



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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter - 5 May 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

In today's Gospel Reading, we hear Jesus telling his disciples that his wish for them is that they experience joy in their lives. This joy that he wants them to know is the joy that he has experienced from his own deep sense of being loved by God his father.

We are blessed if, from our own life experience, we know the joy that comes from appreciating that we are deeply loved in spite of whatever shortcomings we have, disappointments or failures we may have experienced, or wrongs we may be responsible for. We are loved for who we are, warts and all, rather than what we may have done or not done. Such love is a rich blessing for which we can be immensely grateful. It is the kind of love Jesus experienced and which he extends to us.

This joy doesn't mean we are deliriously happy all the time or that we don't experience deep sadness and sorrow at times, nor that everything always goes just the way we would like. It is a joy, though, that is deeply satisfying and brings us a deep sense of peace in our lives.

Today's Gospel calls us to appreciate the love God has extended to us in Jesus and his self-sacrificing love for us. It also calls us to appreciate even more deeply the love we have experienced in our relationships in life and those who have given us this great gift of love. It also encourages us to keep on growing in our capacity to reach out to others in genuine self-sacrificing love, following the example of Jesus and in light of the great love he has extended to us. *Love one another as I have loved you* he tells us!

Jesus also tells us that he calls us *friends* because he has shared fully with us, by his self-sacrificing life and love for us, the life and love he has experienced in his relationship with his father. As people invited into *friendship* with Jesus, we are called to reach out to others in *friendship* – that is, in acceptance, welcome, forgiveness and compassion. This is what it means to respond to the *commission*

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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

Carmelite Parish Office

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Parish Website www.sj-mc.org.au

Carmelite Website
www.carmelites.org.au

Office Hours:

Tuesday - 9am - 4pm
Wednesday - 9am-4pm
Friday - 9am-12pm
(CLOSED MONDAYS & THURSDAYS)

Parish Priest

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THIS WEEK

Monday 6 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 7 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 8 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 9 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 10 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 11 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel
5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 12 May (Mother's Day - Guest preacher)

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's
10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

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

Those who have died recently: Johnathan West, Edward Wroe (UK)

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Jess Ryan, Will Ryan, Carmelites Robert Power, Noel Kierce, Patrick Shaffrey, Michael Gerhard & Ignatius Carr.

IN OUR PARISH



Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14 May 2024** at 7.30pm in Boardroom at the Parish Office, 274 Rouse Street, Melbourne (next to St Joseph's Church).
New members are welcome.

Should you wish to contact a Vinnies representative, please call Pauline Semmens 0425 854 691 or Joan Cusack 0478 224 624.

Food Cupboard

The food cupboard is running low and we are seeking donations of the following items:

- Pasta Sauces
- Tinned fruit
- Small jars of coffee
- Long Life Milk - Full Cream and Lite
- Packets of 2 minute noodles
- Small jars of vegemite
- Small jars of honey
- Tinned ham
- Tinned frankfurts
- Tinned tuna
- Sweet / chocolate biscuits
- Dry biscuits
- Toilet Rolls
- Shampoo

Please help if you can.

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 710.00
Credit Card	\$ 525.00
Direct Credit	\$ 610.75
Loose Plate	\$ 951.65
Tap & Go	\$ 255.00
Total	\$3,052.40



MINISTRIES

11/12 May 2024

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Abramo Ierardo
Readers: Tris Tanumihardjo
Offertory: Kevin Wilks
Communion: Abramo Ierardo
Sacristan: Tris Tanumihardjo
Music: Kelly McEnhill

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Ron Cassano
Readers: Brian Harrison
Offertory: Elaine Chaffer
Communion: Cathy Garbellini
Counters: Brian Rochford & Jane Dee
Music: Margaret Smith
Hospitality: TBD
Sacristan: Rob Winduss

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Mary Brady
Reader: Kathleen Kiernan
Offertory: Jackie & John Tidey
Communion: Peter Thomas
Music: Choir
Hospitality: Denis Churkovich
Sacristan: Br Anacleto

Communion to the Sick:

Mary Brady 5-11 May 2024

DONATIONS

Parish QR code

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

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Account No: 58 216 8515
Name: Port Melb / Middle Park Parish
Parish Website: www.sj-mc.org.au
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Jesus has given us - *to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last.* May we continue to grow in our capacity to respond to this privileged commission!

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The month of May is a time when the Church particularly honours Mary and her role in bringing God to us and in our coming closer to God. It is also a time in which we can also particularly honour the role that women play in our lives, in our world and in our Church. There is a group of women who are active in our Archdiocese, and in which some of our parishioners are involved, who especially want to encourage the contribution that women do and can make in our Church. They are called *Women's Wisdom in the Church*. In this month of May they are offering their services to preach at Mass. I have accepted the kind and generous offer of Ms Diane Bremner to preach at the **9:00am Mass at St Joseph's and the 10:30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel next Sunday, 12 May, Feast of the Ascension – and Mother's Day.**

Di (as she is known) is a member of the South Yarra Parish. A life-long teacher, she worked in leadership in several Catholic schools, mainly in Religious Education, Faith Development and Liturgy, and in student and staff pastoral care. Di was a chaplain and Head of Student Services at ACU Melbourne and, for several years, Catholic chaplain at the Alfred Hospital Prahran. She also sang in the choir at St Francis Church in the city for a number of years. Please make her welcome next Sunday.

Blessings for the weeks ahead.



IN OUR PARISH (CONTINUED)

First Reconciliation - Non Galilee candidates in grade 3 or higher are invited to enrol for the 2024 First Reconciliation Program.

- **Enrolments close:** Monday, 20 May 2024
- **Sacrament:** Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 7pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

Enrolment forms are available at the bottom of the Home Page of the parish website:

<https://sj-mc.org.au/>.

Parish Men's Dinner

Date: Wednesday, 15 May 2024
Time: 6.45pm
Venue: O'Connor-Pilkington Room, OLMC, Middle Park
Cost: \$40.00 pp

Speaker: Our speaker will be fellow diner, Peter Bedford, who will undoubtedly entertain us with stories of his time with VFA, VFL and AFL.

To **RSVP**, please contact **Mick Leonard** on:
Email: michael.leonard5@bigpond.com
Mobile: 0409 777 339

Parish Ladies Dinner

The next dinner is **Wednesday, 15 May 2024, 6.00pm** at **Clare Castle Hotel, Port Melbourne.**
Meal and drinks at each lady's expense.

To RSVP, please contact Pauline Semmens via:
 Email: paulinesemmens@hotmail.com
 OR by text 0425 854 691
 Numbers are capped at 20;
 book early to avoid disappointment.

SAVE THE DATE

- **Mass for Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Sunday 14 July 2024 at 10:30am at Our Lady of Mount Camel Church** followed by a **Mid Year Parish Social 12pm** at St Joseph's Hall, Port Melbourne.
- **Br Anacleto's Diaconate Ordination - Saturday 20 July, 5pm** at **Our Lady of Mt Carmel**, followed by refreshments in the O'Connor-Pilkington Room.

THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE

The **May 2024 Newsletter** is available via the following website link:

<https://www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org/>

Some upcoming Carmelite Centre events that are available in person or online include:

WEEKLY

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

MONTHLY

- ~ **Carmelite Conversation** - *Perennial Human Questions - a reflection on suffering and death*, with Bernadette Micallef - Wednesday 1 May, 10.30am on zoom
- ~ **Contemplative Walk (Middle Park)** - Tuesday 7 May, 9:30am
- ~ **Centering Prayer Meditation** in Malone Room - Tuesday 7 May, 1.00pm
- ~ **Post Easter Contemplative Walk, Lilydale to Mt Evelyn** - Saturday 11 May, 9.30am
- ~ **Monthly Gathering** - Friday 24 May, 11:30am in the Library.

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REFLECTION

Jesus, bond of love.

As we approach the coming feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost, the Gospel today helps us understand that Jesus is our bond of love with the Father and with one another.

Jesus shows us the way to live full and happy lives by living in love: "I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete."

The commandments of Jesus are always about love - love of God and love of neighbour. Those who live by these commandments of Jesus abide with him, others and the Father in love.

Jesus is the reign of God in person. He is both the image of God and the model of the redeemed human being that each of us is called to be.

When Jesus says he has told the disciples everything he has learned from the Father it reminds us that Jesus was human as well as divine; that his life was a journey of learning, too; a path of facing choices and challenges. Jesus tells his disciples that they are his friends. They have become his friends because he has shared his knowledge and understanding and love of the Father with them.

We remain in Christ by remaining in his love and loving one another just as Christ has loved us. We are no longer servants but friends of Jesus because he has made known to us everything he learnt from God. Jesus has chosen us and commissioned us to be love and to do love in the heart of the world.

OUR LITURGY

10:30am Mass Only (Live Music):

PLEASE NOTE, THE MUSIC FOR THE 10:30AM MASS WILL BE ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: GATHER US IN

Marty Haugen

1. Here in this place, new light is stream-ing, now is the
2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - try, we are the
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin - ing, not in some

1. dark - ness, van - ished a - way, See, in this space, our
2. old who yearn for your face, We have been sung through-
3. take the bread of new birth, Here you shall call your
4. heav - en, light years a - way, but here in this place, the

1. fears and our dream-ings, brought here to you in the light of this
2. out all of his - t'ry, called to be light to the whole hu - man
3. sons and your daugh-ters, call us a - new to be salt for the
4. new light is shin - ing, now is the King-dom now is the

1. day, Gath-er us in the lost and for - sa - ken, Gath-er us
2. race, Gath-er us in the rich and the haugh - ty, Gath-er us
3. earth, Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to
4. day, Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, Gath-er us

1. in the blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a -
2. in the proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so
3. eat the bread that is you; Nour-ish us well, and teach us to
4. in and make us your own; Gath-er us in all peo - ples to -

1. wa - ken, we shall a - rise at the sound of our name,
2. low - ly, give us the cour-age to en - ter the song
3. fash - ion, lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true,
4. gath - er, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

GLORIA

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen!

Refrain

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 98 -- THE LORD HAS REVEALED TO THE NATIONS HIS SAVING POWER.

Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations, revealed his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him,
For him his holy arm.

Response

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

Response

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.

Response

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

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'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

I have told you this

so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:

love one another,

as I have loved you.

A person can have no greater love
than to lay down their life for their friends.

You are my friends,

if you do what I command you,

I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know

his master's business;

I call you friends,

because I have made known to you

everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,

no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit,

fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you

anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you

is to love one another.'



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 - WE WALK BY FAITH



1., 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight; No
2. We may not touch his hands and side, Nor
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, And
4. That when our life of faith is done In



gra - cious words we hear Of him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; Yet in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound; To call on you when
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, And cry "My Lord and God!"
you are near, And seek where you are found:
as you are In full and end - less sight.

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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.**

HOLY, HOLY

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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

LAMB OF GOD

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

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Cel: Behold the Lamb of God.

Behold him who takes away the sins of the World.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All: Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMN - HERE I AM LORD

VERSE 1 AND 2

VERSES Majestically Dan Schutte



1.1, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2.1, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3.1, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



1. make the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? ____
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? ____
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? ____

REFRAIN a tempo



Here I am, Lord ____ Is it I, Lord? ____ I have heard you



call - ing in the night ____ I will go, Lord ____ if you



lead me ____ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart ____

RECESSIONAL HYMN: SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain

Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic - es,
 lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the
 earth re - joice. Last time Let all the earth re - joice.

Verse 1

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have
 1. an - swered my plea. You have saved my
 1. soul from death. You are my strength and my song.

Verse 2

2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Heav - to Refrain
 2. en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Verse 3

3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re - joice.
 3. Death has lost and all is life. Sing of the glo - ry of God. to Refrain

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NOTICEBOARD

The **Catholic Development Fund (CDF)** funds infrastructure for Catholic entities to enable them to fulfil their mission. CDF has recently established a Community Fund in which parishioners are invited to invest at very competitive rates. An Officer from CDF will provide more information about this opportunity at Masses on **Sunday 19 May**.



Save with CDF Community Fund – it's in **everyone's best interest**.
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NOTICEBOARD (CONTINUED)



CatholicCare
VICTORIA



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available at the church doors, the QR Code, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

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