



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.*

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 25 OCTOBER 2026

CARMELITE REFLECTION

Loving God and each other

Another attempt to trap Jesus is contained in the Gospel this Sunday. Opinions and arguments about which was the greatest commandment were common among the Pharisees and questions about it were frequently asked of rabbis. Clearly, those who asked this question of Jesus were trying to disconcert or 'wrong foot' Jesus in an attempt to discredit him with his reply.

Once again, Jesus does not cleverly sidestep the question; he goes right to the heart of the matter.

Love of God and love of neighbour are brought together in one 'great commandment'. In refusing to be drawn into an 'either/or' response Jesus, as he did last week, brings two separate things into right relationship. Love of God and love of neighbour belong together. That's why the first reading today from Exodus warns against mistreating strangers, widows and orphans and talks about the proper conduct of loans and pledges. The warning comes from God's lips. It's not just a nice piece of social philosophy; it is the demand of living our faith.

It means that true faith, as Jesus teaches it, is about being in loving relationship with God and other human beings. Religious rituals are meant to be ways of reflecting on, savouring, remembering, celebrating and expressing that love. Sometimes they just end up as 'empty' rituals, when love has been replaced by fear, or when love is absent.

The Kingdom of God is not some far off place, but the moments when God's life breaks into the human story. Those moments bring love, wisdom, grace, compassion, generosity, forgiveness and peace. Those practiced in the things of God recognise God's presence most of all in loving relationships. If our rituals grow out of and express our sincere love for God and neighbour then they have value. We are always at risk of putting ritual above the practise of love.

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

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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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THIS WEEK

Monday 26 October - No Mass

Tuesday 27 October

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 28 October

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 29 October

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 30 October

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 31 October

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 1 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10:30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Nicole Albert, David Brown, Mona Lien Cao, Maria Christopher, Rosa Coluccio, Nawal Cox, Harry Cubbin, Judy Anne Dawson, Jill Delossantos, Neil Delossantos, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Josie Dupont, Kelly Edwards, Alison Fed, Gary Finn, Lindsay Flint, Pauline Flint, Fr Des Fitzgerald CSSR, William Gabelich, Lorenda Gracey, Helen Haines MP, Leung Yau Hung, Noel Holland, Peg James, Trish Jensen, Tony Lagane, Augustine Lai Kwok Leung, Nai Yin Mak, Johnny Mahouey, Ben McGrath, Teresa Nolenolo, Richard Monneron, Andreas Morrison, L Morrison, Martine Morrison, Sylvie Moseley, Jamie Ng, Maria Ohleiter, Rafal Rafalski, Ailbe Sheehy, Jai Paul Singh, Iolanda Staniscia, Jim Sullivan, Rachel Szeto, Lun Siu Ying Teresa, Bill Toohey, Helen Turner, Lorinda Turner, Angela Vyde, Helen Warren, Kitty Wong and Chloe Wyn.

Those who have died recently: Andrew Horan

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Maureen Bassett, Hein Basten, Joseph Chow Christopher Gurry, Monty Millson, Betty Molnar and Carmelite Paschal Molloy.

IN OUR PARISH



Welcome to our Family

This Sunday, we welcome:

Isla Caico

Londyn Annalise Fagan

as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

Please keep the girls, their parents, godparents & family in your prayers.



"Make your own Christmas Pudding"
Saturday, 14 Nov 2026,
2:00 pm

in the **O'Connor Pilkington Room at OLMC Church, 214 Richardson Street, Middle Park*** (note change of venue) for our yearly 'Pudding Stir'.

BYO Bowl and Stirring Spoon.

Everything else is provided. Cost is \$65.00

Email Sally at **sally.diserio@gmail.com** to book your place.

SAVE THE DATE

- Saturday, 31 October 2026, 10 am - Working Bee** at St Joseph's, Port Melbourne.
- Saturday, 7 November 2026, 10 am - Working Bee** at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Middle Park.

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend.

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 305.00
Credit Card	\$ 285.00
Direct Credit	\$ 594.35
Loose Plate	\$ 1,303.00
Tap & Go	\$ 382.00
Total	\$ 2,869.35



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Parish Website:

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MINISTRIES

31 Oct- 1 Nov 2026

ALL SAINTS - YEAR A

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Irene Stone

Reader: Abramo Ierardo

Offertory: Sr Rosie Joyce

Communion: Sr Rosie Joyce

Music: Kelly McEnhill

Sacristan: Abramo Ierardo

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Tris Tanumihardjo

Reader: Will Kininmonth

Offertory: Terry Gurry

Communion: Daniel Craievich

Counters: Brian Harrison & Toni Stuart

Music: Fr Paul Gurr / Cathy Garbellini

Hospitality: Helen Lezala

Sacristan: Rob Winduss

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Nina Batsakis

Reader: Denis Churkovich

Offertory: Ken Becker

Communion: Ken Becker

Music: Organist / Cantor

Hospitality: Kathleen Kiernan

Sacristan: Peter Russo

Communion to the Sick:

William Kininmonth- 25 -31 Oct 2026

DONATIONS



INTO THE CAVE

AN EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC, STORY AND SHARED REFLECTION.

In the midst of pain, loss, grief and joy, music can give expression to what we can't find words for.

Few artists have shown this as openly as Nick Cave. After the deaths of two of his sons, Cave has written and sung about grief with rare honesty, naming the unsayable and making room for great suffering and great love to be held side by side.

Mark Mardus, author of *Boy on Fire: The Young Nick Cave*, gives the keynote, with songs and reflections from *Plano Dyball*, *Rebecca Hart* and twice nominated ARIA singer-songwriter, *Dingo Spender*. Inspired by Cave's *Red Hand Files*, you'll be invited, if you wish, to bring a question, a memory or a hope of your own.

You don't need to be a Nick Cave fan, or religious. **Come as you are.**

FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER | 7:30PM

Tickets: Standard: \$40 | Concession: \$20

Whitefriars College, 156 Park Rd, Donvale Victoria 3111 • Parking available

"GRIEF AND LOVE ARE FOREVER INTERTWINED."

— Nick Cave, *The Red Hand Files*

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

BERNADETTE FARRELL

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 peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

GLORY TO GOD

CURTIS STEPHAN

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, 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, amen

FIRST READING

Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the people of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress an alien, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor one among you, you must not be like a money lender; you must not demand interest from them.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to them before sunset. It is all the covering they have; it is the cloak they wrap their body in; what else would they sleep in? If one cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 18: I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH.

Response: I love you, Lord; I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, I love you, O LORD my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress and my deliverer. **Response**

My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies. **Response**

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock!
Extolled be God my savior.
You gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed. **Response**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CURTIS STEPHAN

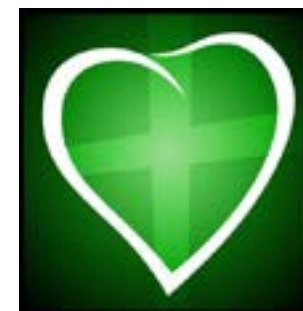
**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life. **Refrain**

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN: BE NOT AFRAID

BOB DUFFORD

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**

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

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

CURTIS STEPHAN

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.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

CURTIS STEPHAN

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim Your Death, O Lord, until You come again.

LAMB OF GOD

CURTIS STEPHAN

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

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us, 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: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

SUZANNE TOOLAN

I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.

**Refrain: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.**

The bread that I will give
is the flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever. **Refrain**

3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. **Refrain**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

DAN SCHUTTE

**Refrain: Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust,
yet the love of the Lord will stand as a shelter for all
who will call on his name. Sing the praise and the glory of God.**

Could the Lord ever leave you? Could the Lord forget his love?
Though a mother forsake her child, he will not abandon you. **Refrain**

Should you turn and forsake him, he will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from him, he will always take you back. **Refrain**

As was sworn to your fathers, when the flood destroyed the land;
He will never forsake you; he will swear to you again. **Refrain**

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INDONESIAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

As part of Indonesian Catholic Family (ICF) ICF's Melbourne **40th anniversary celebration** and as an expression of gratitude, the Angelus Choir and Youth Chamber Orchestra are honored to present a special charity concert in support of **The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation** on:

Saturday, 31 October 2026, 7pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Middle Park.

Under the theme "**Peace, Hope & Love**," this inspiring evening will feature uplifting choral and orchestral performances where music becomes prayer, bringing together people of all backgrounds in support of a meaningful cause. Our goal is to celebrate our community while raising funds to help The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation continue its remarkable work caring for sick children and supporting their families.

To purchase tickets, use the QR Code
opposite.



24 October - 1 November

* Based on Article 30 of the UNCRC



"Acadia is a welcoming and multicultural community that is composed of many unique individuals with similarities and differences. I am new to this country, and I am learning English at the introductory English Centre. We can unite in our belief that all people, including children, have the right to be heard when they project kindness, respect and harmony in our community. We can proudly celebrate our languages, culture and values."

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From to learn more:

All Children's Week events in Victoria are free to families with children aged up to 12 years. This gives Victorian families the opportunity to enjoy fun, engaging and educational experiences. The list of events can be found at <https://www.vic.gov.au/childrens-week>.