



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.*

Dear sisters and brothers, **14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 5 JULY 2026**

Today's Readings, particularly the 1st Reading, the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel, convey a real sense of consolation, peace, joy, reassurance and encouragement for those who believe in the Lord.

The 1st Reading from the Prophet Zechariah gives us the image that was realised in Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The one who is our true ruler and leader comes among us *humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey*. His "victory" lies in the peace he establishes in the hearts and minds of his followers through his relationship of love and mercy with them. The Lord's "victory" is not won through power, might, oppression or domination, symbolised by chariots and horses ... *The bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations*.

This is the message that Pope Leo is unceasingly proclaiming in our world today as he calls for dialogue, listening, reconciliation and respect for the other to displace war, violence and conflict as the means for resolving our differences.

The Responsorial Psalm reminds us that *The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love ... compassionate to all his creatures ... faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down*.

Then in the Gospel (from St Matthew) we hear those very familiar and comforting words of Jesus: *I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children*. The wisdom that comes from being a follower of Jesus isn't primarily a wisdom that comes from intellectual learning, much and all as this has an important role to play. The primary source of the wisdom that comes from Jesus is found in responding to his invitation: *Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest*. In other words, the real source of wisdom for our lives comes from "coming to Jesus" – being drawn into a personal loving relationship with Jesus.

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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

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Tuesday - 9am - 4pm

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THIS WEEK

Monday 6 July - No morning Mass

Tuesday 7 July

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 8 July

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 9 July

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 10 July

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 11 July

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel, 5.00pm

Sunday 12 July

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10:30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Karen Box
Mona Lien Cao, Maria Christopher, Rosa Coluccio, Nawal
Cox, Harry Cubbin, Judy Anne Dawson, Jill Delossantos,
Neil Delossantos, Anthony Dickason, Maureen Dickason,
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Szeto, Rick Thompson, Bill Toohey, Helen Turner, Lorinda
Turner, Angela Vyde, Chloe Wyn & Rob Winduss.

Those who have died recently: Dr Norma McGowan, Norma
Moore & Pasquale Speranza.

Those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Gerhard
Correa, Sally Detapena, Frank Todisco, Amelia Wilde and
Carmelites Domingos Soares Da Silva, Paul Clery and Robert
Dowd.

IN OUR PARISH

Welcome to our Family

This Sunday, we welcome:

**Cruz William De Bruyn
Xavier Zander De Bruyn**



*as they receive the Sacrament of
Baptism at St Joseph's.*

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



Next VINNIES meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14 July**
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 Kathy Mount on 0437 588 855 or Pauline
Semmens on 0425 854 691.

Parish Ladies Dinner

Our next dinner is

Wednesday, 15 July 2026, 6.00pm

at **The Cricketers, Cruickshank St, Port Melbourne.**

Meal and drinks at each lady's expense.

To RSVP, please contact **Susie Denholm** via:

Email: susiedenholm25@gmail.com

Mobile: 0417 252 544

All welcome!

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend.

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 185.00
Credit Card	\$ 825.00
Direct Credit	\$ 714.20
Loose Plate	\$ 1,048.70
Tap & Go	\$ 453.00
Total	\$ 3,225.90



MINISTRIES

11/12 July 2026

**15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A**

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Kelly McEnhill

Reader: Mary Chow

Offertory: Kelly McEnhill

Communion: Joe Chow

Music: Kelly McEnhill

Sacristan: Kelly McEnhill

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Terry Gurry

Reader: Lis Northam

Offertory: Toni Stuart

Communion: Jack Glenda

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Music: Joan Cusack / Fr Paul Gurr

Hospitality: Cora & Eden

Sacristan: Kelly McEnhill

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Nina Batsakis

Reader: Br Daryl Moresco

Offertory: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Communion: Sr. Reba Woodwiss

Music: Choir

Hospitality: Jackie & John Tidey

Sacristan: Tony Noble

Communion to the Sick:

TBA : 11-18 Jul 2026

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In this relationship we “shoulder his yoke” – that is, we are “trained” by him and we “learn from him”. In this relationship we “will find rest for our souls”. If we allow God’s love for us to permeate and regulate our lives – a “love” that lives deep within us through the life of his Spirit in us, we will find the demands of that love “easy and light”, rather than burdensome. We will happily and joyfully reflect God’s love for us in our love for others, demanding and challenging as that may be at times.

Let us pray in thanksgiving for the love of God, the love of Jesus, that lives deep within us. Let us pray that we will let that love shine forth in our lives. Let us nourish our personal loving relationship with God by our prayer, “coming” to Jesus, rejoicing in our personal relationship with him, being “trained” by him and living in peace with one another.

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Congratulations to the Brigidine Sisters

The Sisters celebrate 140 years in Victoria next Thursday, 9 July. As we congratulate the Sisters on this wonderful milestone, we give thanks for their presence in the parish since 1909, when they began their ministry in the parish Primary School at St Joseph’s, Port Melbourne and subsequently at Kilbride College in Albert Park and then through parish pastoral ministry, particularly by Srs Loreto, Rosemary Kerlin and Geraldine Stapleton.

The Sisters still have a significant presence in our parish through their life and ministry at the Convent in Beaconsfield Parade, particularly the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. They also continue to contribute to our parish life in a variety of ways.

We pray God’s blessing on them as they celebrate the milestone next Thursday and wish them well for the future.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Centenary Celebrations in 2027

The Committee making preparations for these celebrations met for a second time on 24 June. It was a fruitful meeting. We advanced our plans for the Centenary Mass at which we have invited the Archbishop to preside. Whilst we are still awaiting his response, we have continued our consideration of other matters:

- how music will be provided;
- how publicity will be handled;
- invitations to ethnic groups with a particular relationship with the parish (Indonesians, Zimbabweans and Timorese);
- a display of historical material;
- a spirituality program as part of the celebrations;

- sharing of parishioners’ stories of their experience of life in the parish and of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church;
- a Memento card to mark the occasion;
- a commemorative plaque of the occasion to sit along side others in the entrance foyer at OLMC.

We hope to advance our plans at future meetings over the coming months.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

We celebrate this event at Masses this weekend, taking up the theme: Walking Together in Christ. We are called to continue the journey of growing together in faith that we have been traveling for many years with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brother and sisters. We do so in humility and hope – listening deeply, and walking side by side as one Body in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit. May our celebrations be moments of grace. May they renew our hearts, deepen our unity, and strengthen our commitment to walk together in faith.

Blessings for the coming week.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

Luncheon in honour of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Feast Day



Date: Sunday 19 July 2026
Time: 12:00pm
Venue: St Joseph’s Hall, Port Melbourne
Cost: \$25.00 per person

Come along and join us for a 2-Course Spit Roast Lunch to celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel** with the Carmelites and our parish community.

The two course sit-down lunch includes Roast Beef, Pork or Lamb and accompanying condiments, jacket potatoes and vegetables, followed by dessert, tea and coffee. **This event is BYO.** Vegetarian options will be available.

To book select one of the following methods:

- contact Cathy at the Parish Office (9681-9600 or cathy@sj-mc.org.au) & pay using the DONATE button on the Home page of the parish website (www.sj-mc.org.au)... be sure to select **LUNCH FEAST OLMC** and specify your **First name** and **Last name**.
- see **Mary Chow** after the 5.00pm Mass at Mt Carmel.
- see **Cathy Garbellini** after the 9.00am Mass at St Joseph’s
- see **Sally Diserio** after the 10.30am Mass at Mt Carmel

*For catering purposes, payment **MUST** be made by **Sunday 12 July 2026.***

Novena To Our Lady of Mt Carmel



Intentions To Our Lady of Mt Carmel

On the 9 days before the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (16 July), we pray for the following intentions for all those in need throughout the world.

DAY 1 (Tuesday, 7 July 2026) – Hope for a World in Conflict

Intention: *For peace in war-torn nations, divided communities, and restless hearts.*

Prayer:

O Mary, Queen of Peace, wrap your mantle around our troubled world. Intercede for those suffering from war, violence, and hatred. Inspire world leaders and

Mary,
you are always with the
brothers and sisters of your Son
as we seek to follow in his footsteps.

Help us keep our hearts open to God
and to the needs of one another.

Be with those who struggle with
disease and illness, tension and tragedy.

Help us bring peace and reconciliation
wherever it is needed.

Help us to protect and
look after each other.

Help us bring moments of
healing and grace into each other's lives.

Help us to be God's heart in
the heart of the world.

This we ask through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

everyday people to walk the path of dialogue, justice, and reconciliation. May your Son, the Prince of Peace, guide our steps. Amen.

DAY 2 (Wednesday, 8 July 2026) – Hope for the Sick and the Struggling

Intention: *For those battling illness, mental distress, and the weight of despair.*

Prayer:

Holy Mother, comforter of the afflicted, draw near to all who suffer silently. Intercede for those with chronic illness, anxiety, or emotional wounds. May they find healing, strength, and hope through Christ, the Divine Physician. Amen.

DAY 3 (Thursday, 9 July 2026) – Hope for the Departed and the Grieving

Intention: *For all who have died, and those mourning their loss.*

Prayer:

Mother of Mercy, cradle the souls of the departed in the arms of your Son. Comfort those left behind with the promise of eternal life. Help us live each day in the light of resurrection hope. Amen.

DAY 4 (Friday, 10 July 2026) – Hope in Times of Hardship and Injustice

Intention: *For all who face poverty, discrimination, abuse, or loss of home and livelihood.*

Prayer:

O Lady of Mount Carmel, stand with those pushed to the margins. Lift up the poor, the oppressed, and the voiceless. Intercede for justice and dignity for all people. May hope rise like morning light for those walking through darkness. Amen.

DAY 5 (Saturday, 11 July 2026) – Hope for Young People Seeking Meaning

Intention: *For all young people navigating identity, purpose, and pressure.*

Prayer:

Mary, you said yes in your youth. Be near our young people as they search for love, truth, and belonging. Inspire them with courage to follow Christ's call in today's noisy and uncertain world. Amen.

Intentions for the remaining 4 days of the Novena will be included in next week's newsletter.

CARMELITE REFLECTION

Lifting the burdens; lightening the load

The Gospel today is a joyful, ecstatic outburst of feeling by Jesus.

Matthew's community must have been deeply troubled by the fact that the 'learned and clever' religious leaders of their day did not accept the message of Jesus. Surely they, of all people, should have been able to recognise the truth. But in this passage, Matthew explains that it is not from a position of knowledge or power that one recognises who Jesus is. Rather, it is from an attitude of openness and simplicity, such as we often find in children.

Matthew also makes the point that Jesus does not approach us like a warlord, with threats of punishment, but in humility and gentleness.

The tone of the reading is set by Jesus' warm and intimate address of 'Abba' (Father) which occurs five times in this short passage. This intimate relationship is characterised by God's entrusting all of things to the Son, and the Son in turn revealing them to those who have faith. These, in turn, are drawn into intimate relationship with God.

The rules and laws of religious leaders in Jesus' day often added to the burden experienced by those regarded as simple and sinful. But Jesus always tried to lift burdens from people.

Jesus invitation in today's Gospel is for everyone. It could be an invitation for us to look at our lives and ask what burdens we impose on others. Do our concerns, anxieties, our need for power, wealth and status, exact a high price from others and ourselves?

Are we a burden or a blessing for each other? What can we do to make life easier for each other - to lift the burdens and share the load?

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

OUR LITURGY

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: COMPANIONS ON A JOURNEY CAREY LANDRY

**Refrain: We are companions on the journey, breaking bread
and sharing life and in the love we bear, is the hope we share
for we believe in the love of our God,
we believe in the love of our God. (Repeat last).**

No longer strangers to each other; no longer strangers in God's house; we are fed and we are nourished, by the strength of those who care, by the strength of those who care. **Refrain**

RITE FOR BLESSING AND SPRINKLING OF WATER

Dear sisters and brothers, let us ask our ever-living God to bless this gift of creation, this living water, that has nourished people of this land since the Dreaming and will now be sprinkled on us as a memorial of our Baptism.

May God bless us with the grace to remain faithful to the Spirit we have received.

GLORY TO GOD

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

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 145 – I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER

**Response: I will praise your name, I will praise your name forever,
I will praise your name my king and my God.**

I will extol you, O my God and King,
and I will bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you, bless you
and I will praise your name forever and ever. **Response**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works. **Response**

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might. **Response**

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and holy in all his works.
The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down. **Response**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:9.11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers and sisters, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

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: LIKE A SHEPHERD

BOB DUFFORD

Refrain **Like a shepherd He feeds His flock
And gathers the lambs in His arms
Holding them carefully close to His heart
Leading them home**

Say to the cities of Judah
"Prepare the way of the Lord"
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice
"Jerusalem, here is your God" **Refrain**

I myself will shepherd them
For others have led them astray
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
And pasture them, giving them rest **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

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim Your Death, O Lord, until You come again.

ABORIGINAL LORD'S PRAYER

ANDREW CHINN & FRIENDS

You are our Father, You live in heaven,
We talk to You. Father You are good.
You are our Father, You live in heaven,
We talk to You. Father You are good.
We believe your Word, Father,
We are Your children, give us bread today.
We believe Your Word, Father,
We are Your children, give us bread today.
We have done wrong, we are sorry,
Help us Father, not to sin again.
We have done wrong, we are sorry,
Help us Father, not to sin again.
Others have done wrong to us,
And we are sorry for them, Father, today.
Others have done wrong to us,
And we are sorry for them, Father, today.
Help us from doing wrong, Father,
Save us all from the Evil One.
Help us from doing wrong, Father,
Save us all from the Evil One.
You are our Father, you live in Heaven,
We talk to you, Father you are good.
You are our Father, you live in Heaven,
We talk to you, Father you are good.



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: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

JOHN FOLEY

**Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew,
Servant or free,
Woman or man no more. **Refrain**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

MARTY HAUGEN

You are salt for the earth, O people:
Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
Life in the Kingdom of God!

**Refrain: Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,
Bring forth the City of God!**

You are a light on the hill, O people:
Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
Shine for the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

You are a seed of the Word, O people:
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
Grow in the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
Love is the Kingdom of God! **Refrain**

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CARMELITE CONVERSATIONS

Wednesday 8 July 2026, 10.30am to noon via zoom: A Listening Heart

Presenters: Luke Edwards and Br Daryl Moresco, O.Carm

There are moments when life invites us to slow down. To become still. To listen beneath the noise. Contemplation is not about searching for God. It is about recognising that God has already been searching for us.

Have you ever sensed a quiet invitation...

to listen more deeply... to become more attentive... to discover God already present in your life?

The Carmelite tradition reminds us that contemplation begins with God's loving initiative.

- God desires us before we seek Him.
- God is always drawing us into deeper love.
- God invites us to listen with the heart.

Together, we will explore:

- The contemplative heart of the Carmelite tradition
- God's loving pursuit of every human heart
- Listening for God's presence in everyday life
- The invitation to deeper freedom, transformation and communion

"The story of our lives is not our search for God, but God's desire for, and pursuit of, us." — Fr Jack Welch O.Carm

For more details or to book, refer to the website: <https://www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org/events/via-zoom-carmelite-conversations-a-listening-heart-wednesday-8-july-2026-10-30am-to-noon/>

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

NAIDOC WEEK 5-12 JULY 2026



The poster titled **Paralpi** by Zaachariaha Fielding has been chosen as the official poster for National NAIDOC Week 2026. Paralpi reflects movement, energy and continuity, carrying the stories of Ancestors forward while celebrating the creativity and cultural power of the next generation. Rich in colour and symbolism, the artwork speaks to the enduring strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples over the past 50 years of NAIDOC and beyond. Through this work, Zaachariaha honours the resilience of community, the importance of language and identity, and the ongoing cultural renaissance being led by First Nations peoples across the country and across the APY Lands.