



# 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.*

**5th Sunday of Lent 26th March 2023**

Dear sisters and brothers,

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent we hear the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. The story emphasizes how Jesus loved Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary. Curiously, however, he delays two days before setting out to see them after receiving the message that they want him to come because Lazarus is very ill. Upon his arrival, Martha remonstrates with him for delaying his visit as she believed that Jesus could cure her brother, as he had others. Jesus' response, however, is to make the point that even though Lazarus is physically dead, he continues to live because of his faith in Jesus:

*I am the resurrection and the life.  
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me  
will never die.*

We know that Jesus does end up raising Lazarus from physical death. We also know that Lazarus dies, physically, in due course, anyway. Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead is a sign to Martha and Mary and to all others who witnessed it or heard about it that they and we have the seeds of eternal life in us even now and that this life will survive physical death and flower as a result of it.

This story is a reassurance for all of us of the love of God for us, expressed in the love of Jesus. This love, which can move Jesus to tears, as it can any of us, when physical death of a loved one comes, nevertheless endures eternally because we are imbued with the Spirit of Jesus. We rejoice in and give thanks for this love and recommit ourselves to allowing it to "breathe" in us.

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Last Friday week, 17 March, I attended the official Blessing and Opening of the new building at *Galilee*, our Regional Catholic Primary School in South Melbourne. It was a very impressive ceremony on the part of all who participated: students, Principal – Simon Millar, Chair of the Building Committee, various staff members, representatives of the Architect, Builder and Contractors and local State and Federal Members of Parliament. It was an impressive ceremony befitting an impressive building, which resulted from a very impressive effort, overcoming many challenges over seven years, by the Principal and Building Committee in particular. Congratulations to all involved. We can be proud

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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

### 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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Carmelite Website  
[www.carmelites.org.au](http://www.carmelites.org.au)

### Office Hours:

Tuesday - 9am - 4pm

Wednesday - 9am-4pm

Friday - 9am-12pm

**(CLOSED MONDAYS & THURSDAYS)**

### Parish Priest

Fr Paul Cahill, OCarm

### Parish Secretary

Cathy Garbellini

### Pastoral Assistant

Kelly McEnhill

### Finance Manager

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### Sacramental Co-Ordinator

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### Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School

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## THIS WEEK

### Monday 27 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Tuesday 28 March

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

### Wednesday 29 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Thursday 30 March

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

7.00pm Reconciliation Service, St Joseph's

### Friday 31 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's - Stations of the Cross

9.00am Reconciliation Service, Mt Carmel

### Saturday 1 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

### Sunday 2 April - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

## WE REMEMBER

**Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer:** Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Grace Callaghan, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Daphnie Cramer, Michael DeNittis, Maureen Dickason, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Michael Gurry, Portia Hendrick, Marija Jelinic, Joan Laragy, Robert Masquirien, Marta Menjivar, Baby Alba Middleton, Sian Middleton, John Pringle, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Jill Ridge, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Somerset-Beauverie, & Tami Yap.

### Those whose have died recently:

casualties of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict and those affected by COVID-19.

### Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

Ramon Soley Bar, Janie Forsterling, Ann Rzesniowiecki and Carmelites Alphonsus Kindelan, Aloysius Farnsworth, Joseph Butler, Michael Camilleri and Bernard Shah.

## IN OUR PARISH

### Welcome to our Family



Today at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, we welcome:

Roy Patrick Charles  
Camille Sofia O'Sullivan  
Willow Siena Sheedy  
Xavier Charlie Sheedy

as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please keep the children, their parents and godparents in your prayers.

### Thanksgiving Offerings

#### Envelopes

The next series of Thanksgiving Envelopes are available for collection in the foyer of the churches. If you are able to deliver envelopes to people you know, that will help defray the cost of posting out those that are not collected.

#### Electronic Funds Transfer

If you would like to contribute via a regular *Electronic Funds Transfer* (our preferred method), the account details are:

**BSB: 083-347**

**Account Number : 58 216 8515**

**Account Name : Port Melbourne / Middle Park Parish**

**Reference (for your offering): Surname & Envelope Number (e.g. Smith 123)**

#### New to Thanksgiving

If you are new to the parish and would like to join our Thanksgiving Program, please call Cathy at the Parish Office on 9681 9600 or email on [parish@sj-mc.org.au](mailto:parish@sj-mc.org.au).



### Happy 95th Birthday

to **Rom Brady**, a faithful and long time parishioner of Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

**1/2 April 2023  
Palm Sunday Of the Passion  
of the Lord**

**5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)**

Commentator: N/A

Reader: Pat Mount

Communion: Kathy Mount

Music: Tris Tanumihardjo

**9.00am St Joseph's**

Commentator: N/A

Reader: John Molloy

Communion: Cathy Garbellini

Counters: Ron & Sandra Cassano

Music: Kelly McEnhill

Hospitality: TBD

**10.30am Mount Carmel**

Commentator: N/A

Reader: Peter Thomas

Communion: Br Anacleto

Music: Kelly McEnhill

Hospitality: Jackie & John Tidey

**Communion to the Sick:**

Sr Mary Brady (2-8 April 23)

## THANK YOU

**for your generosity last Sunday**

**St Joseph's**

Carmelite and  
Parish Offering \$ 474.95

**Our Lady of Mt Carmel**

Carmelite and  
Parish Offering \$ 1,714.60

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of the Catholic education being offered our young parishioners in this school. Next Tuesday night, the Grade 3 children will be celebrating their 1st Reconciliation. Please pray for them and their families.

Thanks to the generosity of one of our parishioners, various glass surfaces in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church have been given a very good – even if long overdue – clean.

We celebrate **Palm Sunday** next weekend. Please consider bringing some greenery to Mass. It will be blessed as we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Weather permitting, we will gather **outside** St Joseph's Church at 9am for the blessing of palms and then process into the Church for Mass. We will gather in the foyer of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 10:30am and do likewise. At the 5pm Saturday Mass we will gather in the body of the Church as usual and the blessing of palms will take place at the front.

Throughout Lent, the **Stations of the Cross** continue to be prayed each Friday at St Joseph's Church immediately after the 9am Mass.

**Enrolment Forms, containing details of the Preparation Process and relevant dates for the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation**, are available at the bottom of the Home Page of the parish website: <https://sj-mc.org.au/>

Blessings for the week ahead.

Paul Cahill, O.Carm.

## PROJECT COMPASSION



**Caritas AUSTRALIA**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
25 & 26 March**

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.

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## REFLECTION

### 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

The final of the three Great Gospels of Lent is ours today - a Gospel story of life and freedom. Like the gospels of the last two Sundays, the dramatic story of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead is a story of faith and belief.

There are three different groups of believers in the story: those who believe that Jesus could have prevented Lazarus' death (Jesus is already known to be a healer); those who came to believe in him because they see Lazarus rise, and those, like Martha, who believe in Jesus even though Lazarus died.

In this Gospel Jesus proclaims himself 'the resurrection and the life'. We see him deeply moved by the death of his friend. We find him in earnest prayer with God. We see him full of strength as he commands Lazarus to come out.

One thing that is rarely commented on about this story is the image of love that pervades it. Jesus has treated the Samaritan woman with dignity, respect, gentleness and love, and reached out in love to heal the blind man without being asked. In this story his love for Martha, Mary and Lazarus and the grief he feels because of that love are very clearly seen.

For me, it brings together once again the connection between faith and love. If John intended this story to reassure his community (those who have faith in Jesus) then he makes clear that they are also loved by Jesus, and suggests in a certain manner Jesus, too, weeps when harm (illness and death) come to his friends (believers). The ultimate reassurance is that this loving, faith-filled relationship we have with Jesus not only sustains us in life but also sees us through the dark moments of suffering and death – ultimately to life beyond the restrictions (binding cloths) we find in this world. Finally, we will be free.

To me, the most powerful words in the Gospel are: *Unbind him, let him go free.*

Freedom is one of the deepest aspirations of the human heart. We long to be free – from illness, worry, fear, (especially at the moment) the expectations of others, guilt, our faults and so on. The ultimate freedom is freedom from eternal death.

We know we can be physically alive and spiritually dead through envy, greed, fear, hatred. We know we can bring death to others through lies, gossip, meanness, cruelty, withholding forgiveness and so on.

By living the life of Christ we bring life, love and freedom to ourselves and each other. The choice to remain in death or to rise with Christ is ours to make.

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



## Port Melbourne/ Middle Park Parish

### Lent and Easter Timetable 2023

#### Reconciliation Service 30 March

7.00pm: St Joseph's

#### Reconciliation Service 31 March

9.00am: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

#### Holy Thursday 6 April

7.00pm: The Lord's Supper at St Joseph's

#### Good Friday 7 April

9.00am: Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's

3.00pm: The Lord's Passion at both Churches

#### Holy Saturday 8 April

7.00pm: Easter Vigil at Mount Carmel

#### Easter Sunday 9 April

9.00am: Easter Mass at St Joseph's

10.30am: Easter Mass at Mount Carmel

## OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

VERSES 1, 4 AND 5



1. Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness.  
2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled.  
3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry.  
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less.  
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple.



Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.  
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.  
Long - ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.  
Long - ing for warmth, man - y are cold.  
man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,  
Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,  
Make us your build - ing, shel - ter - ing oth - ers,  
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



light for the world to see.  
Make us your liv - ing voice.  
shared un - til all are fed.  
walls made of liv - ing stone.  
mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.



Shine through the dark - ness, Christ, be our light!



Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

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## PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: We have been called by God to be the Church  
the Body of Christ in this world.  
We are not a building,  
but a people, gathered and grounded in the Word of God,  
the love of Christ, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: We were dead once,  
**All: but now we are alive in Christ!**

Celebrant: Like Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead,  
**All: we long to be free!**

Celebrant: Sometimes we feel trapped by death,  
bound by fear, closed to life.  
**All: Give us life, O God – unbind us and set us free!**

Celebrant: As for Lazarus long ago,  
today Christ now says to us:  
**All: "This will not end in death, but in life!"**

Celebrant: Eternal God, your love and grace  
unbinds us and sets us free.  
**All: Bring us to life in Christ.**

Celebrant: Eternal God, you fill us with your spirit,  
**All: and we live.**

Celebrant: Out of darkness, dust and ash,  
**All: you raise a people filled with your life.**

Celebrant: Holy Spirit come!  
**All: Give us the fullness of life in your presence for ever!**

## FIRST READING

### *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM      PSALM 130 - WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY

**Response: With the Lord there is mercy, mercy and fullness, fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
to my voice in supplication.      **Response**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,  
LORD, who can stand?  
But with you is forgiveness,  
that you may be revered.      **Response**

I trust in the LORD;  
my soul trusts in his word.  
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,  
let Israel wait for the LORD.      **Response**

For with the LORD is kindness  
and with him is plenteous redemption;  
And he will redeem Israel  
from all their iniquities.      **Response**

## SECOND READING

### *Romans 8:8-11*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Christ the Savior*  
Dan Schutte

Glo-ry to you, Word of God, Lord Je-sus Christ!

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## GOSPEL

### *John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45*

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise against the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.  
If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,  
and whoever lives and believes in me  
will never die.  
Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.  
I knew indeed that you always hear me,  
but I speak  
for the sake of all these who stand round me,  
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

## 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 - THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.  
Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,  
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

**Refrain**

**Refrain** I want to go to meet him there, to lay myself down in his love.  
The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.  
And over the mountains we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders, he's given to me.

**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 HOLY HOLY

Mass of Christ the Savi  
Dan Schur

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and  
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho  
san - na! Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is  
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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## LAMB OF GOD

Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan

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

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
 The Holy one is here  
 Come bow before him now  
 In reverence and fear  
 In Him no sin is found  
 We stand on Holy ground  
 Be still for the presence of the Lord  
 The Holy one is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
 Is shining all around  
 He burns with Holy fire  
 With splendour He is crowned  
 How awesome is the sight  
 Our radiant King of light  
 Be still for the glory of the Lord  
 Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord  
 Is moving in this place  
 He comes to cleanse and heal  
 To minister His grace  
 No work too hard for Him  
 In faith receive from Him  
 Be still for the power of the Lord  
 Is moving in this place.

Now thank we all our God  
 with heart and hands and voices,  
 who wondrous things has done,  
 in whom his world rejoices;  
 who from our mothers' arms  
 has blessed us on our way  
 with countless gifts of love,  
 and still is ours today.

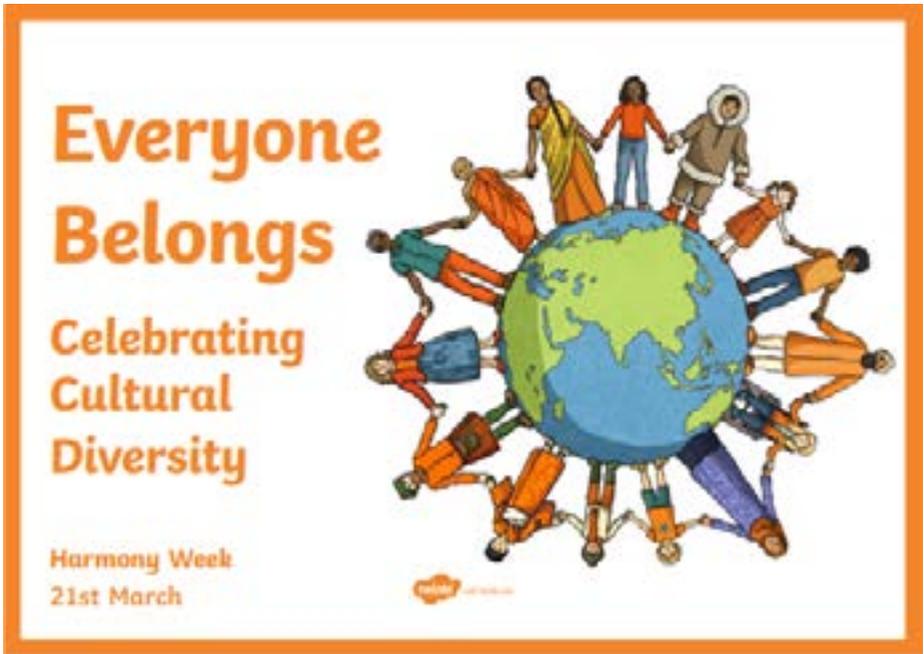
O may this bounteous God  
 through all our life be near us,  
 with ever joyful hearts  
 and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 to keep us in his grace,  
 and guide us when perplexed,  
 and free us from all ills  
 of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
 the Father now be given,  
 the Son and Spirit blest,  
 who reign in highest heaven  
 the one eternal God,  
 whom heaven and earth adore;  
 for thus it was, is now,  
 and shall be evermore.

# NOTICEBOARD

**Harmony Week (19 -26 March)** is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism where inclusiveness, respect and belonging are key ingredients. Migrants to our shores have brought with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions which have added to and enriched our nation.

**Orange** is the colour chosen to represent **Harmony week** as it signifies social communication, meaningful conversations and encouragement of mutual respect.



**THE PARISH OF PORT MELBOURNE AND MIDDLE PARK  
IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY,  
WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL CHILDREN,  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS.**