



# 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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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A - 3 MAY 2026

Dear sisters and brothers,

Many people have drawn comfort, at the time of mourning the death of a loved one, from the words of Jesus in today's Gospel:

*'Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Trust in God still, and trust in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.  
I am now going to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;  
so that where I am  
you may be too.*

These words reassure us that our loved ones live now eternally in the loving embrace of God and they reinforce our faith and hope of sharing fully in the risen, glorious eternal love of God after we too have completed our earthly lives.

However, there is also another deep and profound meaning to these words. St John has Jesus speak them in the context of the Last Supper and what is known as his "Farewell Discourse". Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time in which he is no longer with them physically – he no longer dwells with them in this sense. He wants to reassure them that, as the risen Christ, he remains with them nonetheless, even in this life. The dwellings that Jesus is preparing for his disciples are not just dwellings for them in heaven but they are dwellings for Jesus, through his Spirit, to live in among us on earth. We are those dwellings in which Jesus will continue to live on earth, even though he is not physically present among us. Each of us comprise one of the many dwellings (rooms) which, through his death and resurrection, Jesus has prepared us to be for him. We make him welcome in his dwelling (place) – that is, in us - by accepting him as *The way, the Truth and the Life*.

As Jesus goes on to explain to Philip in today's Gospel that if we accept that we are a dwelling for Jesus and that he is *The way, the Truth and the Life* for us, we will perform the same works as Jesus himself has done – works of healing, love, mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation, compassion and peace. In fact, Jesus says, *(we) will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father* – and the Spirit of the Father and the Spirit of Jesus lives on in us, empowering us to be his presence in the world. **Continued on pg 4**

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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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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, 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

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### Galilee Regional Catholic

#### Primary School

Bank Street, South Melbourne 3205

Telephone 03 9699 2928

## THIS WEEK

**Monday 4 May** - No Mass

**Tuesday 5 May**

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

**Wednesday 6 May**

9.00am Anointing Mass, St Joseph's

**Thursday 7 May**

9.00am Anointing Mass, Mt Carmel

**Friday 8 May**

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

**Saturday 9 May**

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel,

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

**Sunday 10 May - Mother's Day**

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, Nawal Cox, Harry Cubbin, Judy Anne Dawson, Jill Delossantos, Neil Delossantos, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Josie Dupont, Alison Fed, Lindsay Flint, Pauline Flint, Fr Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Will Gabelich, Peg James, Ben McGrath, Andreas Morrison, Martine Morrison, Ingrid Ohleiter, Maria Ohleiter, Rafal Rafalski, Ailbe Sheehy, Jai Paul Singh, Jim Sullivan, Rick Thompson, Bill Toohey, Helen Turner, Lorinda Turner, Angela Vyde, Chloe Wyn & Rob Winduss.

**Those who have died recently:** Jo-Anne Clarke & Mark Collins.

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Eugenio Butera, Herbert Ridgway, Jess Ryan, Will Ryan & Carmelites Noel Kierce and Robert Powell.

## IN OUR PARISH



### Welcome to our Family

*This Sunday, we welcome:*

**Cooper James Dimery**

*as he receives the Sacrament of  
Baptism at St Joseph's.*

*Please keep Cooper and their parents, godparents & family  
in your prayers.*



Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 12 May 2026** at 7.00pm in the Boardroom at the Parish Office, 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne. **New members are welcome.**

Should you wish to contact a Vinnies representative, please call Daniel O'Connor on 0425 854 691.

### Parish Ladies Dinner

Our next dinner is

**Wednesday, 20 May 2026, 6.00pm**

at **The Cricketers, 69 Cruikshank Street,  
Port Melbourne.**

Meal and drinks at each lady's expense.

To RSVP, please contact Susie Denholm via:

Email: [susiedenholm25@gmail.com](mailto:susiedenholm25@gmail.com)

Mobile: 0417 252 544

Numbers are capped at 20; book early  
to avoid disappointment. All welcome!

## THANK YOU

*for your generosity last weekend.*

### Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 305.00
Credit Card	\$ 340.00
Direct Credit	\$ 563.75
Loose Plate	\$ 1,664.30
Tap & Go	\$ 490.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,363.05</b>



## MINISTRIES

**9/10 May 2026**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A**

**5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)**

*Commentator:* Irene Stone

*Reader:* Janine Brodie

*Offertory:* Sr Rosie Joyce

*Communion:* Sr Rosie Joyce

*Music:* Kelly McEnhill

*Sacristan:* Kelly McEnhill

**9.00am St Joseph's**

*Commentator:* Brian Harrison

*Reader:* Terry Gurry

*Offertory:* Charlotte Britto

*Communion:* Jacek Glenda

*Counters:* Frances Moore & Mary Li

*Music:* Kelly McEnhill

*Hospitality:* Helen Lezala

*Sacristan:* Rob Winduss

**10.30am Mount Carmel**

*Commentator:* Nina Batsakis

*Reader:* Sr Joan Power

*Offertory:* Ken Becker

*Communion:* Ken Becker

*Music:* Choir

*Hospitality:* Margaret Blades

*Sacristan:* Kathleen Kiernan

**Communion to the Sick:**

Mary Brady 10-16 May 2026

## DONATIONS

### Parish QR code

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### 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)

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As we give thanks and praise to God for this great privilege (grace), may we strive to honour it by the manner of our lives.

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**Centenary of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**

As indicated last week, a few parishioners met with the Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday 21 April and aired ideas of how we might celebrate the Centenary of OLMC Church.

The first thing we discussed was when we should focus our celebrations. The reason for this is that whilst there is a stone in the Richardson St wall of the Church marking its laying and blessing by Archbishop Mannix on 10 April 1927, further research revealed that the completed Church wasn't opened until 10 June 1928. Whilst Archbishop Mannix was there for the laying and blessing of the stone to mark the beginning of this work and made a significant speech and there was considerable ceremony associated with the occasion, which gained a good deal of publicity, there does not seem to have been as much ceremony or publicity associated with the opening – and there is no stone which commemorates it. The meeting of parishioners recommended, therefore, that we should focus our celebrations in 2027.

Ideas which emerged in our discussion as to how we might celebrate broadly included:

- Significant liturgical celebration (or celebrations);
- Marking of the history of the parish and church, possibly linking it into the "Open House Melbourne" scheme;
- Marking of the history and spirituality of the Carmelites and other Religious Congregations who have contributed to the parish;
- Sharing of Carmelite spirituality;
- A significant social event (or events);
- Invitation to as many people as possible who have had some association with the church/parish over the years to be part of the celebrations – and publicity associated with this;
- Inclusion of different ethnic groups that are part of our parish as it currently exists;
- The mission of the parish as it looks to the future.

There was a recognition that we need to be realistic about how we celebrate and that we won't be able to do everything that we might think of.

In order to take the ideas of the meeting forward and come up with a workable program of appropriate and meaningful celebrations a small committee was established. Its members are: **John Patterson (Secretary), Luke Edwards (Carmelite Centre), Cathy Garbellini (Parish Secretary), Tony Noble (parishioner), Fr David Hofman (Carmelite) and myself.** Others have offered to help with specific tasks as and when they can.

Many thanks to those who have generously agreed to be part of the committee and others willing to help. Stay tuned for further information as preparations unfold.

Blessings for the coming week.



## OUR LITURGY

*Note: For the Live Music at 10:30am, there is a separate pew sheet.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: COME AS YOU ARE DEIDRE BROWN / PAUL GURR

Come as you are, that's how I want you.  
Come as you are, feel quite at home.  
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven;  
come as you are, why stand alone?

No need to fear, love sets no limits.  
No need to fear, love never ends.  
Don't run away, shamed as disheartened.  
Rest in my love, trust me again.

I came to call sinners, not just the virtuous.  
I came to bring peace, not to condemn.  
Each time you fail to live by my promise,  
why do you think I'd love you the less?

GLORIA

CURTIS STEPHAN

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy, have mercy on us.

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.

FIRST READING

*Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 33 – LORD LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US AS WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN YOU

**Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD;  
praise from the upright is fitting.  
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;  
with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises. **Response**

Upright is the word of the LORD,  
and all his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right;  
of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full. **Response**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness,  
To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine. **Response**

Our soul waits for the Lord  
who is our help and our shield.  
May your kindness O Lord be upon us  
Who have put our hope in you. **Response**

SECOND READING

*1 Peter 2:4-9*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the one who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring people down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CURTIS STEPHAN

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;  
you have the words of everlasting life. **Refrain**



## GOSPEL

### *John 14:1-12*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Trust in God still, and trust in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.  
I am now going to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;  
so that where I am  
you may be too.  
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me.  
If you know me, you know my Father too.  
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,  
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'  
Do you not believe  
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?  
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:  
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.  
You must believe me when I say  
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;  
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.  
'I tell you most solemnly,  
whoever believes in me  
will perform the same works as I do myself,  
he will perform even greater works,  
because I am going to the Father.'

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN: BE NOT AFRAID

BOB DUFFORD

You shall cross the barren desert  
But you shall not die of thirst  
You shall wander far in safety  
Though you do not know the way  
You shall speak your words to foreign men  
And they will understand  
You shall see the face of God and live

**Refrain: Be not afraid I go before you always  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

And blessed are your poor  
For the kingdom shall be theirs  
Blest are you that weep and mourn  
For one day you shall laugh  
And if wicked men insult and hate you  
All because of me  
Blessed, blessed are you **Refrain**

**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

CURTIS STEPHAN

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

CURTIS STEPHAN

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

CURTIS STEPHAN

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: EAT THIS BREAD

ROBERT J. BATASTINI

**Refrain Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

I am the bread of life,  
the true bread sent from the Father. **Refrain**

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,  
but this is the bread come down from heaven. **Refrain**

Eat his flesh and drink his blood,  
and Christ will raise you up on the last day. **Refrain**

If you believe and eat this bread,  
you will have eternal life. **Refrain**

DISMISSAL

**All: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

## 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**

## CARMELITE REFLECTION

### *Jesus, the Way, Truth and Life*

In the opening words of the Gospel Jesus calls the disciples to trust him and to trust God. He does so in the context of announcing his departure to them. Understandably, the disciples are afraid and uncertain which the questions of Thomas and Philip show.

Jesus calls them to trust him as the way to the God, the living truth about the God and the very life of God.

It is the spirit of Jesus who holds us in communion with God, who reveals to us the truth about God and who is the very life of God within each of us.

We want to live true to the vocation God has given us, aware of the Spirit which has been placed into our hearts, allowing that Spirit to change us into true believers so that the face of God might be seen within our own.

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

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