Wash us, Lord, in the wa - ters of life;



1. broth - ers and sis - ters, each of us called to
2. need - ing each oth - er, each of the gifts the
3. swords in - to plow - shares. Free us, O Lord, from
4. wa - ters of mar - cy, wa - ters of hope that



1. walk in your light.
2. Spir - it pro - vides.
3. hard - ness of heart.
4. flow from your side.

to Refrain

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.

1-3 to Verses Final Fine

(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,

to Refrain or Verse 2

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

to Refrain or Verse 3

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

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 86 -- LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING

Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.
Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and
attend to the sound of my pleading. **Response**

All the nations you have made shall come
and worship you, O LORD and glorify your name
For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds;
you alone are God. **Response**

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.
Turn toward me, and have pity on me;
give your strength to your servant. **Response**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

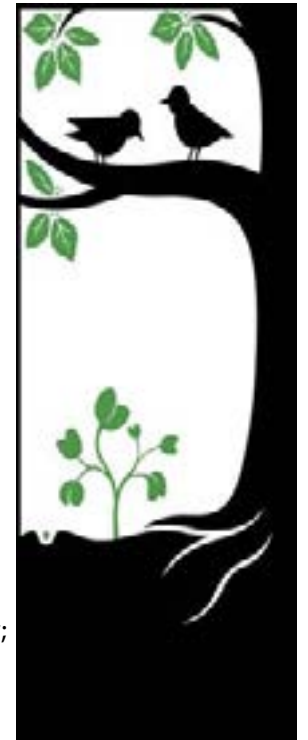
Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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 - LIKE A SHEPHERD

BOB DUFFORD

REFRAIN

Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his arms, hold-ing them care-ful-ly close to his heart, lead-ing them home, home, lead-ing them home.

1-3 to Verses Final rit. fine

VERSES 1&2

1. Say to the cit-ies of Ju-dah: Pre-pare the
2. I my-self will shep-herd them, for oth-ers have

1. way of the Lord. Go to the moun-tain-top,
2. fed them a-stray. The lost I will res-cue and

to Refrain

1. lift your voice: Je-ru-sa-lem, here is your God
2. heal their wounds and pas-ture them, giv-ing them rest.

VERSE 3

3. Come un-to me if you are heav-i-ly bur-de-ned, and
3. take my yoke up-on your shoul-ders. I will give you rest.

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.**

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.

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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.

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LAMB OF GOD

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

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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 - 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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN - JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

VERSES 1 - 3.

HYMN TO JOY

1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry,
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heav'n re-
3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, Ev-er bless-ing,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus Which the morn-ing

1. Lord of love; Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore thee,
2. flect thy rays, Stars and an-gels sing a-round thee,
3. ev-er blest, Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing,
4. stars be-gan; Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us,

1. O-p'ning to the sun a-bove. Melt the clouds of
2. Cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise; Field and for-est.
3. O-cean depth of hap-py rest! Thou our Fa-ther,
4. Bind-ing all with-in its span. Ev-er sing-ing,

1. sin and sad-ness; Drive the dark of doubt a-way;
2. vale and moun-tain, Flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
3. Christ our broth-er, All who live in love are thine;
4. march we on-ward, Vic-tors in the midst of strife;

1. Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
2. Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, Call us to re-joice in thee.
3. Teach us how to love each oth-er, Lift us to the joy di-vine.
4. Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, In the tri-umph song of life.

Txt: B7 B7 D; Henry van Dyke, 1852-1911, alt.
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapted by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

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