



# 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.*

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## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR A - 29 MARCH 2026**

Dear sisters and brothers,

In celebrating the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem today, Palm Sunday, at the beginning of the week which will culminate in his death and resurrection, we come to the climax of Jesus' life and mission. The week is packed with poignant moments, which – drawing on Matthew's account - include:

- The seemingly triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem riding, not on the beast of triumph – a magnificent horse, as worldly rulers would, but “humble and mounted on an ass”, the mount of the common people – “to make clear that he comes not as one who will lord it over people but as the Son of Man who has come, ‘not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many’ (Matt 20:28)”. – (Brendan Byrne).
- The Last Supper, in which he offers bread and wine – as his body and blood - to his disciples, “poured out” for us “for the forgiveness of (our) sins”.
- The betrayal of Jesus by Judas, leading to his arrest, trial and eventual crucifixion.
- The subsequent remorse of Judas which leads him to kill himself rather than trust in the forgiveness available to him by Jesus.
- Jesus’ “Agony in the Garden”, in which Jesus prays “My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.” At the same time, his disciples are unable to support him by staying awake with him in spite of his plea: “My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me.”
- Peter’s declaration before Jesus’ arrest that: “Though all lose faith in you, I will never lose faith” and his subsequent denial of Jesus when challenged to identify with him by the servant-girl in the courtyard while Jesus was being interrogated by the high priest and taunted and abused by those assembled for the interrogation.
- Jesus’ trial before Pilate and his “washing his hands” of responsibility for Jesus’ fate.
- Jesus’ scourging, cruel mocking and abuse by the governor’s soldiers ... and then led away to be crucified, with Simon of Cyrene being enlisted to help him carry his cross.

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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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After Hours Phone Number  
0419 136 030

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Parish Website www.sj-mc.org.au

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, O.Carm

### Parish Secretary

Cathy Garbellini

### Pastoral Associate

Kelly McEnhill

### Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

### Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Baptism - Br Daryl Moresco, O.Carm  
First Reconciliation - Sally Diserio  
First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen  
Confirmation - Sally Diserio

### Safeguarding Officer

Frances Correa

### Maintenance Manager

Dave Fletcher

### Galilee Regional Catholic

#### Primary School

Bank Street, South Melbourne 3205  
Telephone 03 9699 2928

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 30 March** - No Mass

**Tuesday 31 March**

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

**Wednesday 1 April**

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

**Thursday 2 April - Holy Thursday - No Morning Mass**

7.00pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Joseph's

**Friday 3 April - Good Friday - No Morning Mass**

10.00am Stations of the Cross, St Joseph's

3.00pm Mass - Friday of the Passion of the Lord -

Both Churches

**Saturday 4 April - Holy Saturday - No Morning Mass**

7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass & Ceremonies, Mt Carmel

**Sunday 5 April - Easter Sunday**

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10:30am Mass, Mt Carmel

## WE REMEMBER

**Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer:** Mona Lien Cao, Harry Cubbin, Judy Anne Dawson, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Josie Dupont, Alison Fed, Lindsay Flint, Pauline Flint, Fr Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Peg James, Ben McGrath, Andreas Morrison, Martine Morrison, Ingrid Ohleiter, Maria Ohleiter, Rafal Rafalski, Ailbe Sheehy, Jim Sullivan, Rick Thompson, Bill Toohey, Helen Turner, Lorinda Turner, Angela Vyde, Chloe Wyn & Rob Winduss.

**Those who have died recently:** Aileen Rzesniowiecki

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Fr Marcus Chen, Richard Grant, Jacinta Trainor and Carmelites Michael Camilleri & Bernard Shah.

## THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

### Parish Stewardship Offerings

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes     | \$ 405.00          |
| Credit Card   | \$ 445.00          |
| Direct Credit | \$ 469.15          |
| Loose Plate   | \$ 1,331.15        |
| Tap & Go      | \$ 470.00          |
| Annual        | \$ 3,000.00        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$ 6,120.30</b> |

## IN OUR PARISH

### Aileen Rzesniowiecki's Funeral

**Date & Time:** Monday, 30 March 2026 at 10am

**Venue:** St Peter & Paul's, 377 Dorcas St, South Melbourne.

Refreshments will follow the Service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Fred Hollows Foundation, Asylum Seekers Resource Centre or Sacred Heart Mission. Envelopes will be available on the day.

The service will be livestreamed via:

[tributememorials.com.au](http://tributememorials.com.au)

### Volunteers Needed

for **Hospitality** at 10:30 am Mass on Sundays at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Middle Park.

If you can help, please contact Cathy at the parish office - [cathy@sj-mc.org.au](mailto:cathy@sj-mc.org.au) or 9681-9600.

### Walk for justice, respect & kindness

#### Palm Sunday - 29 March 2026

1pm: Gather on Princes Bridge with banners and placards  
1.30pm: Walk to Lower Terrace, Birrarung Marr (near the 'Angel' sculpture) See map here

2pm - 3.30pm: Main program - speakers, music and stalls at Lower Terrace, Birrarung Marr. Speakers include Alice Pung (author "Growing up Asian in Australia"), and Cr Mohamed Semra, (Mayor of Maribyrnong), a young Sudanese

Australian who arrived as a child refugee. The program will also include musicians and refugee speakers.



## DONATIONS

### Parish QR code

Enter amount, your name, email address & optionally any comment.

### Electronic Funds Transfer

BSB: 083-347

Account No: 58 216 8515

Name: Archdiocese of Melbourne Catholic Development Fund

### Parish Website:

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

using **DONATE** button on Homepage.



## MINISTRIES

**4 April 2026**

### THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT YEAR A

#### 7.30pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: N/A

Readers: 1 Sally Diserio

2 Brian Harrison

3 Sr Rosie Joyce

4 Br Daryl Moresco

Offertory: Kelly McEnhill

Communion: Kelly McEnhill

Music: Fr Paul Gurr

Sacristan: Kelly McEnhill

**5 April 2026**

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

#### 9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: N/A

Reader: Terry Gurry

Offertory: Elaine Chaffer

Communion: Kelly McEnill

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Music: Organist / Cantor

Hospitality: No Hospitality

Sacristan: Rob Winduss

#### 10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: N/A

Reader: Tony Noble

Offertory: Ken Becker

Communion: Ken Becker

Music: Choir

Hospitality: No Hospitality

Sacristan: Kelly McEnhill

### Communion to the Sick:

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- Jesus' crucifixion and death, accompanied by "the veil of the Temple (being) torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people". All this to signify that "Jesus' death brings an end to the old order governed by the powers of sin; in the resurrection of Jesus a new age will dawn – but that must wait until the Easter story." (Mary Coloe).
- The declaration by the centurion and the others guarding Jesus: "In truth this was the son of God".
- The burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathaea.

Whilst we hear Matthew's account of Jesus' passion and death this weekend, on Good Friday, we will hear John's account. There is much to reflect on and pray about. May you enjoy a truly "Holy Week".

**St Joseph's Feastday celebrations**

A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all who came to our celebrations last Sunday afternoon.

Special thanks to those who made it all happen:

- Sally Diserio for arranging the Heartsong Choir to perform a most pleasing medley of songs in the Church;
- The Heartsong Choir for performing so happily, wholeheartedly and professionally;
- Cathy Garbellini, Ann & Brian Rochford, Marlene Carlin and Kelly McEnhill for organising and preparing the afternoon tea that followed in the hall.
- All those who joined us for the Concert and/or the Afternoon Tea. It was a very happy occasion and members of the visiting choir commented on the great spirit that pervaded the celebrations – reflecting the spirit in the parish.



**Stations of the Cross**

Those who worship at St Joseph's Church will have been following the progress of the magnificent restoration of the Stations of the Cross. This has been made possible by an extremely generous anonymous benefactor and the wonderful craftsmanship of professional Iconographer, Dimitri Karamitros. 12 of the 14 Stations will be complete for our Stations of the Cross devotion on Good Friday, so I hope this devotion will be well supported. Details are contained in the Easter Timetable, published elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Parish Office Closure and Weekday Mass Suspension**

The Parish Office will close for Easter on Wednesday this week, 1 April, at 5pm and re-open the following Wednesday, 8 April, at 8:30am.

From Monday 6 April to Saturday 10 April there will be NO 9am weekday Mass in either Church.

**Parish Finances**

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see a summary of our financial performance in 2025, compared with 2024. As you will see, the final result was most pleasing with an overall surplus of \$150,327 last year. This was due principally to the generosity of parishioners in maintaining contributions to the Thanksgiving Program and the income from investments.

You will note that we spent 50% more on maintenance of our splendid buildings and facilities in 2025 than in 2024. Principally, this was due to our being able to complete necessary repair and preventive maintenance work on the roofs of both our churches and on the entrance porch to the Carmelite Hall in Middle Park. The contribution to our overall financial health from our investments can't be overestimated, so it is important that we maintain and, if possible, continue to grow our capital reserves to enable us to keep on developing our mission as a parish.

I appreciate that everyone is affected by cost-of-living pressures these days, but ongoing (and where possible, increased) contributions to our Thanksgiving Program are most necessary and much appreciated.

**Thank you to all who give so generously. New contributors to the Thanksgiving Program are also encouraged and will be most welcome.**

Blessings for the coming week.



# PARISH FINANCIAL POSITION (31 DEC 2025)

## Parish Income & Expenses for 2025

|                                   | 2024             | 2025             |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                     |                  |                  |
| Thanksgiving                      | 178,852          | 187,811          |
| Donations                         | 39,815           | 54,720           |
| Rent & Hire Income                | 42,863           | 41,334           |
| Sacramental Programs              | 8,050            | 8,500            |
| Weddings & Funerals               | 26,034           | 45,300           |
| Other                             | 10,256           | 10,905           |
| Interest Income                   | 13,165           | 12,393           |
| Insurance Claims                  | 29,413           | -                |
| <b>Total Income</b>               | <b>348,448</b>   | <b>360,963</b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                   |                  |                  |
| Archdiocesan Levies               | 25,749           | 52,299           |
| Cleaning & Maintenance            | 103,152          | 150,803          |
| Employment Costs                  | 85,457           | 89,407           |
| Insurance                         | 81,809           | 53,447           |
| Office Expenses                   | 19,083           | 15,921           |
| Parish Priest Stipend             | 71,092           | 68,745           |
| Utilities                         | 16,420           | 13,899           |
| Other                             | 54,453           | 40,803           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>             | <b>457,215</b>   | <b>485,325</b>   |
| <b>Operating Surplus/-Deficit</b> | <b>-108,767</b>  | <b>-124,362</b>  |
| <b>Investments</b>                |                  |                  |
| Income                            | 203,611          | 302,142          |
| Less Expenses                     | 22,144           | 27,453           |
| <b>Total Surplus</b>              | <b>72,700</b>    | <b>150,327</b>   |
| <b>Cash Balance</b>               |                  |                  |
| Cash at Bank                      | 78,658           | 57,772           |
| Investments                       | 2,550,860        | 2,716,050        |
| <b>Net Cash &amp; Investments</b> | <b>2,629,518</b> | <b>2,773,822</b> |



## Port Melbourne/Middle Park Parish Holy Week Timetable 2026

**Holy Thursday - 2 April** - *There will be NO morning Mass*  
7:00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Joseph's

**Good Friday - 3 April** - *There will be NO morning Mass*  
10:00am: Stations of the Cross - St Joseph's  
3:00pm: Friday of the Passion of the Lord - Both Churches

**Holy Saturday - 4 April** - *There will be NO morning Mass*  
7:30pm: Easter Vigil Mass & ceremonies at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**Easter Sunday - 5 April**  
9:00am: Mass at St Joseph's  
10:30am: Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

*There will be no morning mass from Monday 5 - Saturday 11 April 2026.*

## CARMELITE REFLECTION

### *Passion Sunday – Life poured out in Love*

Reading the passion story is always a deeply confronting experience. It's not just the detail of the trial, torture and death of Jesus. It is the realisation that God has emptied himself of everything we expect gods to have – might, power, astonishing wealth, swift and fierce retribution, preferential treatment for some and oppression for others, life itself.

In the person of Jesus, God emptied himself into a fragile, naked, tortured human being at the mercy of civil and religious authorities. The God that the religious authorities and the people of Jesus' time expected in the Messiah is not the God who showed up in the carpenter's son. Often, too, the God we expect and want is not the God we see in Jesus.

We also remember today all those who share the passion of Jesus in one way or another. We think of people unjustly persecuted, tortured and killed, of those who face a daily passion in their search for food, water, shelter and care, of those who are today the victims of harsh civil and religious authorities, of those in war-ravaged countries, especially Ukraine.

What we see in the passion of Jesus is just how passionate God is about us humans. May we, too, be just as passionate about each other.

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

## OUR LITURGY

### GATHERING & BLESSING OF PALMS

**Please collect a palm at the church entrances.**

**St Joseph's** - *Weather permitting, we will gather outside the front of the church for the blessing of the palms, then process into the church.*

**10:30am - Our Lady of Mount Carmel** - *we will gather in the foyer of the church for the blessing of the palms, then process into the church.*

### COMMEMORATION OF THE LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

#### *Matthew 21: 1-11*

When they drew near to Jerusalem  
and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives,  
Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them,  
'Go into the village opposite you,  
and immediately you will find an ass tied,  
and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.  
If anyone says anything to you, you shall say,  
"The Lord has need of them,"  
and he will send them immediately.'  
This took place to fulfil  
what was spoken by the prophet, saying,  
    'Tell the daughter of Zion,  
    Behold, your king is coming to you,  
    humble and mounted on an ass,  
    and on a colt, the foal of an ass.'  
The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;  
they brought the ass and the colt,  
and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon.  
Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road,  
and others cut branches from the trees  
and spread them on the road.  
And the crowds that went before him  
and that followed him shouted,  
'Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem  
all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?'  
And the crowds said,  
"This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME

GROSSER GOTT/RICK MODLIN

Holy God, we praise thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before thee!  
All on earth thy scepter claim,  
All in heaven above adore thee;  
Infinite, thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and Seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising;  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo! the apostolic train  
Join thy sacred name to hallow!  
Prophets swell the loud refrain,  
And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun,  
Through the Church the song goes on.

FIRST READING

*Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord has given me  
a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear,  
to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance,

neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 22 – MY GOD, MY GOD

**Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?  
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me;  
they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:  
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him,  
let him rescue him, if he loves him." **Response**

Indeed, many dogs surround me,  
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;  
They have pierced my hands and my feet;  
I can count all my bones. **Response**

They divide my garments among them,  
and for my vesture they cast lots.  
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;  
O my help, hasten to aid me. **Response**

I will proclaim your name to my brethren;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:  
"You who fear the LORD, praise him;  
all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him;  
revere him, all you descendants of Israel!" **Response**

SECOND READING

*Philippians 2:6-11*

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CURTIS STEPHAN

**Response: Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ !  
Glory to you, O Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ !**

One does not live on bread alone  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. **Response**

GOSPEL

*Matthew 27:11-54*

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people,

anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would

destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross! The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."'" Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

#### 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: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness only light,  
And where there's sadness ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled, as to console,  
To be understood, as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.  
Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.  
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**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

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

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,

and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

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: WE WALK BY FAITH

MARTY HAUGEN

We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
No gracious words we hear  
Of him who spoke as none have spoke;  
Yet we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,  
Nor follow where he trod;  
Yet in his promise we rejoice,  
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near,  
And seek where you are found:

That, when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold you as you are,  
With full and endless sight.  
**Repeat first verse.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

MARTY HAUGEN

You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!

**Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!**

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

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## HOLY LAND COLLECTION - GOOD FRIDAY

This Collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as **health, education, employment** and **housing**. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to Covid pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war in Iran, conditions continue to be extremely difficult for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and visitors. We urge Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible to the Good Friday Collection. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.

*Holy Land Commissariat, Franciscan Provincial Office, Wacerley, NSW.*

## INVITATION TO PPC

### **Open meeting of Parish Pastoral Council & Centenary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is open to all parishioners to discuss ideas about how we might celebrate this significant event – and who might be willing to be involved in organising this celebration. This meeting will be held on **Tuesday 21 April** in the **O'Connor/Pilkington rooms** in the Carmelite Hall at **Middle Park** at **7pm**.

**Please consider joining us for this important meeting.**

## PROJECT COMPASSION



**Palm Sunday**  
28–29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.



**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

**Or online at:**

[www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate](http://www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

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