

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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25 June 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today's Gospel reading is dominated by the repeated injunction of Jesus to his disciples: **Do not be afraid!**

Jesus offers this injunction and encouragement in a context in which the early Jewish Christian community which Matthew is addressing have much to be afraid of. They are trying to express their faith in Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, the one risen from the dead who calls them to share in his risen life. They are trying to live by the values of Jesus in which love and concern for others replaces their domination and oppression and the curtailment of their freedom. These early Christians are trying to do this, however, in both a religious and civic context strongly opposed to what they believe and how they are trying to live. Fear for their lives and their freedom is real and understandable.

In the face of such realities, however, Jesus, through Matthew, invites his disciples to put their trust in the God who cares for them deeply – as Jesus did in the face of the fearful realities he confronted. Such trust is a declaration of faith in and acceptance of the person, life and values of Jesus. This declaration "for Jesus" before others, expressed by the manner of our lives, will be countered by a declaration by Jesus "for us" before his heavenly Father.

Jesus offers us the same advice, encouragement, consolation and reward in the circumstances of our lives today. We may not face the threat of persecution, death or other curtailments of our freedom in our society that so many others do in our world today on account of their declaration "for Jesus". However, by expressing our values and living our beliefs, we may fear ridicule or ostracising by others, leading us to be less bold in living our values and expressing our beliefs than we otherwise might be. We might also be inclined to despair and give up in our efforts to do our little bit in the hope of a better world and the building up of God's kingdom. We, too, can take heart and courage from Jesus' injunction **Do not be afraid** – but put our **trust** in him who declares himself "for us" before our heavenly Father, thus drawing us into the fullness of life in Him.

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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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Office Hours:

Tuesday - 9am - 4pm Wednesday - 9am-4pm Friday - 9am-12pm

(CLOSED MONDAYS & THURSDAYS)

Parish Priest

Fr Paul Cahill, OCarm

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THIS WEEK

Monday 26 June

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 27 June

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 28 June

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's,

Thursday 29 June

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 30 June

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 1 July

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 2 July

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

WE REMEMBER

Thosewho are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Victor Acciarito, Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Grace Callaghan, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Mary Tam Cao, Daphnie Cramer, Andrew Derrington, Michael DeNittis, Maureen Dickason, Bernadette Falckh, Rebecca Fernando, Marie Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Lyn Fleming, Jill Foster, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Brendan Gurry, Michael Gurry, Portia Hendrick, Shawn Handricks, Marija Jelinic, Tae Yoon Jin, Joan Laragy, Tera Kwol, Robert Masquiren, Marta Menjivar, Simon Millar, Baby Alba Middleton, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Elise Rimington, Michael Risteviski, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Somerset-Beauverie, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Angela Trigar & Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently:

Casualties of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time. Christopher Gashi & Lillian Smith.

IN OUR PARISH



Welcome to our Family

On Sunday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we welcome Elliot Christopher Mackelvie as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please keep Elliot, his parents, godparents & family in your prayers.

Parish Craft Stall - TODAY

Lovely warm scarves & beanies will be available for purchase at the **Parish Craft Stall** after mass at St Joseph's this **Sunday 25 June 2023**.

All items have been handmade.



Cash only sales.

Food Cupboard

The **Food Cupboard** is up and running on the **2nd & 4th Fridays of the month**

between 10:00am - 11:30am at St Joseph's Hall.

Donations are accepted at weekend masses and at the Parish Office during business hours.

June 2023 Parish Men's Dinner Wednesday 28 June 2023, 6:45 pm

Venue: O'Connor- Pilkington Room at the church hall of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, corner of Richardson & Wright Sts, Middle Park.

Speaker: Frank O'Connor: "Life as an Accidental Community Activist" Cost: \$40 per head RSVP: John Molloy - 9699 2031

1/2 July 2023 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Des Collins

Reader: Pat Mount

Offertory: Kathy Mount
Communion: Kathy Mount

Music: Janine Brody

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Ron Cassano

Reader: Rob Lever

Offertory: Terry Gurrie
Communion: Deacon Marco

Counters: Jane Dee & Jim Power

Music: Joan Cusack
Hospitality: TBA

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Br Anacleto

Reader: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Offertory: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Communion: John Molnar

Music: Peter Russo

Hospitality: Jackie & John Tidey

Communion to the Sick:

Kathy Mount: 25 Jun - 1 Jul 2023

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes \$488.00
Credit Card \$220.00
Direct Debit \$205.00
Loose Plate \$808.15
Tap & Go \$177.00
Total \$1,898.15

BSB: 083-347

Account Number: 58 216 8515 Account Name: Port Melbourne /

Middle Park Parish

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Timor-Leste Appeal

The opportunity to contribute to the Carmelites' End-Of-Financial-Year Tax Deductible Appeal to support their mission in Timor-Leste is still open. **Carmel Impact** envelopes, containing Pledge Cards, are available at the Church doors.

Mission to Seafarers

A representative from 'Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre' will make a short appeal at the end of Masses this weekend for volunteers to support their important mission. This may be something that some might like to consider.

St Joseph's Church Special Clean

We have been fortunate over the past couple of weeks to have been able to engage some professional specialist cleaners to clean parts of the Church, including high windows, ledges, arches, altars and statues that normal cleaning can't get to. I hope you notice and like the difference!

Mt Carmel Roof Repairs

As I mentioned some weeks ago, we are aware of some repairs which are needed to the roof or Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church to prevent it being penetrated by rain. This was particularly apparent last week in the porch where refreshments are served. As you might imagine, accessing the roof to carry out this work is a challenging and expensive operation, but we are working on establishing an appropriate solution.

Parish Feast Day Celebrations

The feast of our parish co-patron, **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, will be celebrated at all Masses on **Sunday 16 July.** However, the celebration at the **10:30am Mass** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church will be even more special! At this Mass, honouring **Mary**, not only as co-patron of the parish, but also Patron of the Order, the Carmelite Provincial, Fr Bruce Clark, will preside. Fr Bruce will be joined by a number of other Carmelites, including two General Councillors of the Order visiting our province from Rome – Frs Richard Byrne (Ireland) and Fr Robert Puthussery (India). Also at this Mass, **Br Anacleto Guterres Da Costa**, whom many of you would have seen assisting at Parish Masses in a variety of ways over the years that he has been studying here, will make his Solemn Profession (Life Commitment) as a Carmelite. **You are warmly invited to this special celebration.**

Date Claimer

All parishioners are invited to a meeting on **Thursday 27 July at 7pm** at **St Joseph's Hall** for general discussion on our parish's future, including our challenging financial situation.

Blessings for the week ahead.



Be the living Gospel

The second part of Jesus' instruction to the disciples as they set out for their mission is the text of the Gospel today.

The opening sentence sets the tone for the disciples' mission: Do not be afraid - a phrase which is repeated twice more in this Gospel passage.

The first reading from the Old Testament book of the prophet Jeremiah reflects Jeremiah's experience of rejection - no one wants to hear the message God has called him to give. In fact, they want to kill him. Jeremiah sounds desperate and afraid. But then the reading turns into a prayer of confidence and trust in God's companionship and spiritual protection - God and Jeremiah will win out.

Preaching in the name of God is a risky and frightening business, as Jesus knows. So he urges the disciples not to be afraid of small beginnings, of those who can kill only the body, or that God would abandon them. He reminds them that God is always mindful of them and accompanies them on their mission. He urges them to be brave and bold in proclaiming the truth about God and in confessing their belief in Jesus before others.

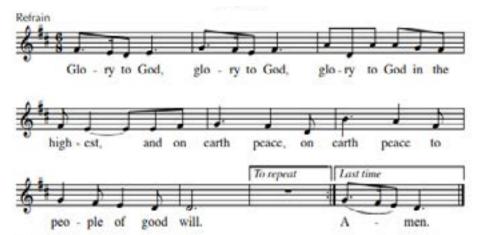
Matthew's audience, like Jesus, Jeremiah and the disciples, knew all about persecution and rejection. Their question is also ours: if we allow fear to silence us how will the Good News of Jesus Christ ever be heard in the world? If we don't speak, who will? If we don't act, who will?

It is not really a matter of talking at people and quoting at length from the Bible. As St Francis of Assisi said, 'Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary use words'.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: WE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD VERSES 1 – 3 & 7.





Verses

- 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 scated 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.

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FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

R ESPONSOR IAL PSALM

Psalm 69 – Lord in your great love, Lord in your great love, answer me, answer me.

Response: Lord in your great love, Lord in your great love; answer me, answer me.

For your sake I bear insult, and shame covers my face.
I have become an outcast to my brothers, a stranger to my children, because zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who blaspheme you fall upon me. **Response**

I pray to you, O LORD, for the time of your favour, O God! In your great kindness answer me with your constant help. Answer me, O LORD, for bounteous is your kindness; in your great mercy turn toward me.

"See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God, may your hearts revive!
For the LORD hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not.
Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and whatever moves in them!"

Response

Response

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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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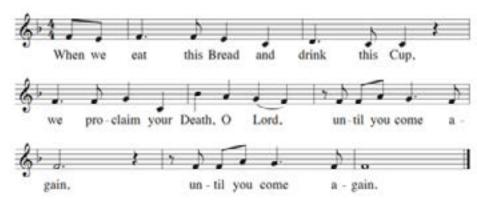
Cel: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your Spirit.**Cel: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**Cel: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All: It is right and just.**



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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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LAMB OF GOD



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.

Mosa: Mort of Joy and Power, Yany Alexan, C 2009, GEA Publications, Sac.

All: Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.







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NOTICEBOARD

Timor-Leste Appeal

Transforming lives can be achieved when a child receives the gift of an education. Please show your support through the EOFY Parish Appeal by making a **tax-deductible donation** so a young child in Zumalai, Timor-Leste can continue their education and dream of a better future for themselves and their families

With your help these young people can reach for the stars and dream of a future full of opportunities and possibilities.

Nutrition and **education** go hand in hand, and you will be supporting both through this appeal.

Please give your gift today by

- collecting a Carmel Impact envelope containing a pledge card for this appeal from the foyer of the Church
- going directly to the Parish donation page https://sj-mc4timor.raisely.com/
- 3. using the **QR code**





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IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY,
WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL CHILDREN,
YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.