



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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 5 November 2023

Dear sisters and brothers,

This weekend I would like to share with you excerpts from a spiritual reflection by Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP offered to the participants in the recently concluded 1st session of the Synod on Synodality in Rome. I use it with permission of Catholic Outlook, a publication of the Diocese of Paramatta. The title of the reflection is **The Seed Germinates**.

In a few days' time, we shall go home for eleven months. This will be apparently a time of empty waiting. But it will be probably the most fertile time of the Synod, the time of germination. Jesus tells us: 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how' ...

These eleven months will be like a pregnancy. Abraham and Sarah are promised that they will have descendants more numerous than the sand on the seashore. But nothing seems to happen. Sarah laughs when she hears this promise the third or fourth time. ... Probably a bitter sweet laugh. She has heard all this before, but she has remained barren. But in a year's time she will bear Isaac, the child of laughter ...

This is a time of active waiting ...

This is profoundly countercultural ...

The synodal process is organic and ecological rather than competitive. It is more like planting a tree than winning a battle, and as such will be hard for many to understand, sometimes including ourselves! ...

Humanity's first vocation in Paradise was to be gardeners. Adam tended creation, sharing in speaking God's creative words, naming the animals. In these eleven months, will we speak fertile, hope-filled words, or words that are destructive and cynical? Will our words nurture the crop or be poisonous? Shall we be gardeners of the future or trapped in old sterile conflicts? We each choose.

St Paul said to the Ephesians: 'Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear'. (4.9)

Whilst these words were addressed to the Synod participants – Pope, Bishops, Priests,

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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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After Hours Phone Number
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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

Fr Paul Cahill, OCarm

Parish Secretary

Cathy Garbellini

Pastoral Assistant

Kelly McEnhill

Business Finance Manager

Mark Zanon

Sacramental Co-Ordinator

Baptism - Angela Cox

First Reconciliation - Angela Cox

First Eucharist - Aimee Nguyen

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Frances Correa

Facilities Manager

Dave Fletcher

Galilee Regional Catholic

Primary School

Bank Street, South Melbourne 3205

Telephone 03 9699 2928

THIS WEEK

Monday 6 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 7 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 8 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 9 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 10 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 11 November

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 12 November

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel, *Including Choir*

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Victor Acciarito, Deepa Ariff, Lawrence Bassett, Grace Callaghan, Mary Hong Cao, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Paul Cox, Daphnie Cramer, Mary Dalli, Andrew Derrington, Michael DeNittis, Maureen Dickason, Leonie Dimes, Bernadette Falckh, Gigi Falk, Lyn Falk, Maria Fatima, Rebecca Fernando, Tony Fernandez, Father Des Fitzgerald CSSR, Jill Foster, Gus Gleason, Amelia Grace, Evelyn Greach, Brendan Gurry, Michael Gurry, George Grzyb, Nova Hack, Christine Hall, Shawn Handricks, Portia Hendrick, Jason Ho, Marija Jelinic, Sr Martin Jones, Mary Loc, Christine Lyell, Maria Teresa Marques, Robert Masquieren, Sean McPhee, Sharon Beverly Mendes, Marta Menjivar, Baby Alba Middleton, Sam Neill, Mary Nguyen-Loc, Mary Paradise, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafakski, Daphnie Rasika, Shawn Raymond, Jill Ridge, Elise Rimington, Michael Risteviski, Keith Ryder, Sharmini Senanayeke, Chris Silkok, Ailbe Sheehy, Sash Somerset Beauverie, Jim Sullivan, Danielle Szeto, Angela Triglar & Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently: John Batsakis & Tae Yoon Jin.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time:

Matteo De Nittis & Carmelites Elias Elliott & Basil Nugent.

IN OUR PARISH



Thanksgiving Offerings

Envelopes

The next series of Thanksgiving Envelopes are available for collection in the foyer of the churches.

Electronic Funds Transfer

If you would like to contribute via a regular *Electronic Funds Transfer* (our preferred method), the account details are:

BSB: 083-347

Account Number : 58 216 8515

Account Name : Port Melbourne / Middle Park Parish
Reference (for your offering): Surname & Envelope Number (e.g. Smith 123)

New to Thanksgiving

If you are new to the parish and wish to join our Thanksgiving Program, please contact Mark at Parish Office via email Mark@sj-mc.org.au or 9681 9600.



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

Next meeting will be held on **Monday 13 November 2023** at 7.00pm in Boardroom at the Parish Office, 274 Rouse Street, Melbourne (next to St Joseph's Church). New members are welcome.

Vinnies need your **HELP** ...

A young mother in our Parish has 3 small children and is expecting twins in January.

The family are in desperate need of a

- large cot
- double pram
- change table

If anyone can help, can you please contact **Joan Cusack** on 0478 224 624.

11/12 November 2023

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Abramo Ierardo

Reader: 1st Communicant

Offertory: 1st Communicants

Communion: Janine Brodie

Music: Kelly McEnhill

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Ron Cassano

Reader: Brian Harrison

Offertory: Robert Lever

Communion: Danielle Craievich

Counters: Brian Harrison & Toni Stuart

Music: Frances Correa

Hospitality: TBD

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Mary Brady

Reader: Nina Batsakis

Offertory: Nina Batsakis

Communion: Kathleen Kiernan

Music: Peter Russo

Hospitality: Margaret Blades

Communion to the Sick:

Kathy Mount : 6 Nov – 12 Nov
2023

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes	\$ 445.00
Credit Card	\$ 120.00
Direct Credit	\$ 555.00
Loose Plate	\$ 1,127.25
Tap & Go	\$ 205.00
Total	\$2,452.25

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Religious and Lay men and women – physically present in Rome, I think they give us all something to think and pray about as we reflect on our role in the mission of the Church in the world today.

Further information about the Synod can be gleaned from Br Mark O'Connor's reflection at the following link: <https://catholicoutlook.org/we-have-to-live-that-dream-into-stories-letter-five-from-a-listening-and-global-synod/>

1st Communion Celebration

Nine children from the parish will celebrate their 1st Communion next Saturday 11 November at the 5pm Mass. Please pray for these children, along with their families, as they celebrate this important milestone in their faith development.

Congratulations College Captains 2024

Two past students of Galilee, our Regional Catholic Primary School, have been appointed Captains of their respective Secondary Colleges for 2024:

- **Agnes McCallum** (parishioner at St Joseph's) for Albert Park College;
- **Lola Callan** for Star of the Sea College, Brighton.

We wish both Agnes and Lola every blessing and success in their respective leadership roles in 2024.

Parish Giving Campaign

A big "thank you" to everyone who has returned a pledge card. If you would still like to do so, cards are available at the Church entrances and, once completed, can be placed in the collection at Mass, in the designated box at a Church entrance or returned to the parish office. **Thank you to everyone who is contributing to the parish. Your generosity is much appreciated.**

We have had some enquiries about leaving a Gift in Will to the parish. Anyone interested in this could obtain further information from our Finance Office, Mark Zanon (Mark@sj-mc.org.au or 9681 9600).

Blessings for the week ahead.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH



"Make your own Christmas Pudding"

Saturday, 11 November 2023, 2:00 pm - 4:00pm

St Joseph's Parish Hall , 274 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne
Pudding Serves 12-15, All ingredients Supplied, Cost \$55

BYO Bowl and Mixing Spoon

For those of you who can't make the date I will again offer the option of a "Take Home Pudding Kit" as we have had in the last two years.

Email Sally at sally.diserio@gmail.com to book your place.

Parish Christmas Social

Thursday, 7 December 2023, 6.00pm - 8.30pm

St Joseph's Hall, Port Melbourne



Inclusive One-off cost of **\$40 per person** which includes:

- savoury & sweet Finger Food,
- Beer, Wine, Bubbles, Soft Drinks, Coffee/Tea.
- one **Raffle** ticket *
- one **Lucky Door Prize** ticket
- one **Lucky \$50 Note** ticket

Everyone will receive **ONE RAFFLE ticket to ensure prizes are distributed more evenly throughout all guests.*

We are looking for prizes for our Christmas raffle. If you are able to donate a prize, please contact Cathy on 9681 9600 or leave it at the parish office.



Tickets will be on sale after each mass from Sunday, 12 November 2023.

*For catering purposes, payment **MUST** be made by **Sunday 26 November 2023.***

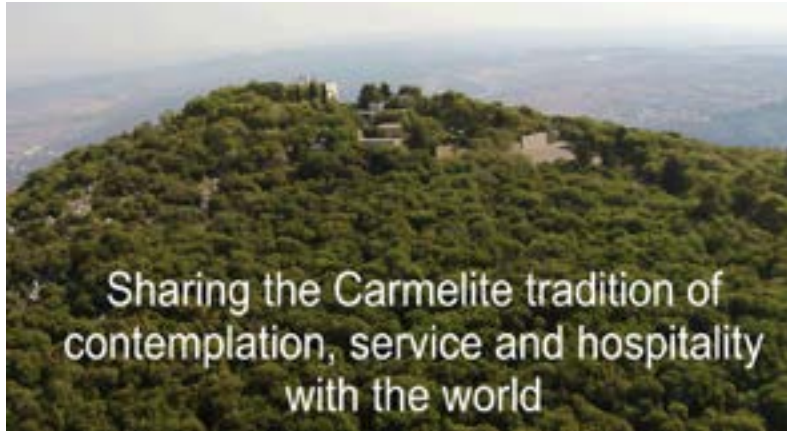


Christmas Reconciliation Services

St Joseph's Tuesday, 12 December 2023 , 9:00am

OLMC Wednesday, 13 December 2023 , 7.00pm

THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE



The **November 2023 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:

- Eco-Spiritual Reading Circle - Tuesday 14 November (via zoom)
- Women's Art Circle with Michele Harris, Tuesday 24 October (in the library)
- Monthly Gathering in Library Friday 24 November (in the library)
- Prayer Meditation every Tuesday 5pm (via zoom)
- Meditation every Thursday 7pm (in the Malone room and on-line resources)
- Lectio Divina every Friday 10am (via zoom and on-line resources)

AN INVITATION FROM ARCHBISHOPS

Visit of His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher

Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne.

Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at **St Patrick's Cathedral** on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – **Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm**. All are welcome to attend.

REFLECTION

Sincere and grounded faith

The warnings against the leaders conclude this week. This is the final part of this series of readings in which Jesus strongly criticises various groups of leaders who have failed to grasp what religion and faith in God are really about.

The problem centres around the belief that religious practice is all that is necessary to be justified in God's eyes. According to Jesus, however, it is really about conversion, the continual process of turning oneself towards God. Bit by bit as our hearts are changed by the Holy Spirit we come to see with God's eyes and feel with God's heart. That is why Jesus insists that it is what is within one's heart that is important, not how many religious laws one fulfils.

The Scribes and Pharisees have a 'one-dimensional', narrow view of religion and faith. Jesus' view embraces the whole person in the journey of faith. As St Paul puts it in the Letter to the Romans: faith is a journey of being remade in the image and likeness of Christ. It changes and transforms every part of us.

No true believer can live as though faith and life are separate. Often contemporary civil leaders wish that the Church would confine its comments only to 'religious' things. For us, all the dimensions of life are part of our religious framework – social, political, economic, physical, psychological, mental and spiritual.

All these are viewed from the perspective of our faith. As Pope John Paul II said, "The light of the Gospel must be brought to bear on every aspect of human life." Our moral sense of what is right and wrong develops as we reflect on the issues of human life in the light of the Gospel.

Ours is never an attitude of "all's fair in love and war". No matter what the issue, or what sphere of human endeavour in which we are involved, our words and actions must always be true to the values of our Christian life.

With Christ as our only teacher we learn the ways of wisdom and love. We learn how to live, not by the values of the world, but by the values of the Spirit.

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

OUR LITURGY

10:30am Mass Only:

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: THIS DAY GOD GIVES ME

VERSES 1, 2 & 4

BUNESSAN

1. This day God gives me Strength of high heav - en, Sun and moon
 2. This day God sends me Strength as my guard - ian, Might to up -
 3. God's way is my way, God's shield is 'round me, God's host de -
 4. Ris - ing I thank you, Might - y and Strong One, King of cre -

1. shin - ing, Flame in my hearth, Flash - ing of light - ning, Wind in its
 2. hold me, Wis - dom as guide. Your eyes are watch - ful, Your ears are
 3. fends me, Sav - ing from ill. An - gels of heav - en, Drive from me
 4. a - tion, Giv - er of rest, Firm - ly con - fess - ing Three - ness of

1. swift - ness, Deeps of the o - cean, Firm - ness of earth.
 2. lis - t'ning, Your lips are speak - ing, Friend at my side,
 3. al - ways All that would harm me, Stand by me still.
 4. Per - sons, One - ness of God - head, Trin - i - ty blest.

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GLORIA

Mass of Renewal
 Curtis Stephan

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple
 of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
 dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you
 thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly
 King. O God, al - might - y Fa - ther,
 Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,
 Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
 way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed
 at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -
 cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



FIRST READING

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 131: IN YOU, LORD, I HAVE FOUND MY PEACE.

Response: I love you, Lord; I love you, Lord, my strength.

O LORD, my heart is not proud,
nor are my eyes haughty;
I busy not myself with great things,
nor with things too sublime for me.

Response

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted
my soul like a weaned child.
Like a weaned child on its mother's lap,
so is my soul within me.

Response

O Israel, hope in the LORD,
both now and forever,
hope in the LORD.

Response

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, sisters and brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan*



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Matthew 23:1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all sisters and brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'



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.

Peace is flowing like a river,
 Flowing out of you and me;
 Flowing out into the desert,
 Setting all the captives free.

Joy is flowing like a river,
 Flowing out of you and me;
 Flowing out into the desert,
 Setting all the captives free.

Faith is flowing like a river,
 Flowing out of you and me;
 Flowing out into the desert,
 Setting all the captives free.

Hope is flowing like a river,
 Flowing out of you and me;
 Flowing out into the desert,
 Setting all the captives free.

Love is flowing like a river,
 Flowing out of you and me;
 Flowing out into the desert,
 Setting all the captives free.

HOLY

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

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

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your
Res - ur - rec-tion un - til you come a - gain.

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LAMB OF GOD

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy,
have mer - cy on us. world, grant us, 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 - LIKE A SHEPHERD VERSES 1 & 3

Bob Dufford

REFRAIN
Like a shep-herd he feeds his flock and gath-ers the lambs in his
arms, hold - ing them care-ful - ly close to his heart.

lead-ing them home, home, lead-ing them home.

VERSES 1&2
1. Say to the cit - ies of Ju - dah: Pre - pare the
2. I my - self will shep - herd them, for oth - ers have

1. way of the Lord. Go to the moun-tain - top,
2. led them a - stray. The lost I will res - cue and

1. lift your voice: Je - ru - sa - lem, here is your God
2. heal their wounds and pas - ture them, giv - ing them rest.

VERSE 3
3. Come un-to me if you are heav - i - ly bur - dened, and

3. take my yoke up - on your shoul - ders. I will give you rest.

RECESSIONAL HYMN - JOYFUL, JOYFUL - WE ADORE THEE - VERSES 1, 2 & 3

HYMN TO JOY



1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry,
2. All thy works with joy sur - round thee, Earth and heav'n re -
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing,
4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus Which the morn - ing



1. Lord of love; Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee,
2. flect thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee,
3. ev - er blest, Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing,
4. stars be - gan; Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us,



1. O - p'ning to the sun a - bove, Melt the clouds of
2. Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise; Field and for - est,
3. O - cean depth of hap - py rest! Thou our Fa - ther,
4. Bind - ing all with - in its span, Ev - er sing - ing,



1. sin and sad - ness; Drive the dark of doubt a - way;
2. vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
3. Christ our broth - er, All who live in love are thine;
4. march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife;



1. Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day,
2. Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee,
3. Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine,
4. Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, In the tri - umph song of life,

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