



# 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.*

**Christmas Season**

**25/26 December 2021**

Hello Everyone,

Today is the feast of the Holy Family and this will be our last bulletin for the year. Although we are probably still celebrating Christmas, there are a few things I need to tell you before the new year begins.

## **NO WEEKDAY MASSES MONDAY-FRIDAY THIS WEEK**

There will be no parish Masses between today and Friday. On Saturday 1 January, Mass for the Solemnity of the Mary, The Mother of God will be celebrated next Saturday morning (1 January, 2022) at OLMC at 9:00am. The usual weekend Masses will be 6:00pm Saturday evening at OLMC and 9:00am Sunday morning at SJ's and 10:30am Sunday morning at OLMC.

## **MUSIC DURING JANUARY**

As has been the custom for many years the liturgies for January will be fairly low-key. There will be no music during that time.

## **CHANGES TO THE PARISH OFFICE**

As you would know, Michael has now finished his role in the Parish and that it is our great loss. He is intending to enjoy his retirement and we wish him every blessing and happiness along with an enormous debt of gratitude.

Ken and Elaine Chaffer are setting out as "blonde" or, In Ken's case "bald" nomads, to travel to places yet unseen. Ken will not be working with us as our Facilities Manager and he also will be greatly missed. He says he's only a phone call away but i think he will keep his phone on silent as he wallows in some distant waterhole outback. Like Mike, Ken has been an enormous support to the Parish and we will miss him. Any volunteers for his role?

## **CHANGES AT OLMC**

As many of you may have noticed, James Mendes has been absent at OLMC as

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**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

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### **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

### **Carmelite Parish Office**

274 Rouse Street  
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Carmelite Website  
[www.carmelites.org.au](http://www.carmelites.org.au)

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

### **Monday, Wednesday, Friday (CLOSED TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS)**

### **Parish Priest**

Fr Hugh Brown OCarM

### **Parish Secretary**

Anne Ierardo

### **Pastoral Life Co-ordinator**

### **Finance Officer**

Shane Harrison

### **Facilities Manager**

Ken Chaffer

### **Safeguarding Officer**

Frances Correa

### **Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School**

Bank Street  
South Melbourne Vic 3205  
Telephone 03 9699 2928

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### **Saturday 1 January 2022**

9.00am Mass, Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
6.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

### **Sunday 2 January 2022**

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

## WE REMEMBER

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### ***Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer:***

Tommy Bednar, Paul Caghi - Cao, Nawal Cox, Jeffrey Dalton, Kelly Edwards, Kaye Elliott, Judy Fairhall, Gigi Falckh, Frances Farrugia, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Gerard Friary, Ivy Hermence, Silvio Ierardo, Chris Kowalski, Bob Lever, Marino Mihocic, Felicity Morgan, Marie O'Connor, Sylvia Poliakova, Rafal Rafalski, Michael Ristevski, Lucie Carmen Rodriguez, Dennis Rohan, Lorraine Rohan, Keith Ryder, Sarah Abdel-Said, Teresa Sheehan, Jane Spiteri, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Vivienne Williams, Tami Yap.

***Those whose have died recently:*** all those affected by COVID\_ 19 throughout the world.

***Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time:*** Carmel Leonard & Carmelite, Andrew McNab.

## IN OUR PARISH

our sacristan and caretaker. James has given very loyal support for a long time now and he will be missed as well as having a great debt of gratitude from myself and the OLMC community. We wish him well in the future.

### WORK AROUND THE PARISH

Due to a very long and substantial crack in the concrete at the Port Melbourne Priory which was exacerbated by our recent earthquake, we have needed to replace 2 large slabs of concrete.

After suffering for years of bending down and trying to unlock the glass doors at OLMC, we are having 3 of the entrances changed to a magnetic lock system that will be operated from inside the Church via a key -similar to the doors into the OC/P rooms. This will be an expensive item but a necessary one.

### MY GRATITUDE

A very big thank you to those who volunteer as sacristan at both Churches: at SJ's, Rob and Kelly are marvellous and at OLMC, Jina, Terry, Peter, Kelly and Bev do an extraordinary job. My thanks to them all.

A big thankyou to Marlene Halim, who is the artistic genius behind the beautiful flowers that are in our church for the special liturgical occasions and feastday celebrations.

In terms of our office staff, I can only say that they have worked under extraordinarily difficult circumstances this past year and are exhausted. My deepest gratitude to Anne, Shane, Mike and Ken, not just for their work but also the ability to keep sane!

## ARCHDIOCESE

**2 January**

### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

**NO 6.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)**

*Commentator:* Des Collins

*Readers:* Abramo Ierardo

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Kelly McEnhill

*Communion to the Sick:* N/A

**9.00am St Joseph's**

*Commentator:* Brian Harrison

*Reader:* Ron Cassano

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Kelly McEnhill

**Counters:** Jane Dee & Jim Power

*Childrens' Liturgy:* N/A

**10.30am Mount Carmel**

*Commentator:* Nina Batsakis

*Readers:* Margaret Fagan

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Margaret Fagan

*Childrens' Liturgy:* N/A

*Hospitality:* N/A

## THANK YOU

**for your generosity last Sunday**

**St Joseph's**

*Carmelite and Parish Offering* \$732.00

**Our Lady of Mt Carmel**

*Carmelite and Parish Offering* \$1,255.00

I am also very mindful of the Carmelites who assist in our Parish - Matthew, Maurice, Wayne, David, Albino, Marcolino, Anacleto and Jose - it is a blessing to have you all with us.

On that note, I'll end by a heartfelt thanks to everyone in the Parish. You make our community a good place to be and I pray that 2022 will be a lot better than last year and a very Happy New Year to you all.

Blessings,



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## Parish Office

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**Parish website: [www.sj-mc.org.au](http://www.sj-mc.org.au)**

**The Parish Office will reopen on**

**Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 9.00am**

**The office will open Wednesday & Friday  
till the end of January 2022**

**For emergencies only please call: 0408 754 283**