



# 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.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C - 30 MARCH 2025**

Dear sisters and brothers,

Instead of my usual reflection this week, I thought I would share with you the following prayer. It was handed on to me by parishioner, Peter Thomas, whose wife, Marcella, received it from St Vincent's Hospital. It is a reflection by a very special patient who was recently seriously ill in hospital. I hope you find it helpful.

## **Pope Francis reflecting from hospital**

"The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...

They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...

It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.

A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...

In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...

A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...

A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.

The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.

A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.

This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.

Do not criticize your body too much.

Do not complain excessively.

Do not lose sleep over bills.

Make sure to hug your loved ones.

Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.

Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance.

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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

274 Rouse Street  
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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, OCarm

### Parish Secretary

Cathy Garbellini

### Pastoral Associate

Kelly McEnhill

### Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

### Sacramental Co-Ordinators

Baptism - Vacant

First Reconciliation - Sally Diserio

First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen

Confirmation - Sally Diserio

### Safeguarding Officer

Frances Correa

### Maintenance Manager

Dave Fletcher

### Galilee Regional Catholic

#### Primary School

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Telephone 03 9699 2928

## THIS WEEK

### Monday 31 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Tuesday 1 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

### Wednesday 2 April - Anointing of the Sick Mass

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Thursday 3 April - Anointing of the Sick Mass

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

### Friday 4 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

### Saturday 5 April

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

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

### Sunday 6 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

## WE REMEMBER

**Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer:** Kitty Brady, Bradford Bratton, Angela Cochill, Paul Derrington, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason, Fr Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Pauline Flint, Lindsay Flint, Jill Foster, Lisa Healy, Bobby Lever, Mrs Loh, Ingrid Ohleiter, Maria Ohleiter, Rafal Rafalski, Ailbe Sheehy, Jim Sullivan, Rachel Szeto, Kyler Tolongs, Bill Toohey, Bridget Toohey, Jacinta Mary Trainor & Henry Verhoeven.

**Those who have died recently:** Michael Elliott, Margit Kiss, Paul Mylon, Margaret O'Rourke.

**Those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Gayl Hindle and Carmelites Michael Camilleri, Bernard Shah & John Butler.

## IN OUR PARISH



### Welcome to our Family

*This Sunday, we welcome:*

**Gabrielle Rose D'Cruz**  
**Jack Wolf Lanigan**  
**Rémy Maurice Paccagnan**

*as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.*

*Please keep Gabrielle, Jack & Rémy, their parents, godparents & family in your prayers.*



Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8 April 2025** 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.

## MINISTRIES

**5-6 April 2025**

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

#### 5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

*Commentator:* Des Collins

*Reader:* Pat Mount

*Offertory:* Kevin Wilks

*Communion:* Kathy Mount

*Music:* Abramo Ierardo

*Sacristan:* Abramo Ierardo

#### 9.00am St Joseph's

*Commentator:* Tris Tanumihardjo

*Reader:* Ron Cassano

*Offertory:* Elaine Chaffer

*Communion:* Frances Correa

*Counters:* Brian Harrison & Toni Stuart

*Music:* Joan Cusack

*Hospitality:* Rose Zoric

*Sacristan:* Rob Winduss

#### 10.30am Mount Carmel

*Commentator:* Sr Reba Woodwiss

*Reader:* Kathleen Kiernan

*Offertory:* Jackie & John Tidey

*Communion:* John Molnar

*Music:* Organist / Cantor

*Hospitality:* Jackie & John Tidey

*Sacristan:* Peter Russo

#### Communion to the Sick:

Kathy Mount 6 Apr – 12 Apr 2025

## THANK YOU

*for your generosity last weekend*

### Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes \$ 615.00

Credit Card \$ 435.00

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**Total \$3,503.25**



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using **DONATE** button on Homepage.

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You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect...

Listen, perfection does not exist.

A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.

Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.

Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.

Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.

Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!

And leave the rest in the hands of the God.

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**Welcome Bishop Tony Ireland.**

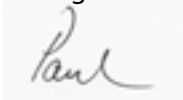
We are very pleased to welcome Bishop Tony as he visits us this weekend. We thank him for his interest in us and his support and encouragement of us. We hope he enjoys being with us and we with him.

Many thanks to those who have been part of the various meetings he has held with staff and parishioners and those who participated in the Parish Forum. I hope these were helpful and enriching experiences for all involved.

**Vale Parish Craft Group**

After twenty years, the Parish Craft Group, which convened fortnightly under the coordination of Maree Chalmers, has run its race. However, the smaller number of ladies who were still gathering until recently in St Joseph’s Hall for some craft work, continue to convene for coffee at a local café each month for companionship. This companionship was always an important aspect of the group, but over the years, the group worked on many fine projects and shared the fruits of their labours with many worthy causes. Even in officially winding up the group, Maree has found good homes for many of the materials which were held in stock and which the group no longer needs. Special thanks to Maree for the wonderful job she has done for so many years in bringing this group together and coordinating its efforts, not only for the benefit of participants but also for those who benefitted from their skilfully and lovingly crafted goods.

Blessings for the week ahead.



IN OUR PARISH

**Safeguarding News**

**WEBSITE UPDATES**

We have updated our website with the current safeguarding policy, code of conduct, antidiscrimination and racism and record keeping policies which are to be read along with the safeguarding policy. You can find these under the Safeguarding tab on the website.

**POLICE CHECKS**

Counters and Communion to the sick ministers need to have a police check done once in 3 years. We have most of the police checks expiring in early April, so new applications need to be made. You will receive an email with the form and instructions. Please complete the forms along with supporting paperwork. We are here to help if you need. To make it easy for you, we will make copies and organize the signing of your documents. Hard copies of the form will also be made available at the back of the church. Completed **forms will** need to be handed over to the parish office.

Thanks for your co-operation.

**The Safeguarding Committee**

THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE

The Carmelites of Australia & Timor-Leste have announced the appointment of Mr Luke Edwards as the new leader of The Carmelite Centre and Br Daryl Moresco as the Carmelite Delegate for the Centre. Welcome to Luke & Daryl.

The **April 2025 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:

**MONTHLY**

- Tuesday 8 ~ **Contemplative Walk** 9.30am in Middle Park
- Wednesday 9 ~ **Carmelite Conversation *The Doorway to Mystical Hope - the Divine Indwelling with Bernadette Micallef***, 10:30am - 12noon.
- Tuesday 15 ~ **Scripture Study Group**: The Acts of the Apostles 1.30pm on zoom

**WEEKLY**

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



## Port Melbourne/Middle Park Parish

### Lent and Easter Timetable 2025

#### Lenten Reconciliation Service - Tuesday 8 April

9.00am: St Joseph's

#### Lenten Reconciliation Service - Wednesday 9 April

7.00pm: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

#### Palm/Passion Sunday - 12/13 April

5:00pm: Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:00am: Mass at St Joseph's

10:30am: Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

#### Holy Thursday - 17 April

There will be NO morning mass

7:00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Joseph's

#### Good Friday - 18 April

There will be NO morning mass

3:00pm: Friday of the Passion of the Lord – Both Churches

#### Holy Saturday - 19 April

There will be NO morning mass

7:00pm: Easter Vigil Mass and ceremonies at Our Lady of Mount Carmel - *note time change*

#### Easter Sunday - 20 April

9:00am: Mass at St Joseph's

10:30am: Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

## CARMELITE REFLECTION:

### *The Forgiving Father*

This Sunday's Gospel is a parable of lavish and unexpected forgiveness and reconciliation. It is one of three parables in which God's mercy breaks through all human and religious restrictions about how God should act toward sinners.

A wealthy father has two sons. Very cheekily, the younger son asks for his share of the estate which would come to him on his father's death. This is a young man who has places to go and things to see!

Remarkably, the father gives him half of his estate, not the one-third to which the son was entitled. No wonder the older son is put out. The younger son goes off and has a great time until the money runs out. Financially ruined he has to earn his keep feeding pigs. He decides to return home, beg forgiveness and ask to be only a servant in his father's household.

The father is anxiously waiting for the son when he returns. He runs to embrace him. The son begins his confession, but the father takes no notice. He does not chastise or lecture. He refuses to treat his son as a servant and immediately sets about restoring him to his rightful place in the household with the ring, the robe and sandals. He orders a feast to celebrate the fact that his son is alive and has returned. No wonder the older son is angry and resentful. But the father sets about reassuring him that his place in the household and in the father's affection is secure and urging him to be reconciled with his brother. We are left wondering about what eventually happened.

The Gospel offers not just the hope of God's forgiveness but the certainty of it.

The message today is: Rejoice in God's abiding mercy!

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

## OUR LITURGY

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.

**Refrain: Christ, be our light!**  
**Shine in our hearts.**  
**Shine through the darkness.**  
**Christ, be our light!**  
**Shine in your Church gathered today.**

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
Shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

### FIRST READING

#### *Joshua 5:9-12*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### PSALM 34 – TASTE AND SEE

**Response: Taste and see; taste and see,  
taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad. **Response**

Glorify the LORD with me,  
Let us together extol his name.  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears. **Response**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy.  
and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him. **Response**

The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him and delivers them.  
Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him. **Response**

### SECOND READING

#### *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding their faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

**Refrain:** Glory to you, O Word of God.  
 Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Repent, says the Lord;  
 the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, O Word of God.  
 Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL

*Luke 15:1-3. 11-32*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."



## 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.

**Refrain: Like a flame my hope is burning,  
may my song arise to you:  
Source of life that has no ending,  
on life's path I trust in you.**

Every nation, tongue, and people  
find a light within your Word.  
Scattered fragile sons and daughters  
find a home in your dear Son. **Refrain**

God, so tender and so patient,  
dawn of hope, you care for all.  
Heav'n and earth are recreated  
by the Spirit of Life set free. **Refrain**

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,  
for our God is born in time.  
Son made man for you and many  
who will find the way in him. **Refrain**

*Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri English translation: Andrew Wadsworth*

**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

STEVE ANGRISANO/TOM TOMASZEK

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,  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Hosanna in the highest.

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

LAMB OF GOD

STEVE ANGRISANO

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:

COME AS YOU ARE

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?

Don't run away, shamed as disheartened.  
come as you are, why stand alone?

Come as you are, that's how I love you.  
Come as you are, trust me again.  
Nothing can change the love that I bear you.  
All will be well, just come as you are.

**Refrain: Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,  
Word of the Father, calling us to life;  
Son of God who leads us to freedom:  
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**


You are the Word who calls us out of the darkness;  
you are the Word who leads us into light.  
You are the Word who brings us through the desert:  
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **Refrain**

You are the Word who binds us and unites us;  
you are the Word who calls us to be one;  
you are the Word who teaches us forgiveness:  
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **Refrain**


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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
29th and 30th of March 2025

**Irene** lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

*Photo credit: Arlette Bashizi/Caritas Australia*

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You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

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IS COMMITTED TO THE SAFETY,  
WELLBEING AND DIGNITY OF ALL CHILDREN,  
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