



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.*

5th Sunday of Lent

3 April 2022

Hi Everyone,

NEWS REGARDING OFFICE STAFFING

As of 30th June this year both Anne Ierardo and Shane Harrison are retiring from their positions as Parish Secretary and Finance Officer. This is not a coup!!! The fact is that both of them feel it's the appropriate time to retire. Anne has given 23 years of extraordinary service to the Parish as our secretary. There probably isn't a job in the Parish that she hasn't done and it's all been done with wonderful grace and wisdom. Shane also feels the need to retire as he approaches his next decade and he too has been a steadfast and marvellous supporter of the Parish. I will miss them both greatly.

In order to fill these vacancies, we will be advertising the position as either ONE full-time or TWO part-time positions depending on the skills of the applicants. I am thankful to a number of parish members who have given me feedback on the role descriptions and the process of handling the applications will be through the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Human Resources Department.

If anyone feels that they are interested in applying for one or both positions I would direct your attention to the Archdiocesan website: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

GRATITUDE TO FRs MATTHEW AND MAURICE

I don't know how many people realise it, but the celebration of Sunday Masses requires a lot of energy and verve on the part of the celebrant. This year Fr Matthew is approaching his 91st birthday and Fr Maurice his 90th – both of them well worth celebrating! Because of the physical and psychological demands of celebrating Sunday Masses, both of them have essentially retired from public celebrations of the Eucharist at weekend Masses. They still celebrate weekday Masses which is a marvellous contribution to our life and to the sanity of the PP. I am exceptionally grateful for their assistance and although we won't be seeing them celebrate on the weekends, they are still very much a part of our life and work and I trust they know the appreciation that all of us have for them.

CARMELITE PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

The Carmelites are celebrating their triennial Provincial Chapter in November this year. At this meeting of Australian and Timore Leste brothers we decide our new leadership team

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

6.00pm (Sat) Mount Carmel
9.00am Saint Joseph's
10.30am Mount Carmel

Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

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Carmelite Website

www.carmelites.org.au

Office Hours 9am-4pm

(non COVID times)

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday
(CLOSED TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS)**

Parish Priest

Fr Hugh Brown OCarM

Parish Secretary

Anne Ierardo

Pastoral Life Co-ordinator

Finance Officer

Shane Harrison

Facilities Manager

Safeguarding Officer

Frances Correa

Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School

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South Melbourne Vic 3205
Telephone 03 9699 2928

THIS WEEK

Monday 4 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 5 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 6 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 7 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 8 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 9 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

6.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 10 April -

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Hein Basten, Tommy Bednar, Paul Caghi - Cao, Nawal Cox, Maureen Dickason, Kelly Edwards, Judy Fairhall, Gigi Falckh, Lyn Falckh, Michelle Falckh, Frances Farrugia, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Lyn Fleming, Gerard Friary, Ivy Hermence, Steph Hudson, Chris Kowalski, Baby Alba Middleton, Marino Mihocic, Felicity Morgan, Marie O'Connor, Sylvia Poliakova, Rafal Rafalski, Michael Ristevski, Lucie Carmen Rodriguez, Dennis Rohan, Lorraine Rohan, Keith Ryder, Sarah Abdel-Said, Teresa Sheehan, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Vivienne Williams, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently: Amy Cabral, Ramon Soleybar, Les Sheridan, casualties of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict, and all those affected by COVID_19 throughout the world.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Anna Cao-Thiet, Anna Cao T Van, Olivia Gleeson, and Carmelites, Michael Camilleri and Bernard Shah.

IN OUR PARISH

for the next 3 years and the directions of the Province. At this Chapter, we are basically in the situation of an equal number of brothers from both cultural groups in the Province who will have the right to attend the Chapter. So, in a sense, this is a watershed moment in the life of our Province. One of the tasks of the new Provincial Council will be to make appointments to all our ministries and that includes the role of Parish Priest at Port Melbourne and Middle Park. You might pray that the new leadership team has wisdom and insight in making these decisions!

DISCUSSION PAPER

With this Bulletin I am including a discussion paper for the Parish on our possible directions for the future. As I've indicated a number of times, it is time to start tightening our belts and to look to ways to provide a continuing and vibrant ministry to the Parish. Any insights you have would be greatly appreciated and can be directed to me personally or to parish@sj-mc.org.au.

CELEBRATION OF 1ST RECONCILIATION

This past Wednesday we celebrated 1st Reconciliation for 8 of our younger members. My thanks to Elise Rimington who has taken on the role of Sacramental Liaison person and to the parents who have been the main persons responsible for preparing their daughters or sons.

A REFLECTION BY JOHN TIDEY: WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT?

A few years ago I published a monograph celebrating the lives of seven people (outside my family) who made a lasting impression on me. To my knowledge none of them ever met. They were certainly a diverse and scattered crew and all of them are now dead.

One was a New Zealand journalist I encountered by chance when I was a teenager and he was a valued mentor for the next 50 years. Another was a game warden in East Africa, the third an American diplomat and the fourth – the only woman in the group – was the mother

ARCHDIOCESE

**9/10 April
Palm Sunday**

6.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Mary Chow

Readers: Angela Cox

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Chow

Communion to the Sick:

3-9 April: Frances Galvin

10-16 April: Frances Correa

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Marita Molloy

Reader: John Molloy

Eucharistic Ministers: Jacek
Glenda

Counters: Frances Moore &
Mary Li

Hospitality: Helen Powell

Communion to the Sick:

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Peter Thomas

Readers: Teresa Paradowski

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria
Goral

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

Hospitality: Marie Callaghan

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

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Our Lady of Mt Carmel

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of a childhood friend. The fifth was an Englishman – a foreign correspondent and novelist – I bumped into in Nigeria in 1968. Finally there was the best mate I ever had; and a Christian Brother who was a “Mr. Chips” figure at my school when I was eight years old.

The monograph is called SEVEN LIVES and I like to think each of those in it made an important contribution to my life. Only when it was published did it dawn on me that in their own distinctive ways all seven were people of great faith.

John Tidey

Have a good week and stay well and happy.

Blessings and peace.



THE CARMELITE CENTRE

Carmelite Conversations:

Teresa of Avila for Today

with Austin Cooper OMI,

10.30am - 12 midday Wednesday 6 April

Austin Cooper OMI with talk about the wisdom of Teresa of Avila and its relevance for today.

At first sight, a 16th-century Spanish Carmelite nun and someone living in today's world might seem to be hopelessly remote and irrelevant to one another. Yet Teresa's rich humanity, her gentle humour, and her deep love for the Lord still have about them a freshness that is both appealing and practical. Her wisdom still speaks to us with great appeal. Contact the Carmelite Centre for further details.

Preparing for the Canonization of Blessed Titus Brandsma

3 Lectures

This series of lectures is being presented online by the Center for Carmelite Studies in Washington D.C. Note the time of these lectures are US Washington time. 3.30pm in Washington will be early morning in Australia the next day but please check.

There is great anticipation as Titus Brandsma will be canonized on 15th May this year so you may like to consider accessing these lectures. Brother Daryl Moresco, Director of the Center, has also said the lectures can be accessed at a more convenient time of day. He advises the lectures will be available within a day or two following each event on Youtube under the title "Brandsma Lecture Series". He also has said that he will post the recordings on the Centre's website at: <https://trs.catholic.edu/faculty-andresearch/institutes/carmelite-center/index.html> More Information on the Carmelite Centre Website.

Carmelite Centre Program Bookings

T: 9690 5430 (leave message if unattended) or reregistration@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org
via website: www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ENGLISH TEACHER CARMELITES TIMOR-LESTE

The Carmelite Brothers in Timor-Leste have identified a need for English language training for the Carmelite students there.

English Teaching

The volunteer will run regular English language classes with the Carmelite students, fitting around their other study commitments. A schedule of classes, including small group and individual sessions, will be determined by the volunteer and the Carmelite Brothers.

Location

The Carmelites' Community is situated in a rural area called Hera, which is on the north coast and approximately 45 minutes east of the capital Dili.

Volunteer Skills

A volunteer in this position needs to have some experience in teaching English as a foreign language or in the education sector generally.

Timeframe

This position is for a duration of 6 months initially, with the possibility of extending.

Arrangements

The Carmelites can provide modest accommodation at the Community in Hera, as well as all meals which are eaten together in a shared dining room.

The volunteer will need to cover costs associated with travelling to and from Timor-Leste, visa arrangements, travel insurance, and other living costs while in-country.

Contact

Please contact Mayra Walsh, Community Development Ministry Coordinator, for further information. Email: mayra@carmelites.org.au or Phone: 0423475564.

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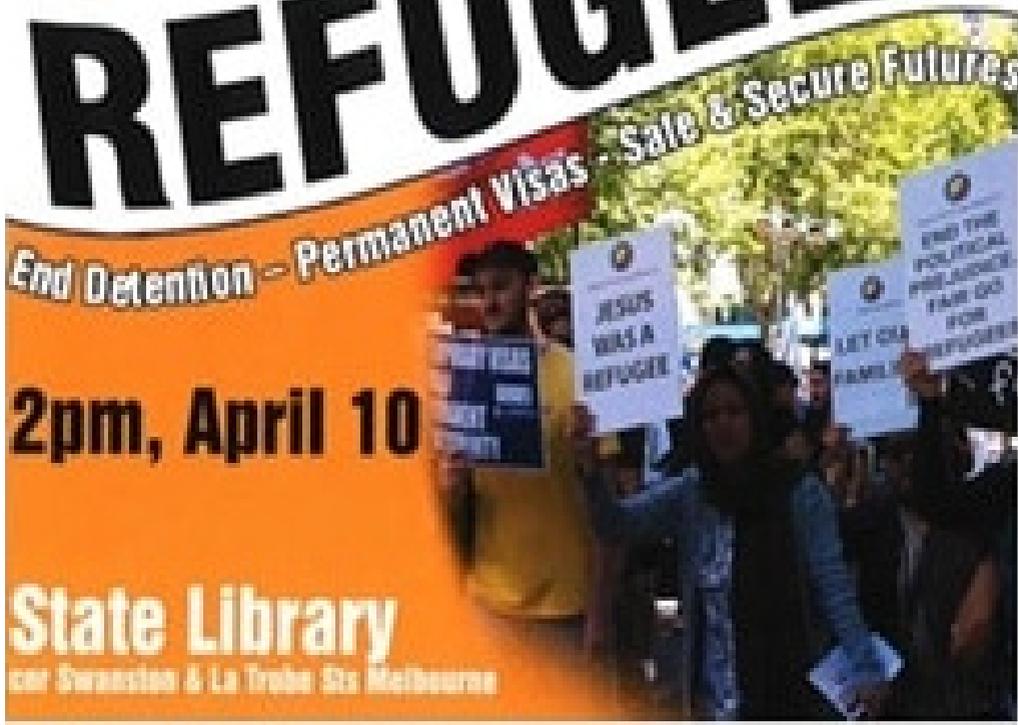
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Port Melbourne/Middle Park Parish

Holy Week and Easter Timetable 2022

Holy Thursday 14 April

9:00am: Morning Prayer – Our Lady of Mt Carmel

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

Good Friday 15 April

9.00am: Morning Prayer – St Joseph's

3:00pm: Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion –
Both Churches

Holy Saturday 16 April

9:00am: Morning Prayer – Our Lady of Mt Carmel

7:00pm: Easter Vigil at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Easter Sunday 17 April

9:00am: Easter Mass at St Joseph's

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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
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Middle Park Vic 3206

St Joseph's Church
Cnr Rouse and Stokes Streets
Port Melbourne Vic 3207

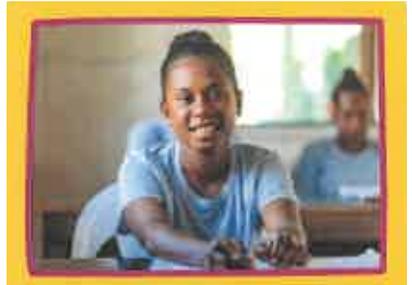
PROJECT COMPASSION - FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Shaniella - Solomon Islands

Shaniella, 23, grew up in a village in the Solomon Islands with her parents and three brothers.

In 2020, Shaniella moved away to study hospitality and tourism at a vocational school supported by Caritas Australia Solomon Islands (CASI), through the Happy, Healthy, Holistic Community Development program.

The school is in a particularly disaster-prone area and not long after Shaniella started, the school was hit by a landslide, flooding, and a cyclone, all in quick succession.

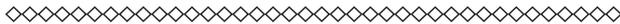


The school's main source of water was destroyed, buildings were damaged and the garden, which the school relied on for food, was devastated.

With your kind support, CASI helped install water tanks, restoring clean water access to nearby schools, health centres and the wider community. Training was held in agricultural skills to help boost the school community's food security, as well as in environmental risk management and emergency responses.

Now, Shaniella can complete her skills training, with enough water and food to eat, and improved sanitation. She is improving her ability to earn an income, learning skills which will expand her job opportunities. Students are also better prepared to respond when disaster strikes.

With your generous support, Shaniella's prospects have improved, as have her school's. Along with your generous support, this program is supported by the Australian Government, through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP).



Your donation will support programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need. Project Compassion money boxes and envelopes are available for collection from the Church foyer.

The money boxes are an excellent way to introduce your children to Project Compassion.

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

There is a tough phrase at the end of the Gospel we have just heard; 'Go and sin no more.' It's like a sting in the tail, standing in contrast to the compassion of Jesus in his encounter with the woman. Yet, on closer inspection, it is the most important phrase in the story. And that's saying something because this dramatic event is the only one in the Gospel where Jesus confronts sexual sin, where only the woman is dragged from the scene of the crime to answer the charge of adultery. Is it any wonder that in some early manuscripts of John's Gospel this story was left out, its authorship questioned? The dangerous memory of Jesus' compassion toward the woman was too strong in the minds of John's community for it to be excluded, however, and so it remains as an inspired text for us to make our own. It is sometimes very important to hear Jesus say to us, especially in the area of our sexuality, 'I do not condemn you.'

So often, however, we want Jesus to leave it at that. But Jesus goes further. He tells it as it is. If any of us want life and want it to the full, we have to stop doing the destructive things that get us into trouble in the first place. It does not matter if it is drinking, gambling, eating, working, stealing, sexual dysfunction, being into pornography, being violent at home or any other type of obsessive compulsive behaviour, there is little point in being sorry for the consequences of our weaknesses and not changing the pattern of behaviour that leads us to ruin each time.

Twelve step programs enshrine the wisdom of today's Gospel in how they help us to own up to the destructive behaviour of our lives and yet give us hope to live beyond our worst moments.

Steps four to ten say:

Step 4. I have made a searching and fearless moral inventory of myself.

Step 5. I have admitted to God and to another the exact nature of my wrongs.

Step 6. I am entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Step 7. Humbly ask God to remove my shortcomings.

Step 8. Made a list of all persons I had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

Step 9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible except where to do so would injure them or others.

Step 10. Continued to take personal inventory and when I was wrong promptly admitted it.

The thing I like best about these is that they are pro-active. They alert us to the fact that the best pathway to know healing and forgiveness is not to be passive, but to be active and admit our own faults and work to heal them. Some of us may have been given a tough hand from life's deck of cards, but we do not have to be passive victims, never able to change the cycles of destructive behaviour. If the steps work and we trust today's Gospel then we can be happy, healed and forgiven because we heal and forgive others.

Jesus bestows great dignity on the woman by saving her from being condemned to death, but even more so he knows that it does not have to be like this and so challenges her to turn her life around.

May we hear the same challenge in this final week of Lent. No matter what we have ever done, sexually or otherwise, we are greater than our worst moments. Jesus loves us enough not to condemn us, but to give us this Eucharist so that we might find the strength and hope to stop doing the things that destroy us and to live a life that leads to peace and joy.

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LENTEN PRAYER - 5TH SUNDAY

God of glory
At home in the universe
MAKE YOUR HOME IN US

Loving Jesus
At home in Bethany
MAKE YOUR HOME IN US

Holy Spirit
At home in humanity
MAKE YOUR HOME IN US

Holy God
KEEP OUR EYES ON THE PRIZE

Holy Jesus
KEEP OUR EYES ON THE PRIZE

Holy Spirit
KEEP OUR EYES ON THE PRIZE

The race is on
WE ARE RUNNING HOME TO GOD

Ruth Burgess
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OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - SING A NEW SONG

**Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.**

Yahweh's people dance for joy. O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. **Refrain**

Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song. **Refrain**

Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Saviour lives. **Refrain**

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant We have been called by God to be the Church,
the Body of Christ in this world.
We are not a building, but a people,
gathered and grounded in the Word of God,
the love of Christ, and the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant We were dead once,
All but now we are alive in Christ.

Celebrant Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies:
All it remains only a single grain.

Celebrant But if it dies:
All it yields a rich harvest.

Celebrant Eternal God, you fill us with your spirit,
All and we yield the harvest of love.

Celebrant Out of darkness, dust and ash,
All you, Lord, raise a people filled with Life.

Celebrant Holy Spirit come!
All Give us the fullness of life in your presence for ever!

FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself
will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 126: THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME

Psalm 126:

**Response: *The Lord has done great things for us
we are filled with gladness and joy
we are filled with gladness and joy***

When God set the captives of Zion free,
we were more like children in a dream.
Then you could hear our laughter and cheers.
then you could hear our shouts of joy.

Response

Restore all our fortunes, God of love,
like rivers that save the dessert lands.
Those who have gone to sow in tears
shall go back to reap with songs of joy.

Response

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain: ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.***

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin 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 HYMN - TAKE OUR BREAD

Refrain: **Take our bread, we ask you,
Take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father,
We are yours, we are yours.**

Yours as we stand at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the signs of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours.

Refrain

Your holy people standing washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.
We are poor, but we brought ourselves the best we could.
We are yours, we are yours.

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Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.
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Refrain

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.**

The Celebrant prays the preface at the end of which all say:

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.

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

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the Bread of life,

He who comes to Me shall not hunger,

He who believes in Me shall not thirst.

No one can come to Me

Unless the Father draw him.

**Refrain: And I will raise him up,
I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the last day.**

The bread that I will give

Is My flesh for the life of the world,

And he who eats of this bread,

He shall live for ever,

He shall live for ever.

Refrain

Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood,
And drink of His blood,
You shall not have life within you. **Refrain.**

I am the Resurrection,
I am the Life,
He who believes in Me
Even if he die,
He shall live for ever. **Refrain.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

THOUGH THE MOUNTAINS MAY FALL

Refrain: ***Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust
Yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all who will call on His name
Sing the praise and the glory of God***

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget his love?
Though a mother forsake her child,
He will not abandon you. **Refrain**

Should you turn and forsake Him
He will gently call your name
Should you wander away from Him
He will always take you back. **Refrain**

As He swore to your fathers
When the flood destroyed the land
He will never forsake you
He will swear to you again. **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.**