



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.

2nd Sunday of Lent 5th March 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

Last Sunday's Gospel reading of Jesus' temptations in the desert introduced us to Jesus discovering, discerning and struggling with his identity and mission as presented to him by the "voice" that accompanied his Baptism by John the Baptist: **This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.**

In his "temptations", Jesus was tempted to doubt that he could accept his identity and respond to the call and mission it made of him. Jesus resolved, though, to respond to his calling by putting his faith in God, his Father. Today's gospel reading, depicting Jesus' "Transfiguration", can be seen as a moment in Jesus' ongoing response to his calling; a moment in which he experienced affirmation from God that he was doing well and on the right track. In this encouraging moment of affirmation, he hears again the "voice" of God confirming his identity, calling and mission: **This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.** This time, though, his principal disciples, Peter, James and John are with him. They also hear this "voice" of God, which this time, for their benefit, adds: **Listen to him.**

Privileged to be given a "glimpse" of Jesus' real identity, which they found overwhelming, they are encouraged by Jesus, as his disciples, to **not be afraid** and to take up their own privileged calling and mission as disciples. This was to **come down from the mountain** and accompany Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, on which he resolutely sets out. This road to Jerusalem, where his mission would be fulfilled, will involve many struggles and setbacks, but he is only able to persevere on this journey by continually renewing his faith in God and not succumbing to his doubts, uncertainties and struggles.

As Jesus' disciples today, recalling the story of his transfiguration, we reaffirm our faith in Jesus as the beloved Son of God, on whom God's favour rests. At the same time, we recommit ourselves to the calling and mission that is ours as Jesus' disciples. We pray that as we journey in life along our own road to Jerusalem, that our faith in God may ultimately prevail over our doubts, setbacks and struggles and that we may come, with Jesus, to the fullness of glorious, risen life in God, which we celebrate in a special way at Easter, the end of our Lenten journey.

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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 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 7 March

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 8 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 9 March

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 10 March

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's - Stations of the Cross

10.00am Funeral for Marie Callaghan

Saturday 11 March

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 12 March - 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Lawrence Bassett, Grace Callaghan, Daphnie Cramer, Michael DeNittis, Maureen Dickason, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Michael Gurry, Portia Hendrick, Robert Masquirien, Marta Menjivar, Baby Alba Middleton, Sian Middleton, Patricia Mitchell, John Pringle, Rafal Rafakski, Jill Ridge, Keith Ryder, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy & Sash Somerset-Beauverie, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently:

Marie Callaghan, Peter Doyle, Cheryl Sampieri, casualties of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict, the earthquake in Turkey & Syria, the New Zealand Cyclone and those affected by COVID-19.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time.

Matteo De Nittis & Jean Whelan.

IN OUR PARISH



Next meeting is **Tuesday, 7 March 2023**
at **7.30pm**
in **St Joseph's Hall.**

All Members and new volunteers welcome.

March 2023 Parish Men's Dinner

Wednesday 22 March 2023,
6:45 pm, O'Connor-Pilkington Rooms, OLMC.

Speaker: **Guy Gilbert SC, lawyer**
"South Sudan, the country and its community here".

RSVP: John Molloy - 9699 2031
Cost: \$40

St Joseph's Hospitality Volunteers

Volunteers are required to prepare & serve morning tea after the 9:00am mass at St Joseph's on a Sunday.

Please support this Sunday morning tradition and share a cuppa and banter with fellow parishioners.

The roster is located at the back of the church.



11/12 March 2023
3rd Sunday of Lent

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Pat Mount

Reader: Abramo Ierardo

Communion: Kathy Mount

Music: Kelly McEnhill

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Tris Tanumihardjo

Reader: Kevin Mooney

Communion: Frances Correa

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Music: Kelly McEnhill

Hospitality: TBD

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: John Molnar

Reader: Marlene Halim

Communion: Sr Reba Woodwiss

Music: Peter Russo

Hospitality: Denis Churkovich

Communion to the Sick:

Denis Passalent

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

Carmelite and
Parish Offering \$ 663.05

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Carmelite and
Parish Offering \$ 1,335.00

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We were saddened to learn during the week of the death on Tuesday of Marie Callaghan, a former and long-time parishioner (at Middle Park). We pray for her and for her husband Frank, her children and other family and friends who are especially grieving her death. May she rest in peace. Marie's funeral will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, next Friday, 10 March, at 10am.

I was very pleased during the week to appoint Mark Zanon as "Finance Project Manager" for the parish. This is a part-time contract position which I think will assist us greatly going forward as we seek to stabilize the financial position of the parish. In welcoming Mark to the parish "team", I again pay grateful tribute to Melissa Perkins for voluntarily managing our finances and associated systems over the past 6 months and for her invaluable assistance with the recruitment process that has led to Mark's appointment. I am very pleased that Melissa has generously agreed to continue to assist with the oversight of our finances as Chair of our Parish Finance Council.

Late last year, David Fletcher was also appointed on a part-time contract basis, as a Maintenance Manager of our properties. I am confident that David's experience and expertise will assist us greatly to manage and maintain our properties and associated Contracts as well as possible within budgetary constraints.



A reminder that throughout Lent, the **Stations of the Cross** continue to be prayed each Friday at St Joseph's Church immediately after the 9am Mass.

A reminder, too, that **Enrolment Forms, containing details of the Preparation Process and relevant dates for the Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist and Confirmation**, are available at the bottom of the Home Page of the parish website: <https://sj-mc.org.au/>


Blessings for the week ahead.

Paul Cahill, O.Carm.,
Parish Priest

PROJECT COMPASSION



Second Sunday of Lent 4 & 5 March



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.




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The Carmelites
Australia and Timor-Leste



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Position Vacant

Are you, or someone you know interested in working in Fundraising and Digital Marketing? Do you enjoy working for yourself but also value the backing of a small team to bounce ideas off?

Carmel Impact is looking for a talented individual with digital marketing skills, who has experience (or a keen interest) in the fundraising sector. They will have excellent organisational and project management skills, be a great writer, and able to think outside the box.

Carmel Impact is a charity working towards building a future in which Timorese people have pathways to quality education and more opportunities. This role will focus on Carmel Impact's social media, email and content marketing, using these digital channels to increase awareness, engagement and fundraising revenue.

This role is initially a 12-month contract, based in Melbourne with flexible working arrangements. Interested? View job information here <https://www.ethicaljobs.com.au/members/CarmelImpact/freelance-digital-marketing-and-fundraising-contractor> OR email Nancy at director@carmelimpact.org.au for a Position Description or to discuss further.

Religious Education Institutions and Anti-Discrimination Laws Inquiry

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) current Inquiry into the Framework of Religious Exemptions in Anti-Discrimination Legislation has produced a Consultation Paper which proposes severe limits on the ability for religious schools to appoint staff who support their mission other than roles in which 'the teaching, observance or practice of the religion is a genuine requirement of the role.' For every other role it would become unlawful for the school to give preference to teachers who share, or who are willing, to support the religious beliefs of the institution.

You may wish to contribute to the Consultation regarding this Inquiry by completing the following survey:

<https://www.alrc.gov.au/inquiry/anti-discrimination-laws/submission/survey/>

REFLECTION

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

The Gospel of the Transfiguration completes the 'little parable' which begins Lent. The Gospels of the first two Sundays describe what Lent is about and what Christian life is about: a constant journey from temptation and doubt to transfiguration and faith; a journey away from allowing ourselves to be tempted to evil and towards allowing ourselves to be tempted to good by the action of God's Holy Spirit within us.

Transfiguration means to be 'shot-through' with the presence of God. Being transfigured is about allowing the presence of God to completely transform us; it is a revolution of mind and heart driven by God's Spirit and enabled by our open heartedness.

That's what our life as Christians is about: being transfigured by the Spirit of God so that God is seen in, and experienced through, us. Just as Peter, James and John glimpsed the Spirit within Jesus at his transfiguration and many in the Gospels experienced the healing touch of Jesus.

The journey to transfiguration requires faith and perseverance. The first reading tells the story of the covenant God makes with Abraham. It is a story of great faith and trust: Abraham's faith in God, and God's faith in Abraham. What God was promising Abraham must have seemed fantastic to him, yet he trusts in God's word, leaves everything that was important to him behind and sets out on God's journey.


It takes faith and perseverance to dare to allow ourselves to be tempted by the passion, hope and vision of God rather than our own desires and wants. It takes great faith to trust in God's word to us. But if we do, the living word of the 'Beloved Son' forms in us the heart of God and we become transfigured by God's love alive in us.

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


OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

ST. FLAVIAN



1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, For us did fast and
2. As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, And did the vic - t'ry
3. As you did hun - ger bear and thirst, So teach us, gra-cious
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through your Pas-sion-
5. A - bide with us that when this life Of suf - fer-ing is



1. pray, Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.
2. win, O give us strength in you to fight, In you to con-quer sin.
3. Lord, To die to self, and al - ways live By your most ho - ly word.
4. tide, For - ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
5. past, An Ea-ster of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

Text: CM: Claudia F. Hermaman, 1838-1898, alt. Music: *The Whole Psaltes in foure Partes*, 1563, alt.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters in the Lord:
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
and unity of the Holy Spirit.
In this holy season of Lent
we confess our weaknesses and our failures in love.

Celebrant: You, Lord, come to us with your loving and gentle touch,
to reveal the hidden ways we destroy wholeness of spirit
and to encourage us toward repentance and peace.

All: **Led by your Word throughout this Lenten journey,
we are transfigured by the fire of your love.**

Celebrant: For we are not our own!

All: **We are chosen by Christ!**

Celebrant: We live not for ourselves:

All: **We live and die for the Lord!**

Celebrant: Now is the acceptable time!

All: **Return to the Lord with all your heart!**

Celebrant: Now is the day of salvation!

All: **Repent and believe the Good News.**

Celebrant: Holy Spirit come!

All: **Transfigure us with the fire of God's love.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 33 - LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US

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

Exult, you just, in the Lord.
It is good to sound your praises,
giving thanks to God with your strings and voice,
making music before the Lord.

Response

The word of God ever true,
all the works of God enduring.
Every mountain peak, every ocean floor,
loving labour, loving Lord.

Response

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
look with love on those who hunger,
bringing health and hope to our days of want,
bringing mercy in every need.

Response


SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan



Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!
Glo-ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God!

Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!
Glo-ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God!

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GOSPEL

Matthew 17: 1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



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



All that we have and all that we of-fer Comes from a
 heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and
 give what we need, All done in his name.

Verses



1. Some would re-ly on their pow-er,
 2. Some-times the road may be lone-some,
 3. Some-times when trou-bles are man-y,
 Oth-ers put trust in their gold.
 Of-ten we may lose our way;
 Life can seem emp-ty, it's true,
 Take cour-age and al-ways re-mem-ber
 But look at the life of the Mas-ter,
 Whose faith-ful-ness nev-er grows old.
 Love is-n't just for a day.
 Who lov-ing-ly suf-fered for you.

D.C.

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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

Mass of Christ the Savi
Dan Schut

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
 earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - nal Ho
 san - nal Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is
 he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sins of the world, grant us peace.

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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

ON EAGLES'S WINGS

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
 who abide in his shadow for life,
 say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain: And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
 bear you on the breath of dawn,
 make you to shine like the sun,
 and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

For to his angels, he's given a command
 to guard you in all of your ways;
 upon their hands they will bear you up,
 lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

RECESSIONAL HYMN - BLEST BE THE LORD

**Refrain Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord
 The God of mercy, the God who saves
 I shall not fear, the dark of night
 Nor the arrow that flies by day**

He will release me from the nets of sinful men
 He will protect me from their wicked hands
 Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
 To find a dwelling place secure **Refrain**

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
 Nor stand alone before the light of day
 No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down
 No evil settle in my soul **Refrain**



Port Melbourne/ Middle Park Parish

Lent and Easter Timetable 2023

Reconciliation Service 31 March

7.00pm: St Joseph's

Reconciliation Service 1 April

9.00am: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Holy Thursday 6 April

7.00pm: The Lord's Supper at St Joseph's

Good Friday 7 April

9.00am: Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's

3.00pm: The Lord's Passion at both Churches

Holy Saturday 8 April

7.00pm: Easter Vigil at Mount Carmel

Easter Sunday 9 April

9.00am: Easter Mass at St Joseph's

10.30am: Easter Mass at Mount Carmel

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