



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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 3 December 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

We begin the Season of Advent this weekend. In this time, we prepare for the Lord’s coming in two senses. We prepare to celebrate another anniversary of his coming as a child born to Mary in Bethlehem, whilst at the same time we prepare to celebrate his coming in the fullness of time.

In the first two weeks of Advent, the Church, through the Liturgy, directs our focus to this “2nd Coming” of the Lord in the fullness of time. This focus is prompted by a keen sense that the reign of God, established by the death and resurrection of Jesus as a result of his coming among us as a human being, is far from complete. We still have much to long for, both personally and as a human community, before the reign of God prevails completely in our personal and communal lives. As Brendan Byrne, SJ, puts it – and as we know only too well from the current realities of our world: “The world in which we live is still a world captive to forces hostile to God and to the achievement of a decent human existence for the majority of human beings alive today”. We know, too, that our own personal lives are far from perfect, even though we are already reconciled to God through Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Advent urges us to long for the coming of the reign of God in its fullness. In our longing, we pray that we may be alert and responsive to the prompts that come from the concrete circumstances of our lives and our world to do what we can to promote the reality of God’s kingdom in the here-and-now of our lives and our world.

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Reflecting on the recent Synod

The Australian Bishops recently issued a letter “To the People of God in Australia”. It included some reflections on the recent Synod held in Rome. Whilst a Synod is officially a “Synod of Bishops”, for the first time this recent Synod included a significant number of others: Priests, Religious and Lay People, both men and women. These had exactly the same speaking and voting rights as the Bishops.

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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

Carmelite Parish Office

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After Hours Phone Number
0419 136 030

Email parish@sj-mc.org.au

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, OCarm

Parish Secretary

Cathy Garbellini

Pastoral Assistant

Kelly McEnhill

Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

Sacramental Co-Ordinator

Baptism - Angela Cox

First Reconciliation - Angela Cox

First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen

Confirmation - Sally Diserio

Safeguarding Officer

Frances Correa

Facilities Manager

Dave Fletcher

Galilee Regional Catholic

Primary School

Bank Street, South Melbourne 3205

Telephone 03 9699 2928

THIS WEEK

Monday 4 December

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 5 December

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 6 December

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 7 December

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's - **NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**

Friday 8 December

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 9 December

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 10 December

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, Grace Callaghan, Mary Hong Cao, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Paul Cox, Daphnie Cramer, Mary Dalli, Michael De Nittis, Maureen Dickason, Leonie Dimes, Bernadette Falckh, Gigi Falk, Lyn Falk, Maria Fatima, Rebecca Fernando, Tony Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Evelen Greach, Brendan Gurry, Michael Gurry, George Grzyb, Nova Hack, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Portia Hendrick, Carol Higginson, Jason Ho, Marija Jelinic, Sr Martin Jones, Mary Loc, Christine Lyell, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquiren, Sean McPhee, Sharon Beverly Mendes, Marta Menjivar, Baby Alba Middleton, Sam Neill, Mary Nguyen-Loc, Mary Paradise, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Elise Rimington, Michael Risteviski, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Somerset Beauverie, Dorothea Spencer, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Angela Trigar & Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently:

Rev. Gerry Dowling, Trevor Kretchmar, Gerry Loughran (UK), Sr Brigidita Nailon and Sharmini Senanayeke.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time:

Ratnavali Rodrigo and Carmelites Joe Phillips & Anthony Moffatt.

IN OUR PARISH



Welcome to our Family

This Sunday, we welcome:

Allegra Jojkity Di Lieto

Chloe Rita Galea

Azael Sam Leech

as they receive the

Sacrament of Baptism at St Joseph's.

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



The **Parish Craft Group** will be holding a **STALL** at the **Parish Christmas Social** on 7 December, selling various items that have been lovingly hand knitted throughout the year. Cash preferred.

Thankyou to all the ladies for their contributions.



Advent Reconciliation Services

St Joseph's - Tues, 12 Dec 2023, 9:00am

OLMC - Wed, 13 Dec 2023, 7.00pm



Vinnies need your **HELP** ...

A gentleman is seeking a 3 seater leather couch.

If anyone can help, can you please contact **Kevin Wilks** on 0420 923 075.



Wanted **Raffle Prizes** for the Parish Christmas Social

If you can assist, donations can be left at the Parish Office.

9/10 December 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Pat Mount

Reader: Abramo Ierardo

Offertory: Kathy Mount

Communion: Kathy Mount

Music: Janine Brodie

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Tris Tanumihardjo

Reader: Rob Lever

Offertory: Toni Stuart

Communion: Cathy Garbellini

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Music: William Kininmouth

Hospitality: TBD

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Reader: Nina Batsakis

Offertory: Nina Batsakis

Communion: John Molnar

Music: Kelly McEnhill

Hospitality: Angela Cox

Communion to the Sick:

Frances Correa: 10 Dec - 16 Dec 2023

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 625.00
Credit Card	\$ 140.00
Direct Credit	\$ 1,064.00
Loose Plate	\$ 931.50
Tap & Go	\$ 185.00
One-Off donation	\$1,000.00
Total	\$3945.50

BSB: 083-347

Account Number : 58 216 8515

Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish

This recent Synod's theme was *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*.

The recent Australian Bishop's letter stated: "Though it will be some time before the conclusion of the Synod in October 2024, and the Holy Father's response thereafter, the invitation to the Church to consider how it might develop synodality **at all levels** of its life is now unmistakably before us. Synodality means "walking together". It means renewing structures and processes by which all the Baptised might participate in a shared mission to bring the Good News of the Lord to a society hungry for the Word of Life. This Mission is not just for some, but for **all** Christ's Faithful".

At its recent meeting, our Parish Leadership & Exploration Group (PLEG) recognized that, as a Parish, we have the challenge of being **synodal** in the way we operate. PLEG has resolved to reflect more deeply on what this might mean for us and will begin its particular focus on this challenge at its first meeting in February next year. We look forward to communicating the fruits of our reflections as they emerge.

A full copy of the recent Australian Bishops' letter as well as a copy of a reflection by Fr Frank Brennan SJ, which also offers some comments on the recent Synod, may be accessed at <https://sj-mc.org.au/downloads/>

Distribution of Christmas Cards

As indicated last week, the Parish Leadership & Exploration Group (PLEG) is seeking the assistance of other parishioners to distribute Christmas Cards in the local community. The cards will be bundled into groups of 100, with each bundle accompanied by a map of a specific area in which the cards may be distributed. We plan for the bundles of cards and accompanying map to be available for collection from our Churches next weekend for distribution in the week that follows. **Please consider being one of the parishioners who might distribute a bundle of cards.**

Newsletter distribution by email

As also indicated last weekend, we plan to distribute our weekly newsletter by email to all parishioners whose email address we hold. If you do **NOT** want to receive the newsletter by email, please let Cathy know at the parish office (Cathy@sj-mc.org.au or 9681 9600) by Wednesday this week, 6 December, as we will commence the wider email distribution next weekend.

Please note: We will continue to print the weekly newsletter for collection at the Churches each weekend.

Farewell and Best Wishes, Deacon Marco

Marco will be concluding diaconal ministry in our parish next weekend, 9/10 December. After a holiday in Timor-Leste, he will resume diaconal ministry and continue preparation for priestly ordination in the Carmelite parish at Coorparoo, Brisbane. We thank Marco for his generous ministry of service among us this past year, which has included both liturgical ministry and ministry to the poor and needy through his involvement with both the Food Cupboard and the Vinnies. We wish Marco well for his future life and ministry.

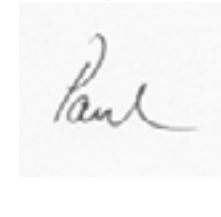
Parish Social Raffle Prizes

If you are able to donate any prizes for our Social next Thursday night, please drop them into the Parish Office by Wednesday afternoon. They would be much appreciated.

Change of Mass Venue, Thursday 7 December

For those wishing to come to Mass on Thursday this week, please note that 9am Mass NOT be celebrated at OLMC **BUT** at St Joseph's. This is due to carpet being repaired at OLMC. Other Mass times and venues will be as usual.

Blessings for the week ahead.



Food Cupboard Hours

Friday 8 December, 2023:

The Food Cupboard is **CLOSED** due to a local VINNIES Volunteering activity.

Friday 15 December, 2023:

Last day for 2023 and amended opening hours are **10:00am - 11:00am**.

Friday 2 February, 2024 - REOPEN for 2024, 10am - 11:30am.

The Food Cupboard Volunteers thank the Parishioners and local community donors for supporting this program during the year.

They also wish EVERYONE a very happy and joyful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

THE GIVING TREE - CHRISTMAS IN EAST TIMOR



The 'Giving Tree' is in the churches this weekend.

Please collect your envelope, fill in the Christmas Card and place it on the tree.

Please leave the donation in the envelope provided, in the basket under the tree. Money will be collected after each Mass.

Alternatively, you can donate online using the DONATE button on the HOME PAGE of the Parish website (<https://sj-mc.org.au>). The DONATE button is located under the Parish Newsletter. Select GIVING TREE for the donation and complete your details.

Your money will be sent directly to the Carmelites in East Timor who will purchase the gifts on your behalf.

Below is a list of the gifts and their purchase price.

- \$ 5 1 recorder for music lessons at a primary school
- \$ 8 1 box of pencils or pens for a primary school
- \$ 10 1 box of maths triangle rulers for a primary school
- \$ 14 1 harmonica for music lessons at a primary school
- \$ 20 1 pair of new shoes for a boarding house student
- \$ 20 1 reem of A4 paper for the teachers at a primary school
- \$ 40 1 soccer ball for a primary school
- \$ 40 1 small drum for music lessons at a primary school
- \$ 40 1 balance kit for maths measurement activities at a primary school
- \$ 40 1 month of nutritious meals for 1 boarding house student
- \$ 60 1 month subsidy payment for a volunteer teacher
- \$ 60 12 months of school fees for a boarding house student in Year 7
- \$ 70 1 month living costs covered for a scholarship student at university
- \$ 100 5 new dictionaries for a high school classroom
- \$ 150 1 class set of clocks for maths classes at a primary school

Thankyou for supporting our Community in East Timor.



PORT MELBOURNE/MIDDLE PARK PARISH

CHRISTMAS 2023

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24 Dec 2023	Family Mass	Mt Carmel 5.00pm
	Mass	St Joseph's 7.00pm
Christmas Day - Monday 25 Dec 2023	Mass	St Joseph's 9.00am
	Mass	Mt Carmel 10.30am
New Year's Day Monday 1 Jan 2024	Mass	St Joseph's 9.00am
	Mass	Mt Carmel 9.00am

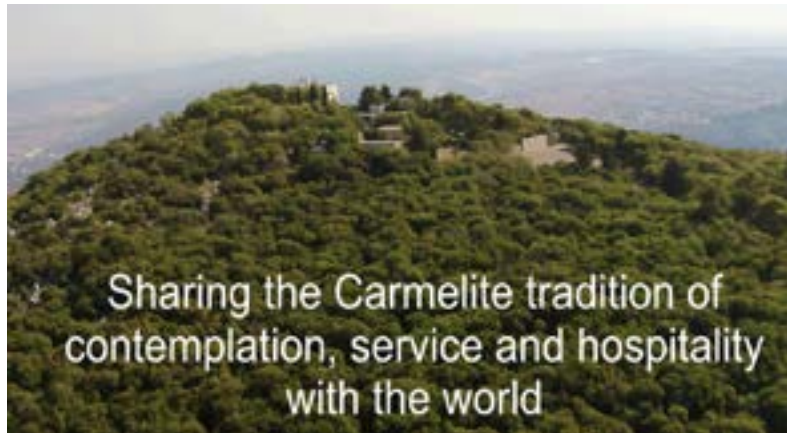
There will be NO WEEKDAY masses from
Tuesday 26 December - Saturday 30 December 2023
inclusive.

The Parish Office will:
CLOSE on Friday 22 December 2023, 12.00pm
REOPEN on Tuesday 23 January 2023, 9.00am.

For emergencies, please call Father Paul Cahill on 0419 136 030

Parish Email: parish@sj-mc.org.au
Parish website: www.sj-mc.org.au

THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE



The **December 2023 Newsletter** is available via the following website link:
<https://www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org/>

Some upcoming Carmelite Centre events that are available in person or online include:

- **Advent Contemplative Walk** - Tuesday 5, 12 and 19 December (Middle Park) - *details below*
- Centering Prayer Tuesday 5 December (in the Library)
- Carmelite Conversation Wednesday 6 December (via zoom)
- Christmas Park Gathering Saturday 9 December (Gardens in Sth Melb)
- Prayer Meditation every Tuesday 5pm (via zoom)
- Meditation every Thursday 7pm (in the Malone room and on-line resources)
- Lectio Divina every Friday 10am (via zoom and on-line resources)

Advent Contemplative Walk - ALL WELCOME!

Join Denis Andrew OCarm and others for a quiet walk beginning at OLMC Church in Middle Park, 210-218 Richardson St Middle Park 9.30am on 3 Tuesdays during Advent.

We will meet in front of the Church.

- 5 December 9.30am
- 12 December 19.30am, and
- 19 December 9.30m

We will begin with a reflection on the theme of the Advent week and then begin a short walk around 30 minutes in silence then go to a cafe or return to the Carmelite Centre for a cuppa and conversation.

Advent is a time of anticipatory waiting, a time of hope, love, joy and peace.

Contact us to let us know you will join us for these gentle walks or with any questions:

Phone : +61 3 9690 5430

Email : info@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org

OUR LITURGY

10:30am Mass Only - LIVE MUSIC MASS

ALL THE MUSIC FOR THE 10:30AM MASS WILL BE ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: O COME, O COME EMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Refrain

O come, O come, the Lord of might,
to who your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE



FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like people unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 80: LORD MAKE US TURN TO YOU

Response: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power, and come to save us.
Rouse your power, and come to save us.

Response

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
take care and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **Response**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name. **Response**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

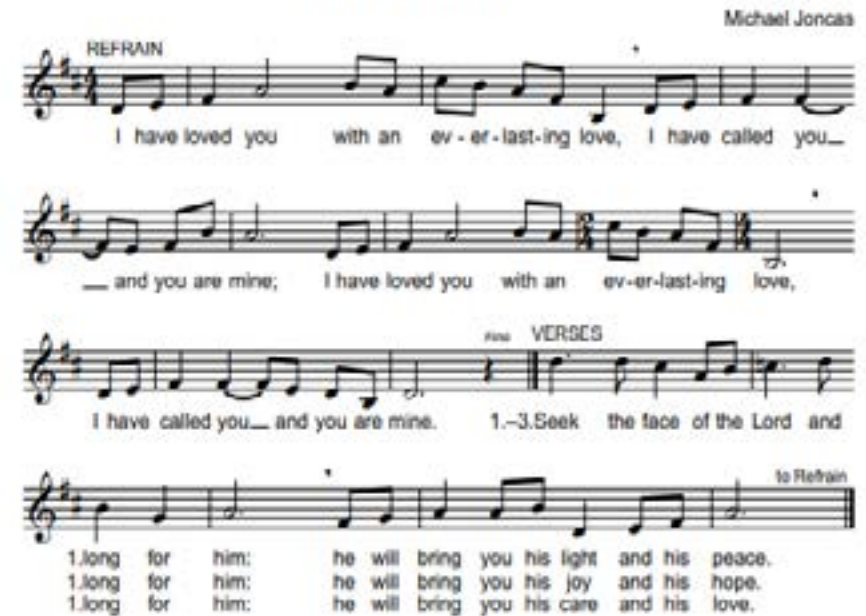


APOSTLES CREED

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.

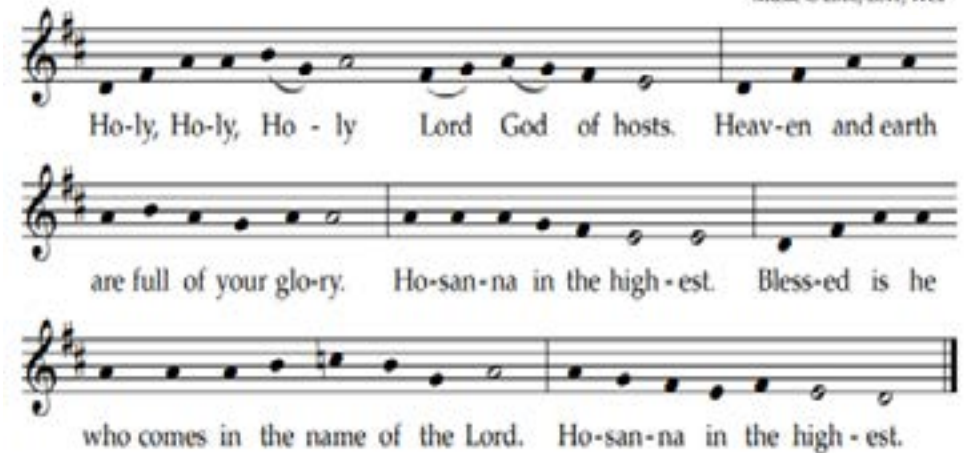
OFFERTORY - I HAVE LOVED YOU

VERSE 1 AND 2



HOLY

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

LAMB OF GOD

Richard Prouls, 1937-2010
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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.

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 - CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

VERSES: 1, 4 & 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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RECESSIONAL HYMN: CITY OF GOD

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

**Refrain: Let us build the city of God.
May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love,
has turned the night into day!**

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way. **Refrain**

God is light; in him there is no darkness.
Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.
O comfort my people; make gentle your words.
Proclaim to my city the day of her birth. **Refrain**

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