



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.*

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 November 2021

Hi Everyone,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Masses on the weekend and I think there was joyous atmosphere among us as well as a prayerful attitude. I hope I didn't upset anyone with our "mingling homily" but it was good to see the smiles and delights on so many faces as well as the buzz of conversations.

THIS WEEKEND: SUNDAY MASSES

I think we'll continue with the two Sunday Masses at St Joseph's (9:00am) and Mount Carmel (10:30am) as we did last week and, at this stage, we'll just have a quiet, non-musical Mass again as we need to sort out vaccination status for musicians and cantors which isn't as easy as it sounds.

Thank you so much for being patient with the check in requirements and and just a reminder that everyone needs to have a copy of their vaccination certificates either on their phone or a paper/photographic copy. This is important , not just for the safety of others, but also because there is a very substantial fine imposed on places that do not follow this and other regulations.

WEEKDAY MASSES

With the agreement of my fellow Carmelites, we will recommence weekday Masses at **St Joseph's only** on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00am. We can only resume at St J's thanks to the great generosity of Rob W.

For Masses at OLMC, I need the services of a sacristan(s) to open and close the Church and to set up for Mass as well as ensure that only vaccinated people are in attendance. Masses will NOT be resumed until we have a strong commitment from someone(s) for this to occur. If we are able to manage it, then Masses will recommence asap. If you can help please ring the parish office on 96819600 or email to parish@sj-mc.org.au.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE THE PARISH OFFICE

From Monday 8 November
we will be back to our usual
office opening hours on
Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from
from 9.00am - 4.00pm

WE REMEMBER

Please ask permission of the sick person(s) before putting their name(s) on the list. We need to be sensitive to the fact that some people may not wish their names published.

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, Gigi Falckh, Frances Farrugia, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Gerard Friary, Ivy Hermence, Chris Kowalski, 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, Vivienne Williams, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently: Nida Aldana, all those affected by COVID_ 19 throughout the world.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time. Hilda Farnsworth, Charles McDowall, Bill Ryan, and Carmelites, Bernard O'Farrell and Elias Elliott.

IN OUR PARISH

ADVANCE NOTICE: SATURDAY EVENING MASS

At this stage, we will recommence the Saturday evening Mass at Mount Carmel on Saturday, 13 November. For that weekend, I need the assistance of my fellow Carmelites as I'm having a day procedure in hospital on the Monday and I have to be "quarantined" from the previous Thursday.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

We are in the process of organizing new envelopes and I must add a big thank you to Jim Power for his constant commitment to preparing them. Jim is always ready to fill in in a multitude of roles and he always does so with great cheer. It is very much appreciated.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE: BR ALBINO DOS SANTOS

Albino will be ordained a deacon at the Saturday evening Mass on 20th November by Bishop Anthony Ireland, our new regional bishop. It is an important step for him and you are most welcome to join us for that celebration. I'd ask your prayers for a fruitful ministry as a deacon for Alby and the hope that we might see him ministering in the parish at some time.

REFLECTION: THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

This weekend, the 1st and Gospel readings concern the story of two "widows": one who fed the prophet, Elijah, even though she was desperate, and the other who put more than she could afford into the money box at the Temple. They are stories of generosity in times of need, and I think it reflects not just the generosity of God but the ordinary generosity of so many among us. I think of the care that grandparents provide for their children by their care for

ARCHDIOCESE

14 November
32nd 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: Br Anacleto

Eucharistic Ministers: Tris

Counters: Ron and Sandra
Cassano

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: N/A

Readers: Clive Wansbrough

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

grandchildren; also, the generosity of people who love their children, particularly if one is handicapped in any way; the care that Vinnie's people show to those in need. The list is endless.

Generosity and hospitality are two essential hallmarks of Christians because they reflect the benevolence of the God who has no "favourites" but favours all of us. There is nothing worse than people who are parsimonious – they get up my nose! Each of us is called to be people of "big hearts" and, at times, "open wallets". But we also need to be people who give their time, talents and energies to be with others and to show them the dignity they have as children of God. Let's pray for non-medical "enlargement of hearts" and know that what we give now will be repaid a hundredfold in eternity.

Blessings and peace,



PARISH NEWS

November 2021 Parish Men's Dinner

Wednesday 24 November 2021,

6:45 pm,

O'Connor-Pilkington Rooms, OLMC.

Speaker: Noel Turnbull -

"The Australian commemoration industry:
sacred remembrance or militarised history?"

RSVP: John Molloy - 9699 2031 Cost: \$35

November edition of the Carmelite JPIC Newsletter

The November edition of this newsletter addresses the many reasons why Catholics need to be vitally concerned and interested in COP26 Climate Summit in Glasgow at the end of the month. The Action Plan for the Pope's Encyclical "Laudate Si" will also be launched on 14 November 2021. The JPIC Newsletter is now available for you to read in the Downloads tab on the parish website at www.sj-mc.org.au

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next series of Thanksgiving Envelopes is available for collection in the foyer of the church at St Joseph's or at the entrance (off the driveway) at Mt Carmel. If you are able to deliver envelopes to people you know, that will help defray the cost of posting out those that are not collected.

If you are new to the parish and would like to join our thanksgiving Program, please call Anne at the Parish office on 9681 9600 or email on parish@sj-mc.org.au.



THE CARMELITE CENTRE

**Hildegard of Bingen: A Feather on the Breath of God,
with Wendy Crouch, 10.30am to 12.00 noon Wednesday 17 November
(Via ZOOM)**

This month's Spiritual Reading Group will be on 12th Century mystic Hildegard of Bingen with The Rev Dr Wendy Crouch, Locum Vicar, St Peter's Anglican Church Bundoora.

Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179) was named a Doctor of the Church by Benedict XVI in October 7 2012, following her canonization earlier that year – an event that had first been petitioned in 1228. Although she was very much a woman of her time in a number of aspects of her thought, she is also a woman whose theology transcends both time and place. Describing herself as 'a feather on the breath of God', Hildegard was a highly complex and gifted person with a prophetic voice whose many works in theology, music, visual art, poetry and drama are still inspiring people today. One of her key ideas 'Viriditas', or the greening and life-renewing work of the Holy Spirit, seems especially relevant for our time.

In the November reading group I will focus on her theology of the Holy Spirit (the 'supreme and fiery force' as she calls it), the imagery she draws upon to present this theology, and how it is viewed in the context of her theology of the Trinity. We will also explore its connection with her mystical consciousness. As Carmen Butcher says: "For her, no gap existed between 'praying' and 'doing'. All was one in God's love."

You may like to prepare by reading an article by Carmen Acevedo Butcher: "Supreme and Fiery Force"

To book please contact the Carmelite Centre (details below). Cost \$5.00

The Reverend Dr Wendy Crouch is a priest in the Melbourne Anglican Diocese, and currently ministering as Locum Vicar during an interregnum at St Peter's Bundoora. With a background as a clinical psychologist, she is passionate about using an integrative approach to applying insights from both psychology and spirituality to promote emotional and faith development. During 2020 and 2021 she has been conducting both day and longer spiritual retreats for parishes as well as the oblates of the Community of the Holy Name.

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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REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

In today's Gospel Jesus lines up the religious leaders of his day and lets them have it with both barrels. It may come a surprise to learn that hypocrisy is the sin Jesus condemns most frequently in the Gospels. He could not bear it. And nor should we.

Being powerful and rich is not a problem in itself. As with all gifts, it is what we do with them that show us up for who we are. The problem with religious, political, social or even family power, and the wealth that can come from it, is that it is so seductive. The more powerful and rich we become, the more we can think everything is our due. We can take our eye off the Giver of all gifts and avoid our responsibility to share with those who are left with nothing.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus does not praise the widow because she is poor. There is no nobility in poverty. Jesus praises her for being generous and he indicates how the poor teach the rich about what really matters in life.

This story teaches a similar lesson.

Centuries ago, the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was a big uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jew won, the Jews could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews would leave.

The Jews realised that they had no choice. They looked around for a champion who could defend their faith, but no one volunteered. It was too risky. So they picked Moshe, an old, poor man. Moshe had nothing to lose so he agreed, but on one condition. Not being a learned man he asked that neither side be allowed to speak. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moshe and the Pope sat opposite each other for a full minute before the Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moshe looked back at him and raised one finger. The Pope waved his fingers in a circle around his head. Moshe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moshe pulled out an apple.

The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.'

An hour later, the cardinals were all around the Pope asking him what happened. The Pope said: 'First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that there was one God common to both

our faiths. Then I waved my finger around me to show him that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was also right here with us. I pulled out the wine and the wafer to emphasise the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything.'

Meanwhile, the Jewish community had crowded around Moshe, amazed that this old, poor man had done what all their scholars had insisted was impossible! What happened?' they asked. 'Well,' said Moshe, 'First, he said to me that the Jews had three days to get out of here. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here! And then?' asked a woman. 'I don't know,' said Moshe. 'He took out his lunch and I took out mine.'

May this Eucharist, then, give us strength to avoid being seduced by power, riches and greed. May we use whatever gifts we receive to build up the entire human family and may we never stand condemned by Jesus for coming here each Sunday and saying one thing, and then leaving here and doing the very opposite.

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LITURGICAL ART

Art and Reflection by Jenny Close

The story of the widow's mite is about the generosity of a woman who is down on her uppers. Jesus admires this woman of substance because, despite her material poverty, she has the inner resource to maintain an open-hearted approach to life.



OUR LITURGY

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
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.
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;
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.
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.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this

for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 145: PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL

Psalm 145:7-10. R.v.2

Response: *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **Response**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. **Response**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **Response**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



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.

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 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.

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.***

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