

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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - 3 November 2024 <u>CARMELITE REFLECTION:</u>

The Great Commandment

The first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy and the Gospel today are linked by the words of the Shema – the creed which observant Jews pray every morning and evening. These words come from the Book of Deuteronomy: Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. The title, Shema, comes from the Hebrew word for 'listen', the very first word of the prayer.

In a way, Shema is a call to conversion: to listen deeply with the heart and to respond to God's grace and mercy with love, faithfulness and obedience.

When a scribe asks Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?", Jesus replies by quoting the Shema and then adds a quotation from the Book of Leviticus (19:18), "You must love your neighbour as yourself". According to Jesus, there is no commandment greater than these.

The scribe is impressed by Jesus' reply. His words to Jesus show he has grasped what Jesus means. In repeating what Jesus has just said in his own words, the scribe also adds, "this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice". Now it is Jesus who is impressed with the scribe's depth of understanding: that love is the very heart of obedience to God and more important even than ritual worship. The scribe's correct understanding of the Old Testament Law means he is very close to the Kingdom of God.

It also means that true faith, as Jesus teaches it, is about being in loving relationship with God and other human beings. Religious rituals are meant to be ways of reflecting on, savouring, remembering, celebrating and expressing that love. Sometimes they just end up as 'empty' rituals, when love has been replaced by fear, when we are trying to bargain with God, or when we are just 'going through the motions'. Continued on pg 3 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

Sundav 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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THIS WEEK

Monday 4 November 9.00am Mass, St Joseph's **Tuesday 5 November** 9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel Wednesday 6 November - Anointing of the Sick 9.00am Mass, St Joseph's Thursday 7 November - Anointing of the Sick 9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel Friday 8 November 9.00am Mass, St Joseph's Saturday 9 November 9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel 5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel Sunday 10 November 9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

WE REMEMBER

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Patrick Achiam, Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Maurizio Bonizzoni, Dorina Butera, Grace Callaghan, Shirley Callaghan, Rita Colli, Mary Hong Cao, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Daphnie Cramer, Grace Cumming, Mary Dalli, Michael De Nittis, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Leonie Dimes, Bernadette Falckh, Gigi Falk, Lyn Falk, Maria Fatima, Rebecca Fernando, Tony Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, John Fuller, Gus Gleason, John Goral, Amelia Grace, Evelen Greach, George Grzyb, Nova Hack, Bernardine Hagan, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Lincoln Hanland, Darren Harland, Chin Hsia, Portia Hendrick, Carol Higginson, Jason Ho, Steph Hudson, Marija Jelinic, Sr Martin Jones, Teresa Kwol, Paul Chan Yin Leung, Margaret Lopes, Austin Lorraine, Les Lugowski, Christine Lyell, Coco McMaster, Maria Teresa Margues, Robert Masguiren, Ian MacLachlan, Maggie McKern, Marta Menjivar, Alba Middleton, Maria Loc Nguyen, Paul Nghi Cao Thanh, Caterina Orfanidis, Barry Paff, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Michael Risteviski, Dennis Rohan, Clara Romeo, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Frances Sheehy, Sash Carti Somerset-Beauverie, Dorothea Spencer, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Diane Thakur, Angela Trigar, Ria Van Lith, Julieanne Wharton & Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently: Bernadette Comer Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Trevor Kretchmar, Betty Molnar and Carmelites Bernard O'Farrell & Elias Elliott

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The Kingdom of God is not some far off place, but the moments when God's life breaks into the human story. Those moments bring love, wisdom, grace, compassion, generosity, forgiveness and peace. Those practiced in the things of God recognise God's presence most of all in loving relationships. If our rituals grow out of and express our sincere love for God and neighbour then they have value. We are always at risk of putting ritual above the practise of love, of thinking that we are at rights with God just by attending a liturgy, by 'paying God off', in a sense.

The words of Jesus remind us of the importance of the other part of our religious lives - the liturgy of everyday life in which we make present and visible the love, mercy and compassion of God.

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

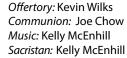
IN OUR PARISH Vinnies good works

Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 12 November 2024** Sacristan: Peter Russo at 7.30pm 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 Kathy Mount on 0437 588 855 or Pauline Semmens 0425 854 691.

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend		
Parish Stewardship Offerings		
Envelopes	\$ 465.00	
Credit Card	\$ 990.00	
Direct Credit	\$ 741.85	
Loose Plate	\$ 1,063.35	
Tap & Go	\$ 575.00	
Total	\$3,835.20	



Reader: Des Collins

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Lis Northam *Reader:* Will Kininmonth Offertory: Robert Lever Communion: Frances Correa Counters: Cathy Garbellini & Nova Hack Music: Joan Cusack Hospitality: Cora Galutera & Eden Sacristan: Rob Winduss

MINISTRIES

9-10 November 2024

32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Mary Chow

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Marlene Halim Reader: Kathleen Kiernan Offertory: Sr. Reba Woodwiss Communion: John Molnar Music: Choir / Peter Russo Hospitality: Denis Churkovich

Communion to the Sick:

Frances Correa: 11-17 Nov

DONATIONS

Parish OR code

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

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Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish Parish Website: www.sj-mc.org.au using **DONATE** button on Homepage.

THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE

The **November 2024 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:

WEEKLY

- ~ Prayer Meditation every Tuesday 5pm on zoom
- ~ Meditation every Thursday 7pm in the Malone room
- ~ Lectio Divina every Friday 10am on zoom

MONTHLY

~ Contemplative Walk (Middle Park) - NO WALK this month due to public holiday in Melbourne.

~ Centering Prayer Meditation in Malone Room - NO SESSION this month public holiday in Melbourne.

~ Carmelite Conversation on zoom - Wednesday 6 November 10.30am - 12.00pm Sharing the experience of the International Carmelite Family in Rome, with Gabrielle Fogarty and Bernadette Micallefs

~ Monthly Gathering & Thankyou to Irene & Damien - Friday 29 November, 11.30am - 1.00pm in the Library.

ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX - LITTLE WAY OF LOVE

Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga.



OUR LITURGY

10:30am Live Music Mass: Music will be on a separate pew sheet.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Praise to You, O Christ Our Saviour

VERSES 1 & 4



GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest Refrain And on Earth, peace on Earth, Peace to people of goodwill

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

Refrain

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, the right of the Father Have mercy on us Refrain

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 Refrain

Amen, amen.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 18 - I LOVE YOU LORD, MY STRENGTH.

Response: I love you, Lord, I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, I love you, O LORD my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer. Response My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies. Response The LORD lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my saviour. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed. Response SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice. Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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: SHEPHERD ME, O GOD



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. 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**

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. Amen.

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 Lord, God of host Heaven and earth are full Are full of Your glory Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest Blessed is he who comes Who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away 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: 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



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UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH



"Make your own Christmas Pudding"

Saturday, 16 November 2024, 2:00 pm - 4:00pm

St Joseph's Parish Hall , 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne Pudding Serves 12-15. All ingredients supplied. Cost \$60 **BYO Bowl and Mixing Spoon**

Email Sally at sally.diserio@gmail.com to book your place.



Parish Christmas Social

Thursday, 5 December 2024, 6.00pm - 8.30pm St Joseph's Hall, Port Melbourne

More details to follow in a future newsletter.



Food Cupboard

The last Food Cupboard opening for this year will be held on Friday, 6 Dec 2024. The cupboard will reopen on Friday, 7 Feb 2025.

A huge THANKYOU to all the Volunteers & Parishioners and Community donors who have supported the Cupboard throughout the Year.



Advent Reconciliation Services

St Joseph's Tuesday, 10 December 2024 , 9:00am

OLMC Wednesday, 11 December 2024 , 7.00pm



Christmas Family Mass

Tuesday, 24 December 2024, 5.00pm Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Middle Park

During this mass the childen will perform the Nativity Pageant.

If your child would like to participate, please contact the parish office via email, parish@sj-mc.org.au or telephone **9681 9600**.

The Parish of Port Melbourne and Middle Park is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.