

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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 24 March 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

As we gather on this Passion (or Palm) Sunday, we begin our annual commemoration of the last week of Jesus' life.

It begins with his entry into Jerusalem, riding a donkey and people acclaiming him as the kingly successor of the great King David. He "comes in the name of the Lord" and is acclaimed as the one who will deliver the liberation for which the people have longed. The paradox of this long-anticipated king entering Jerusalem on a donkey, the lowliest of beasts, is poignant. Whilst the people expected the Messiah to be a great warrior leader and victor like David, the symbolism of him riding a donkey, rather than a majestic horse, the conventional symbol of power and triumph, underlines that this "King", the Messiah, comes among the people humbly and as a servant.

As we hear Mark's version of the story of Jesus' passion and death unfold in this last week of Jesus' earthly life, we are struck by the factual, unemotional manner in which it is told. It is a story which underlines the abject, totally devastating reality of Jesus' apparent defeat by the forces of evil. As he endures it, Jesus cries out in anguish, *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me*, but there is no answer; God is silent!

However, "when Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last", we're told the startling reality that "the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom", signifying that, in Jesus' death, the old order whereby the Temple was the place of encounter with God, has ended. Then we hear that the centurion, who was standing in front of Jesus and had seen how he had died, said, 'In truth this man was a son of God'. This centurion was the first to believe – and proclaim his belief – that it is in encountering Jesus that we encounter God. Jesus is glorified, risen to new life, in the very act of giving of himself totally in love to God and God's people, reconciling all to himself. God is no longer silent! Death and evil are conquered by love.

It is in service, in "dying" to self, in giving of ourselves in love to others that evil is overcome. It is in love and service that God speaks to us and in which we are Continued on page 4

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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

Carmelite Parish Office

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THIS WEEK

Monday 25 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 26 March

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 27 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 28 March

No morning Mass

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Joseph's

Friday 29 March No morning Mass

3.00pm Friday of the Passion of the Lord, both Churches

Saturday 30 March

No morning Mass

8.00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 31 March

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, Patrick Achiam, Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Grace Callaghan, Mary Hong Cao, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Paul Cox, Daphnie Cramer, Grace Cumming, Mary Dalli, Michael De Nittis, Maureen Dickason, Leonie Dimes, Bernadette Falckh, Gigi Falk, Lyn Falk, Maria Fatima, Rebecca Fernando, Tony Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, John Fuller, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Evelen Greach, Brendan Gurry, Maureen Gurry, George Grzyb, Nova Hack, Bernardine Hagan, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Darren Harland, Chin Hsia, Portia Hendrick, Carol Higginson, Jason Ho, Marija Jelinic, Sr Martin Jones, Margaret Lopes, Les Lugowski, Christine Lyell, Maria Teresa Margues, Robert Masquiren, Ian McLachlan, Marta Menjivar, Alba Middleton, Sam Neill, Maria Loc Nguyen, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Dennis Rohan, Jill Ridge, Michael Risteviski, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Carti Somerset-Beauverie, Dorothea Spencer, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Angela Trigar, Julieanne Wharton & Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently: Gayl Hindle Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time:

Irene Gorosito and Carmelites David De Loughrey, Alphonsus Kindelan, Aloysius Farnsworth, Joseph Butler, Michael Camilleri, Bernard Shah and John Butler.

IN OUR PARISH

Parish Men's Dinner

Date: Wednesday, 27 March 2024

Time: 6.45pm

Venue: O'Connor-Pilkington Room,

OLMC, Middle Park

Cost: \$40.00 pp

Speaker: Michael Rochford (Computerised 3D printingOffertory: Sally Diserio

technology and its application to heavy industry).

To **RSVP** or if you want more information, please contact **9.00am St Joseph's**Brian Rochford on:

Commentator: N/A

Mobile: 0403 056 542

Email: bfrochford@bigpond.com)

Music: Organist / Cantor

Commentator: N/A

Readers:

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Readers: Tris Tanumihardjo
Offertory: Elaine Chaffer
Communion: Frances Correa
Counters: Brian Harrison & Toni Stuart

Music: Organist / Cantor

Hospitality: Eden Rzepisko & Cora Galutera

MINISTRIES

30/31 March 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

8.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Sally Diserio (Reading 1)

Brian Harrison (Reading 2)

Mary Brady (Reading 4)

Communion: Denis Churkovich

Sr Reba Woodwiss (Reading 3)

Parish Ladies Dinner

The next Parish Ladies Dinner is **Wednesday**, **27 March** at **6.00pm**.

at Clare Castle Hotel, Port Melbourne.

If you are interested in attending, or would like more details, please contact Pauline Semmens on mob: 0425 854 691.

Numbers are capped at 20 so book early to avoid disappointment.

Meal & Drinks at own expense.

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: N/A
Readers: Kathleen Kiernan
Offertory: Jackie & John Tidey
Communion: John Molnar
Music: Organist / Cantor
Hospitality: Peter Thomas

Communion to the Sick:

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THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend Parish Stewardship Offerings

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Envelopes	\$	360.00
Credit Card	\$	305.00
Direct Credit	\$	796.75
Loose Plate	\$ '	1,066.15
Tap & Go	\$	205.00
Total	\$ 2	2,732.90



DONATIONS

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Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish **Parish Website:** www.sj-mc.org.au using **DONATE** button on Homepage.

called to speak, through our actions, as God's spokespersons to others. In the desolation in which we can find ourselves at times and in the desolation which we see as the lot of so many in our world today, a desolation in which God seems so silent, may we be people of hope and witness to the victory that comes in love.

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Easter Office Arrangements

There will be NO Newsletter as such on the Easter weekend, given the number and complexity of booklets that need to be prepared for the Easter Liturgies.

Apart from the Office being closed on the Public Holidays, Good Friday and Easter Monday, it will also be closed on Easter Tuesday, reopening on the Wednesday after Easter, 3 April.

Blessings for a "Holy Week" and a happy Easter.



PROJECT COMPASSION



Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 23 & 24 March





This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, across water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

Ronita from the Philippines has now graduated high school and secured a job at a call centre. This job was only possible because of a certificate she gained from completing her studies.

Leais and her family now have a water tank at their home in Samoa. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions.

Memory completed her vocational training course in carpentry and joinery. After completing a work contract at one of the largest electrical companies in Malawi, Memory now plans to return to her village and provide carpentry services to people in her community.

It's through the generosity of people like you that we can continue to support people like Ronita, Leaia and Memory.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

You can denate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <u>caritas org.au/project-compassion</u> or by calling 1800 024 413.





Port Melbourne/Middle Park Parish

Easter Tridumm 2024

Holy Thursday - 28 March

There will be NO morning mass

7:00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Joseph's

Good Friday - 29 March

There will be NO morning mass

3:00pm: Friday of the Passion of the Lord – Both Churches

Holy Saturday - 30 March

There will be NO morning mass

8:00pm: Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel - note time change

Easter Sunday - 31 March

9:00am: Mass at St Joseph's

10:30am: Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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REFLECTION

Passion Sunday Reflection

Some years ago, I visited the Pro Hart Gallery in Broken Hill. Tucked up in the upper reaches of the gallery, was a painting guite different to the others.

On a sunset coloured wash, it depicted Christ weighed down with carrying his cross. Behind him straggled a ragtag bunch of humanity – the elderly, a child with only one leg on crutches, a man with a machine gun and many, many others. This painting stopped me in my tracks! It almost looked like a pen and ink sketch but for me the impact was enormous. Sure, it depicted Christ carrying the cross but the amazing element for me was that it presented the polyglot of people caught up in the Easter story and brought home to me the enduring relevance of the Passion here and now, for all of us.

If we were to create a similar picture, which figures would it contain? Perhaps it would include the people of Syria, the Rohingya refugees, the refugees flooding into Europe, the elderly without support systems, people living in abusive relationships, people whose sexuality does not fit 'the norm', kids who are sick and hungry, workers for the common good with very limited resources, the down-and-out beggars on city streets, people who do not receive a fair wage for their work, people who cannot find work, people in 'Detention Centres', people under repressive regimes – be it in their country, their workplace or their home. The list seems endless.

What about the people in Jesus' time? At least some of them were expecting a triumphal Messiah who would overthrow oppression with arms and flaring battles. Not what they got. Instead they had a rabbi who emptied himself of everything.

What about the ordinary people in western civilisation in our own time? Are we misguided in our expectations too? Are we selling out to the lie that more and more is better as we live under the yoke of corporate greed, which causes jobs to disappear and dreams to disintegrate?

Are we any different to the people of Jesus' time who waved palms and yelled out, "Hosanna"? Are we any different to the crowd that screamed, 'Crucify him!'

Instead of a superhero, we have a man who looks at the ragtag of humanity and still says to us 'This is my body.'

The Easter story is worth remembering, re-telling, re-imaging, because it is the story of all of us in one way or another.

Christine Wade

GATHERING & BLESSING OF PALMS

Our Lady of Mount Carmel - we will gather in the foyer of the church for the blessing of the palms, then process into the church for mass.

St Joseph's - Weather permitting, we will gather outside the front of the church for the blessing of the palms, then process into the church for mass.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

John 12: 12-16

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!'

And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written: 'Fear not, daughter Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!'

His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.



Text: 78 78 77 with repeat: Te Deum laudamus; attr. to St. Nicetas, ca. 335–414; Grosser Goff, wir loben dich; tr. ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719–1790; tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900. Music: Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, ca. 1774.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - PSALM 22: MY GOD, MY GOD

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me scoff at me;
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,
let him rescue him, if he loves him."

Response

Many dogs surround me,
 a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
I can count all my bones.

Response

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots.
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;
O my help, hasten to aid me.

Response

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

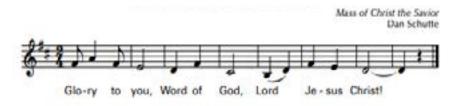
Response

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. and became as men are. and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL

Mark 15:1-39

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them:

'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over.

The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead.

'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?'

'Crucify him!' 'Why? What harm has he done?' 'Crucify him!'

So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!'

They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!'

The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way: 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means,

'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?'

When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'.

Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down'. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

(pause)

There were some women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary of Magdala, Mary who was the mother of James the younger, and Joset, and Salome. These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee. And there were many other women there who had come up to Jerusalem with him.

It was now evening, and since it was Preparation day (that is the vigil of the Sabbath), there came Joseph of Arimathaea, a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived in hope of seeing the kingdom of God, and he boldly went

to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon, summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead. Having been assured of this by the centurion, he granted the corpse to Joseph who brought a shroud, took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Jesus were watching and took note of where he was laid.



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.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign men
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live

Refrain: Be not afraid

I go before you always

Come, follow me and I will give you rest

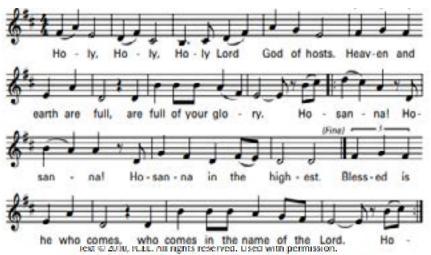
And blessed are your poor
For the kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of me
Blessed, blessed are you Refrain

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



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LAMB OF GOD



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Cel: Behold the Lamb of God.

Behold him who takes away the sins of the World. lessed 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 - EAT THIS BREAD

Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

I am the bread of life,

the true bread sent from the Father. Refrain

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,

but this is the bread come down from heaven. **Refrain**

Eat his flesh and drink his blood,

and Christ will raise you up on the last day. **Refrain**

If you believe and eat this bread,

you will have eternal life. Refrain

RECESSIONAL HYMN: How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God When I, in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Repeat last time.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart Then I shall bow, in humble adoration And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.

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