



THE CARMELITE

Parish of Port Melbourne and Middle Park
in the care of the Carmelites since 1882

*We acknowledge the Yalukit Willam Clan, the traditional owners and
custodians of this land. We pay our respects to them.
May we walk gently here.*

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 6 June 2021

Hi Everyone,

CORPUS CHRISTI

This Sunday we are due to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi – the body and blood of the Lord. This past week we were also to celebrate the 1st Eucharist for our children, but, alas, lockdown got in the way.

Corpus Christi is a beautiful feast because it reminds us of what the Lord did for us in becoming human: living and dying and then being vindicated by God in the resurrection. It also reminds us that we are part of the body of Christ and that makes us sisters and brothers of each other.

The Eucharist that we celebrate each day is a re-enactment of the paschal mystery: we recall the life, death and resurrection of the Lord and are invited to join our lives with that of the Lord.

Just recently I was reading a quote from Pope Francis where he reminded us that the Eucharist is given, not to the perfect, but to those who need it: ***“The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.”*** So too, one of the great theologians of the Church, St Ambrose wrote: ***“If, whenever Christ’s blood is shed, it is shed for the forgiveness of sins, I who sin often, should receive it often: I need a frequent remedy.”***

Don’t those words apply to each of us? I know that I certainly fall into the category of someone like Ambrose, but without his intelligence and sanctity. But every time I celebrate the Eucharist I find myself profoundly conscious of my failings and sins – it can make receiving the Eucharist a most humbling experience!

Despite its faults, and it has many, the Church is a community of the wounded and frail. It is not a panacea for those who think (or know!) they are perfect. It is actually a very motely group of people, each person unique, who has a tale to tell. That tale might be full of good things, things like having children, being involved in something worthwhile, loving people but I bet that tale is also full of broken hearts, experiences of acute pain, disappointments and outright failures – with few exceptions, isn’t that the tale of most of us?

Both our Churches are fitted with a hearing induction loop. Please use the ‘T’ or other appropriate switch on your hearing aid. Please tell us if you experience any difficulty.

OUR PARISH

Churches

St Joseph's
cnr Rouse & Stokes Streets
Port Melbourne

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
cnr Richardson & Wright Streets
Middle Park

Sunday Masses

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

Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

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Carmelite Website
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**Office Hours 9am-4pm
(non COVID times)**

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

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THIS WEEK

**The Carmelite Parish Office is now
closed to the public.**

**Emails addressed to
parish@sj-mc.org.au
will be checked.**

**You can also check our website on
www.sj-mc.org.au for further updates.**

**If you need a priest
for an urgent matter, please call
0408 754 283
and leave a message.**

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer:

Tommy Bednar, Paul Caghi - Cao, Nawal Cox, Maria De Nittis, Kelly Edwards, Judy Fairhall, Frances Farrugia, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Gerard Friary, Ivy Hermence, Marino Mihocic, Felicity Morgan, Marie O'Connor, Sylvia Poliakova, Rafal Rafalski, Michael Ristevski, Lucie Carmen Rodriguez, Dennis Rohan, Lorraine Rohan, Keith Ryder, Sarah Abdel-Said, Teresa Sheehan, Jane Spiteri, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Jonathon Wil, Vivienne Williams, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently: all those affected by COVID_19 throughout the world.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time:

IN OUR PARISH

The beauty of the Eucharist is that each of us is taken up into the person of Christ, warts and all, and in his person we can experience the joy of being loved, forgiven, strengthened and invited to see our dignity as the dignity of beloved daughters and sons of God, not perfect, but loved beyond measure.

Just because we can't celebrate the Eucharist in our Churches this weekend, we can spend a moment in prayer acknowledging the healing power of the Eucharist and that we are never excluded from the love of God.

Happy Corpus Christi!

Blessings,



Can you help? We have two separate clients requiring a small dining table and a couple of chairs. Do you have something tucked away you don't need? If you can help, please contact Joan Cusack on on 0478224624

Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea for 2021

The date for our Morning Tea was scheduled to be **Wednesday 30 June**

We're hosting a Biggest Mornin
Please help us support people impacted by cancer



2021 in St Joseph's Hall. Due to current changes in restrictions in relation to the latest COVID outbreak, we are unsure if we will be able to gather as planned. In the case of us being

able to gather please register your interest in attending with the Parish Office on **9681 9600 (and leave a message)** or via email on **parish@sj-mc.org.au** by Wednesday 23 June 2021.

MINISTERS

12/13

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: N/A

Readers: N/A

Eucharistic Ministers: N/A

Communion to the Sick: N/A

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: N/A

Reader: N/A

Eucharistic Ministers: N/A

Counters: N/A

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: N/A

Readers: N/A

Eucharistic Ministers: N/A

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

Hospitality: N/A

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

Carmelite and Parish Offering \$N/A

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Carmelite and Parish Offering \$N/A

IN OUR PARISH: THE CARMELITE CENTRE

Join us in June

At the Carmelite Centre each week we offer opportunities for stillness and silence. Please join us in whatever way you can and make use of the weekly texts and audio added to the "Support" page of the website.

Each month brings a new Carmelite Conversation and Spiritual Reading Group topic and presenter, and this month an Eco-Spirituality. All are welcome to join us on zoom.

On the last Friday of each month join us in the Carmelite Library between 11.30am and 1.00pm to share a cuppa and conversation.

As always we appreciate your support through donations to help us continue our work.

What's On at the Carmelite Centre

Tuesdays: Centering Prayer, 5.00pm (Via Zoom)

Thursdays: Meditation, 7.00pm

Fridays: Lectio Divina, 9.30am (Via Zoom)

'Abroad in the shadows':

how the poetry of R S Thomas speaks into our world today

with Carol O'Connor, Wednesday 16 June, 10.30am to 12 midday via zoom:

The poetry of R S Thomas reveals to us 'that fundamentalism is to Christianity what paint by numbers is to art.' (Mark Oakley). Here is a language which is resonant with a faith that yearns, wrestles, seeks, waits. The poetry ebbs and flows with that sense of God's absence and presence becoming one. He reminds us that our Christian faith is forged on relationship. In this session we will journey together through five poems of RS Thomas in an exploration of how his words can speak into our own spiritual pilgrimage wherever we may find ourselves to be in 2021.

Carol O'Connor is a writer, teacher and the Manager of St Peter's Bookroom in Melbourne. She has a Masters in English Literature; a particular interest in poetry, meditation and Celtic spirituality; and follows her own mystical path.

The monthly Spiritual Reading Group sessions are facilitated either by Philip Harvey, the Carmelite Librarian or by Susan Frykberg, the convenor of the group. All are welcome to join the zoom session. Please contact the Carmelite Centre for details on the zoom link.

The Carmelite Centre is a joint venture of the Carmelites of Australia and East Timor and our Parish of Port Melbourne/Middle Park.

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Carmelite Centre Program Bookings

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National Reconciliation Week

MORE THAN A WORD. RECONCILIATION TAKES ACTION

Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021, More than a word. Reconciliation takes action, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

To our new supporters, please remember the importance of privileging and amplifying First Nations' voices as you add your voice to calls for reconciliation and justice.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.

2021 marks twenty years of Reconciliation Australia and almost three decades of Australia's formal reconciliation process.

Find out more about National Reconciliation Week #MoreThanAWord #NRW2021

ULURU STATEMENT - OVER 250 ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER REPRESENTATIVES SIGNED THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

The Uluru Statement from the Heart was borne out of the Referendum Council process, which undertook extensive engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to examine their views on real and meaningful recognition in the Constitution.

The Referendum Council established 12 First Nations Regional Dialogues, engaging over 1200 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates on the proposals for constitutional change. These Regional Dialogues culminated in the First Nations National Constitutional Convention at Uluru in May 2017, where nearly 250 Indigenous representatives reached a consensus on a way forward for constitutional change, through a Voice to Parliament.

There are over 250 signatories on the Uluru Statement from the Heart, representing the consensus reached at the National Convention. Please read the statement on the next page.

Uluru Statement from the Heart

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (eucharistía). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

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One of the most wonderful things about Eucharist is that bread and wine (the ordinary fruits of the earth and the work of human hands) are understood to have many layers of meaning. Their relationship to the earth is not broken at the consecration – on the contrary the earthiness of the elements is valorised and blessed.

OUR LITURGY

Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 115: I WILL TAKE THE CUP OF SALVATION

Response: *I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.*

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. **Response**

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **Response**

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. **Response**

Hebrews 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'



After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

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