



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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27 August 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

We know we live in a secular age and society in which many people suggest either that God doesn't exist or is irrelevant. Others acknowledge God, but declare they have no need of the Church or institutional religion – and that it is irrelevant. Such approaches to life and religion have led, as we are well aware, to an ageing and diminished Church community, at least in our social context.

We can be disheartened by this reality and perhaps retreat into a privatisation of our religion, keeping it to ourselves and the kindred spirits who join us in Church worship. Today's Gospel reading, however, can give us hope and encourage us to interact with our world with confidence.

Whilst the Gospels of both Mark and Luke also recount Jesus asking his disciples "Who do you say that I am", only Matthew recalls Jesus responding to Peter, appointing him as leader – "rock" – on which his Church will be built and giving to him and the Church "the keys of the kingdom of heaven".

Matthew's inclusion of this additional "anointing" by Jesus of Peter and the Church reflects the reality of his Jewish community, struggling to know how, as a small embattled community, it might operate and survive. In his dialogue with Peter, Jesus affirms that it is his faith in who Jesus is – "the Christ . . . the Son of the living God" – which is the "rock" of his and the Church's survival and flourishing.

It is in this affirmation, commissioning and encouragement which Jesus gives Peter (and consequently the Church) that we ought to take as affirmation, commissioning and encouragement ourselves in our contemporary context. Irrespective of how irrelevant we, as Church, might seem to many today, we are called to be faithful to whom "the Christ" is for us personally and to witness to our faith by the manner of our lives. We are called to trust that such witness will bear fruit and that others will come to encounter God in some way through the action of the Spirit in their lives – even though it may not be in the Church community which we treasure. Let us support one another in our faith – and in putting it into action.

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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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Carmelite Website

www.carmelites.org.au

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 28 August

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 29 August

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 30 August

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 31 August

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 1 September

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 2 September

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

5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 3 September

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, Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Sr Anne Boyd, Rom Brady, Grace Callaghan, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Paul Cox, Daphnie Cramer, Mary Dalli, Andrew Derrington, Michael DeNittis, Maureen Dickason, Bernadette Falckh, Gigi Falk, Lyn Falk, Rebecca Fernando, Tony Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Evelyn Greach, Brendan Gurry, Michael Gurry, Portia Hendrick, Shawn Handricks, Marija Jelinic, Tae Yoon Jin, Robert Masquieren, Sean McPhee, Sharon Beverly Mendes, Marta Menjivar, Simon Millar, Baby Alba Middleton, Maria Loc Nguyen, Mary Paradise, Jim Power, Natalie Pringle, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Elise Rimmington, Michael Risteviski, Keith Ryder, Sharmine Senanayeke Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Somerset-Beauverie, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Angela Triglar & Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently:

Joyce Buffham, Daryl Gavin, Paddy Hunt, Margaret McKerrow & casualties of the Ukranian/Russian conflict.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

John Dobbins, Les Dobbins, Betty Griffiths, John Holden, Joan Keane & Carmelites Elias Magennis, Michael Mansfield and Peter McAlpine.

IN OUR PARISH



Welcome to our Family

On Sunday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we welcome **Madeleine Ivy Editha Fisher** as she receives the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please keep Madeleine, her parents, godparents & family in your prayers.

Sacramental Program - First Eucharist

Enrolment form, containing details of the Preparation Process and relevant dates, for **First Eucharist** is available at the bottom of the Home Page of the parish website: <https://sj-mc.org.au/>.

Enrolments close: First Eucharist - 1 October 2023



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 September 2023 at 7.30pm in Boardroom at the Parish Office, 274 Rouse Street, Melbourne. Next to St Joseph's Church. New members are welcome.

Should you wish to contact a Vinnies representative, please call Kathy Mount 0437 588 855 or Joan Cusack 0478 224 624.

Driver Required



A lady in Raglan Street, Port Melbourne has requested transportation to Mass at St Joseph's on a Sunday.

If you can assist, can you please contact **Kathy Mount** on **0437 588 855**.

2/3 September 2023

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Des Collins

Reader: Mary Chow

Offertory: Kevin Wilks

Communion: Joe Chow

Music: Kelly McEnhill

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Brian Harrison

Reader: Ron Cassano

Offertory: Toni Stuart

Communion: Deacon

Counters: Brian Harrison & Toni Stuart

Music: Kelly McEnhill

Hospitality: Nova Hack

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Sally Diserio

Reader: Kathleen Kiernan

Offertory: Sally Diserio

Communion: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Music: Peter Russo

Hospitality: Denis Churkovich

Communion to the Sick:

Denis Passalant: 3 -10 Sep

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 518.00
Credit Card	\$ 280.00
Direct Debit	\$ 245.00
Loose Plate	\$ 944.35
Tap & Go	\$ 267.00
Total	\$ 2,254.35

BSB: 083-347

Account Number : 58 216 8515

Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish

Congratulations Fr Matthew – 50 years a Priest (24 August), 70 years a Carmelite (30 November)

Matthew will celebrate these wonderful milestones with family, friends and parishioners on **Sunday 10 September** with **Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Middle Park, at 10:30am** and refreshments afterwards in the O'Connor/Pilkington rooms of the Carmelite Hall. **All are warmly welcome.**

The Carmelite Province Executive Assistant, Belinda Ahearn, has generously offered to manage the refreshments, but **she requires a couple of Assistants.** If you think you could help in this way from 10:30 on the day, please let us know (Cathy@sj-mc.org.au; 96819600)

Parish Census

If you haven't yet completed a Census Card, please do so today or during the coming week. Having up-to-date information is important for providing good service to parishioners and effective administration of the parish. Cards are available in the Church pews (return with the collection during Mass or afterwards in the basket near the Church entrance). Alternatively, a Census Card may be accessed by typing the following address into your web browser: <https://form.jotform.com/232217259022852> or go to the front page of the parish website (www.sj-mc.org.au) and complete a Card in one of the following formats:

- Parish Census – PDF (complete online and return via email to parish@sj-mc.org.au)
- Parish Census – Excel (complete online and return to parish@sj-mc.org.au)

A Choir at OLMC

A number of parishioners have expressed interest in being part of a choir or supporting other music initiatives which might sing at times at the 10:30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Anyone interested in such initiatives is asked to attend a meeting following the 10:30 Mass next Sunday, 3 September. I look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings for the week ahead.



REFLECTION

Who do you say I am?

At this point in St Matthew's Gospel, Jesus and his chosen ones have travelled and lived together for some time. He now invites them to explore what they understand about his identity. Even in his question there is explicit hint: Who do people say the Son of Man is?

The disciples tell Jesus what they have heard from others: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

Jesus then asks the disciples, "But, who do you say I am?" It is Peter who adds to the title 'Son of Man' by recognising Jesus as 'the Christ, the Son of the living God'.

Jesus names Peter as a happy man. This same Peter whose faith faltered when he was buffeted by the wind and waves in last Sunday's Gospel has now shown his openness to God and recognises Jesus for who he is. But this is not the end of Peter's story. There are ups and downs in his response, as we will see next Sunday when this 'rock' of faith becomes a 'stumbling block' to God's purpose.

In spite of that, Jesus names Peter as the 'rock' on which he will build the church. Peter has a new name and a new vocation. This church will have to battle hostile forces which seek to enslave people in sin. It will be a safe haven of freedom by being the living presence of God.

Peter's job is to use the 'keys of the kingdom' to unlock and release the reign of God's grace into the world. In this work, decisions have to be made for the whole community of the church. Here, Matthew's words about 'binding' and 'loosening' have nothing to do with the forgiveness of sins.

They are a kind of pledge that the sincere and honest decisions of faithful people have divine backing. It does not mean that these decisions are the best or most perfect ones. Discernment and decision-making are part of the job of being disciples finding together the way of the Lord; of being the living presence of God in the world.

Finally, Jesus binds the disciples to silence about his true identity lest his Messianism get confused with the people's expectation of a messiah who will free them from Roman occupation.

Like last Sunday, Peter is a lot like us. We really want to believe, to become the presence of God, but we don't always seem to be able to do it. We have great moments of faith and moments in which we are deeply in tune with the heart of God. Most of us also have moments when we fall back into narrow and harsh ways that cannot hold the power of God's love. But the Gospel reassures us that, in spite of our weakness and the many ways in which we may be found wanting, God is still close to us and faith is a journey, not a destination.

In my thoughts, words and actions, who do I say Jesus is?

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

OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and king
Lift up your voices and with us sing.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou burning with golden beam.
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, oh praise Him, alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong.
Ye clouds that sail in heaven a long
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice.
Ye light of evening find a voice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, oh praise Him, alleluia.

Thou flowing water pure and clear.
Make music for thy Lord to hear.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Thou fire so masterful and bright.
That gives to man both warmth and light
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, oh praise Him, alleluia.

Dear Mother Earth, who day by day.
Unfolded blessings on our way.
Alleluia, alleluia.
The flowers and fruit that in thee grow.
Let them his glory also show.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, oh praise Him, alleluia.

Song by The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square

GLORIA

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
3. 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!

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 138: LORD, YOUR LOVE IS ETERNAL



Lord, your love is e - ter - nal; do not for-sake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with
all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my
mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing
your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple. R.

truth:
when I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me. R.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he
sees,
and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your
hands. R.

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SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' But you, he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



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 - BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

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

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

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your
Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

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LAMB OF GOD

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

Jan M. Vermulst, 1925-1994
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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.**

Refrain **Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

Refrain

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

Refrain

Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.

Refrain

You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.

Refrain

Surely your kindness and mercy
follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.

Refrain

ELLACOMBE



1. I sing the might - y pow'r of God That made the
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the
3. There's not a plant or flow'r be - low, But makes thy



1. moun-tains rise, That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, And
2. earth with food: He formed the crea-tures with his word, And
3. glo - ries known; And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow By



1. built the loft - y skies. I sing the wis - dom
2. then pro-nounced them good. Lord, how thy won - ders
3. or - der from thy throne; While all that bor - rows



1. that or - dained The sun to rule the day; The moon shines
2. are dis - played Wher - e'er I turn my eye: If I sur -
3. life from thee is ev - er in thy care, And ev - 'ry -



1. full at his com-mand, And all the stars o - bey,
2. vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skyl
3. where that I can be, Thou, God, are pres - ent there.

Text: CMD; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württemberg, 1784.

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