



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.

Second Sunday of Easter - 7 April 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

Each year, on this Second Sunday of Easter, we hear the story from St John's Gospel of Jesus' appearance to the disciples, huddled together in fear, after his death and resurrection. He assures them of the reality that it is truly him who is risen from death by showing them the wounds inflicted on him in the cruelty of his crucifixion. He bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit on them and commissions them to carry on his mission of communicating God's saving love to all people.

We also hear that Thomas was not with them and wouldn't believe that Jesus had risen from the dead unless he experienced a personal revelation of the risen Lord, which he was granted eight days later. History has given Thomas a bad "wrap" by ascribing to him the title of "doubting Thomas". However, rather than casting critical aspersions on him, we would do well to see in Thomas's doubt something of our own struggles with faith and the struggles of many people of our time.

In fact, I think there is something healthy about having our doubts, particularly at different times and in different situations, in our lives. Growth in faith, in fact, only comes about when we acknowledge our doubts and yet, in spite of them, put our trust and hope in the risen Lord and in the new life which he offers us; a life in which good ultimately conquers evil, love conquers hate, forgiveness trumps resentment and revenge. This is the life to which we dedicate ourselves and to which we are commissioned, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to promote in the world by our witness.

Having come to terms with his doubts in light of his personal experience of the risen Lord, Thomas makes a sublime act of faith when he proclaims: *My Lord and my God*. We, who have not personally "seen" the risen Lord are declared, by him, especially blessed in our faith: *Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe*.

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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

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

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THIS WEEK

Monday 8 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 9 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 10 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 11 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 12 April

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 13 April

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 14 April

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, Mary Hong Cao, Mary Tam Cao, Shawn Ceasar, Robert Chaminda, Mrs Chan, Josephine Clayton, Paul Cox, Daphnie Cramer, Grace Cumming, Mary Dalli, Michael De Nittis, 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 McLachlan, Marta Menjivar, Alba Middleton, Sam Neill, Maria Loc Nguyen, Dan Quickley, Helen Quickley, Rafal Rafalski, 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, Julieanne Wharton & Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently: Victor Acciarito, Les Twentymen, Rosa Wong.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Teresa Miletic, Patrick Scanlon and Carmelite Laurie Moffat.

IN OUR PARISH



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 9 April 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 Kathy Mount 0437 588 855 or Joan Cusack 0478 224 624.

Parish Men's Dinner

Date: Wednesday, 17 April 2024

Time: 6.45pm

**Venue: O'Connor-Pilkington Room,
OLMC, Middle Park**

Cost: \$40.00 pp

Speaker: Our speaker will be fellow diner Alan Thompson who will speak on various facets of Sir John Monash's life.

To **RSVP** or if you want more information, please contact Brian Rochford on:

Mobile: 0403 056 542

Email: bfrochford@bigpond.com

MINISTRIES

13/14 April 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Pat Mount

Readers: Mary Chow

Offertory: Kathy Mount

Communion: Kathy Mount

Music: Tris Tanumihardjo

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Bro Anacleto

Readers: Lis Northam

Offertory: Frances Correa

Communion: Cathy Garbellini

Counters: Ron & Sandra Cassano

Music: Frances Correa

Hospitality: Ann Rochford

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Mary Brady

Reader: Nina Batsakis

Offertory: Jackie & John Tidey

Communion: Peter Thomas

Music: Choir

Hospitality: Denis Churkovich

Communion to the Sick:

Mary Brady: 14 Apr – 20 Apr

THANK YOU

for your generosity last weekend

Parish Stewardship Offerings

Envelopes \$ 415.00

Credit Card \$ 525.00

Direct Credit \$ 559.00

Loose Plate \$ 2,606.15

Tap & Go \$ 538.00

Total \$4,643.15



DONATIONS

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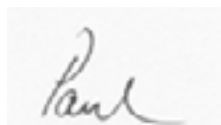
We might acknowledge as “seekers” our many sisters and brothers in our society today who struggle with their own doubts about the reality of the risen Jesus and seek to reach out to them, neither in pity or reproachment, nor righteousness or smugness, but in a spirit of dialogue and friendship. As we do so, we might humbly acknowledge our own struggles with doubt whilst reaffirming our faith in the one who is risen to new life and who calls us to share it with others.

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As announced last week, we look forward to receiving Tony Noble, a baptized Anglican, well known to a number of parishioners, into Full Communion with the Catholic Church at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 21 April. Tony will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as part of the ceremony. We congratulate Tony on his decision, made after long and prayerful discernment, and look forward to welcoming him officially and formally into our community.

I am “on leave” this week, but will return for Masses next Sunday, 14 April.

Blessings for the weeks ahead.



THE CARMELITE CENTRE MELBOURNE

The **April 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

- ~ **Contemplative Walk (Middle Park)** - 9.30am - First Tuesday of the month
- ~ **Centering Prayer Meditation** in Malone Room - 1.00pm First Tuesday of the month
- ~ **Monthly Gathering** - 11.30 Friday 26 April in the Library
- ~ **Carmelite Conversation** - Wednesday 1 May 10.30am on zoom

SAVE THE DATE

- ~ **Easter Contemplative Walk, Lilydale - Mt Evelyn**, POSTPONED TO 11 May

REFLECTION

Two Stories of Transformation

The great Easter feast of last Sunday began the Church's fifty-day celebration of the Resurrection which concludes with the feast of Pentecost in six weeks.

The Gospel of each Sunday is a meditation on Jesus as: the resurrected Christ, made known in the scriptures and the breaking of the bread, the bearer of life in all its fullness, our way, truth and life, pledge of God's love.

In today's Gospel reading there are two stories of transformation through encounter with the risen Jesus.

Firstly, Jesus appears to a group of frightened and bewildered disciples hiding in a room. His first words are, 'Peace be with you'. Fear and bewilderment turn into joy as the disciples recognise the presence of the Risen Jesus with them. But that's not all. He then sends them out to be missionaries of peace and forgiveness. In receiving the Holy Spirit they are transformed from a group of frightened people, hiding in a room, to bold proclaimers of God's love and mercy.

The second story in today's Gospel is the one we all know as doubting Thomas, though, really, it should be known as believing Thomas - doubt is only the beginning of the story.

Jesus doesn't scold or rebuke Thomas. If Thomas is looking for proof, he has only to touch Jesus to see he is real. But Thomas doesn't do that. It is his personal encounter with Jesus which transforms him from doubter to believer.

It is yet another Gospel reminder that faith is not about believing with our minds or in looking for proof. It is found only in our living relationship with Jesus.

Perhaps these days give us a bit more time just to sit and chat with Jesus, to recognise him already present in our hearts, to allow our fears and doubts to be overcome by love, to find new, creative ways of transforming darkness into light, peace and joy for others.

May the new life we celebrate over the next fifty days bring us the creativity of Spirit we need to be the living heart of God in our world today.

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

OUR LITURGY

10:30am Mass Only - LIVE MUSIC MASS

ALL THE MUSIC FOR THE 10:30AM MASS WILL BE ON A SEPARATE SHEET.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ALLELUIA SING TO JESUS

VERSES 1 & 3.

Traditional

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter, his the
2. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of lords, we
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God, on

1. throne, Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
2. own, Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Mar - y, earth thy foot - stool,
3. high; Al - le - lu - ia, to the Sav - ior who has won the

1. ry a - lone; Hark! The songs of peace - ful Si - on
2. heav'n thy throne: thou with - in the veil has en - tered,
3. vic - to - ry: Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it,

1. thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of
2. robed in flesh, our great High Priest; thou on earth, both
3. font of love, and sanc - ti - ty; Al - le - lu - ia!

1. ev - 'ry na - tion hath re - deem'd us by his blood.
2. priest and vic - tim in the Eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
3. Al - le - lu - ia to the tri - une maj - es - ty.

GLORIA

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth
peace to peo - ple of good will.

Verses

1. 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.
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father,
have mercy on us.
2. 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;
3. 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.

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FIRST READING

Acts: 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for their own use anything that they had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 118 – GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING.

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,
"His mercy endures forever."

Let those who fear the LORD say,
"His mercy endures forever." **Response**

I was hard pressed and I was falling,
but the LORD helped me.
My strength and courage is the LORD,
and he has been my saviour.
The joyful shout of victory
in the tents of the just. **Response**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it. **Response**

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.
Who can overcome the world?
Only the person who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'



Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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 - KEEP IN MIND

VERSES 1 - 4.

Lucien Deiss

ANTIPHON

Keep in mind that Je-sus Christ has died for us and is ris-en from the
dead. He is our sav-ing Lord, he is joy for all a - ges.

VERSES 1&2

1. If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.
2. If we en - dure with the Lord, we shall reign with the Lord.

VERSES 3-6

3. In him all our sor - row, in him all our joy.
4. In him hope of glo - ry, in him all our love.
5. In him our re - demp - tion, in him all our grace.
6. In him our sal - va - tion, in him all our peace.

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

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

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Renewal
 Curtis Stephan

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.

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 - I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Suzanne Toolan

Verses:

1. I am the Bread of life.
 You who come to me shall not hunger;
 and who believe in me shall not thirst.
 No one can come to me
 unless the Father beckons. **Refrain**
2. The bread that I will give
 is the flesh for the life of the world,
 and if you eat of this bread,
 you shall live for ever,
 you shall live for ever. **Refrain**
3. Unless you eat
 of the flesh of the Son of Man
 and drink of his blood,
 and drink of his blood,
 you shall not have life within you. **Refrain**

**Refrain: And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up on the last day.**

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his wondering eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed over the grave,
and rose victorious to the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of Heaven,
One with the Father known
One with the Spirit through Him given
From yonder glorious throne
To Thee be endless praise
For Thou for us hast died
Be Though, O Lord, through endless days
Adored and magnified
Crown Him with many crowns!



Port Melbourne/Middle Park Parish

Sacramental Program for 2024

First Reconciliation

Enrolments close: Monday, 20 May 2024

Family Preparation Night: Wednesday, 29 May 2024 at 7pm at O'Connor-Pilkington Room, Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Cnr Wright & Richardson Sts, Middle Park.

Commitment Mass & Rehearsal: Sunday 23 June 2024* at 10:30am at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

Sacrament: Wednesday 26 June 2024* at 7pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

Confirmation

Enrolments close: Monday, 15 July 2024*

Family Preparation Night: Thursday 18 July 2024* at 7pm at O'Connor-Pilkington Room, Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Cnr Wright & Richardson Sts, Middle Park.

Rehearsal: Thursday 8 August (evening time TBC) at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

Sacrament: Sunday 11 August, at 2pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

First Eucharist

Enrolments close: Monday 5 August, 2024

Family Preparation Night: Wednesday 14 August at 7pm at O'Connor-Pilkington Room, Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Cnr Wright & Richardson Sts, Middle Park.

Welcome Mass & Practice: Sunday 8 September at 10:30am at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

Sacrament: Sunday 15 September at 10:30am at Our Lady of Mt Carmel.

Enrolment forms are available on the Home Page of the parish website:
www.sj-mc.org.au

** Please note, these dates have changed to avoid conflict with second term Victorian school holidays.*

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FROM SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE

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