



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.***

4th Sunday of Easter

8 May 2022

Hi Everyone,

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

A very happy Mothers' Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers and all who fill a maternal role in the lives of others. May it be a good day filled with laughter, warmth and gratitude.

PARISH POSITIONS

A few weeks ago, I mentioned that the Parish Secretary and Finance Officer positions were to be advertised on the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne website. In consultation with the Archdiocese, I decided to hold the advertisement while examining several options for the role(s). Primarily this is so we can make the most advantageous decisions, particularly in light of our financial situation and the not-so-unique situation of our own Parish. Hopefully, an advertisement will appear soon.

MUSIC IN THE PARISH

I know that I've harped on about this a few times, but we really do need people to help with the music program on the weekends. The playlists are already created each week and downloaded to the iPad. The only task is to start and stop the songs during the mass. Please speak to Kelly or me if you can help out with this role, and thank you to those who have volunteered so far.

SAFEGUARDING IN THE PARISH

Recently we received a visit from the Archdiocesan office that deals with Safeguarding. It was essentially an audit of our progress and, thanks in very large measure to Frances and all our volunteers, we got a gold star.

On top of that, we also had a meeting with Dr David Treanor who is conducting an audit on the Carmelite Order's Safeguarding policies and practice and also received a positive response on that.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT OLMC

For many years we celebrated the weekday Masses at OLMC in front of the Lady Chapel. COVID-19 forced us to use the larger space of the full church. I would be interested to hear from Mass-goers at the weekday Masses at Mount Carmel whether you would like to retain our current practice of Mass in the Church or move back to the Lady Chapel. It is your choice. Please let me or Kelly know.

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

Monday 9 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 10 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 11 May

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 12 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 13 May - Feast day of Our Lady of Fatima

8.30am Rosary, St Joseph's

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's, **followed by** Veneration of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima
Morning Tea will follow Veneration

Saturday 14 May

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

6.00pm Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 15 May - 5th Sunday of Easter

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Donald Baldie, Hein Basten, Tommy Bednar, Paul Caghi - Cao, Nawal Cox, Luka Dabovic, Maureen Dickason, Ben Dymond, Kelly Edwards, Judy Fairhall, Gigi Falckh, Lyn Falckh, Michelle Falckh, Frances Farrugia, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Lyn Fleming, Gerard Friary, Ivy Hermence, Anita Heyma, Steph Hudson, Andrija Junkovic, Chris Kowalski, Claudia Leibel, Baby Alba Middleton, Marino Mihocic, Wayne Mills, Felicity Morgan, Marie O'Connor, Ingrid Ohleiter, Sylvia Poliakov, Rafal Rafalski, Michael Ristevski, Lucie Carmen Rodriguez, Dennis Rohan, Lorraine Rohan, Keith Ryder, Sarah Abdel-Said, Teresa Sheehan, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Vivienne Williams, Tami Yap.

Those whose have died recently: Edward Peter Kiernan, John McCormack, Finon Quay, Zdena Russ, casualties of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict, and all those affected by COVID_19 throughout the world.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Dorie Pearson, and Carmelite, Robert Power.

IN OUR PARISH

A LARGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

A reasonably large statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was given to us recently and is presently housed in the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Joseph's. It is extremely heavy (about 3 men needed to move it). We already have statues of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in both our Churches and I do not wish to populate our Churches with competing statues of Our Lady (e.g. Our Lady of Fatima vs Our Lady of Mount Carmel). If you can think of an appropriate place to put the statue, please let me know.

A SHRINE TO ST TITUS BRANDSMA

As you know, Bl Titus Brandsma will be canonised on 15 May by Pope Francis and he was an exceptional contemporary witness to God's love in the face of abject human evil. It would be good to establish a shrine to him but I am in a bind as to where in our two Churches such a shrine could be located. Any thoughts on the matter would be greatly appreciated.

CELEBRATION OF ST TITUS' CANONISATION

A Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sunday, 31 July at 10:30am. Details have yet to be finalised but it would be a great occasion to celebrate an important day for both the Church and the Carmelites. I would encourage you to check out the excellent material about Titus on the website: www.carmelites.org.au.

Have a great week and keep well and safe.

Blessings and peace,



May 2022 Parish Men's Dinner

Wednesday 25 May 2022,

6:45 pm, O'Connor-Pilkington Rooms, OLMC.

Speaker: Colin Riley, sports enthusiast and volunteer, former PE teacher and lecturer
- "A life of Riley"

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

ARCHDIOCESE

15 May

5th Sunday of Easter

6.00pm Mount Carmel (Vigil)

Commentator: Mary Chow

Readers: Abramo Ierardo

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Chow

Communion to the Sick:

15-21 May: Marlene Carlin

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Gerhard Correa

Reader: Ron Cassano

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Garbellini

Counters: Cathy Garbellini & Nova Hack

Hospitality: N/A

Communion to the Sick:

22 - 28 May: Frances Correa

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Peter Thomas

Readers: Teresa Paradowski

Eucharistic Ministers: Maria Goral

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

Hospitality: Denis Churkovich

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

Carmelite and

Parish Offering \$519.00

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

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Parish Offering \$1,394.00

IN OUR PARISH

Prayer to Titus Brandsma

**God our Father, your servant,
Saint Titus Brandsma,
laboured zealously in your vineyard and
gave his life freely because of his faith in you.
Through his intercession I ask for your mercy and help.**

**Father Titus never refused when he was asked for help by your people.
In his name, I come to you with my needs.....**

**Lord, help me always to imitate the great faith,
generous love and burning zeal of Saint Titus.
Glorify your servant as he strove to glorify you.
Amen.**

Mary, Mother of Carmel, pray for us.

Titus Brandsma, Carmelite martyr, intercede for us.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Vinnies are looking for short term storage space [6-9 months] in either a small warehouse or a secure garage in the local area to store some furniture and whitegoods for distribution to clients. Please call Gerhard Correa on 0400 640 611 if you are able to assist in this regard.

Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima - Invitation to Prayer Friday 13 May 2022

Kindly join us at St Joseph's Church, Port Melbourne
8.30am Rosary, **9.00am** Mass,
followed by **Veneration** of the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
Morning tea provided. All are welcome.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Enrolments for the sacrament of First Eucharist are now open. Children must be in Year 4 and above, have made their First Reconciliation and be a baptised Catholic to be eligible.

Enrolment forms are available from the back of the churches, the Parish website (www.sj-mc.org.au/home) and the Parish Office on 9681 9600 or parish@sj-mc.org.au

Enrolments close on **Monday 10 May, 2022**. A Parent Information Session will be held on **Thursday 12 May 2022 at 7.30pm** in the O'Connor Pilkington Rooms at the Carmelite Hall (enter from driveway between the Church and the Hall). The Sacrament of First Eucharist will be celebrated at Mass at **6.00pm** on **Saturday 18 June, 2022**.

Please collect an enrolment form from the foyer of the church, or contact the parish office, on 9681 9600 or by email, parish@sj-mc.org.au.

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

The passages from the Gospels where Jesus likens us to being sheep leave me a bit cold. I think I must lose something in the translation from first century Palestine to today. Most of the sheep I have ever watched may well be cute, in a woolly sort of way, but they are anxious creatures often running in packs in every direction, are notoriously stupid and difficult to manage or direct. On second thoughts maybe the analogy is not so bad after all! We, the people of God, can certainly be an anxious lot, a bit slow on the uptake and difficult to lead. It also true, however, that sheep are incredibly useful and adaptable animals. Think about all the places they have been taken throughout the world. They thrive. With all due respect to the vegans, vegetarians and animal liberationists here today, think about the multiple ways they have served humanity.

The point of the shepherd analogy in the Gospels, of course, is about the importance of intimacy. A sheep in those days is similar to the central role some domestic cats and dogs have in our homes. They are members of the family. Shepherds in Jesus' day belonged to nomadic tribes that moved with their small flock throughout Israel. Every sheep mattered. Every sheep had a name. In an agrarian society every sheep was a vital economic unit. To lose one caused trouble not only to the individual, but also to the tribe. To lose a flock was financial ruin for a generation. As a result when Jesus invokes the image of the shepherd he draws attention to the intimate knowledge and care the shepherd has of them.

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock.

The possibility of being stolen away from the Christian family is a real one. We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other leads. Whereas every Sunday we affirm that we cannot find a better way to live than following the Way, the Truth and the Life which is Christ present here and now. No one can suggest it is always easy to follow the Gospel and hang in here with one another. Jesus was never under any illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world.

In this Eucharist, then, let's steal a few moments to experience again the intimate love of the Risen Lord who knows, claims and loves us. May we respond by following his lead by enfolding all our world in our care and welcoming all his children into his flock.

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OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - GATHER US IN

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in – the lost and forsaken, gather us in – the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young – our lives are a mystery, we are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in – the rich and the haughty, gather us in – the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in – all people together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

GLORIA

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest!,
and on earth, peace 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, 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

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 99 : WE ARE HIS PEOPLE

Response: *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

Sing joyfully to he Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful song!

Response

Know that the Lord is God;
he made us, his we are;
we are his people, the flock he tends.

Response

The Lord is good;
his kindness endures forever,
and his faithfulness, to all generations.

Response

SECOND READING

Rv 7:9, 14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain: ***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia***

GOSPEL

John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'



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 HYMN - TABLE OF PLENTY

Refrain: ***Come to the feast of heaven and earth
Come to the table of plenty
God will provide for all that we need
Here at the table of plenty***

O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love. **Refrain**

O come and eat without money, come to drink without price
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life. **Refrain**

My bread will ever sustain you through days of sorrow and war
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness to flood the depths of your soul. **Refrain**

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.**

The Celebrant prays the preface at the end of which all say:

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.

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 YOU ARE MINE

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice
Be still, and know I am near.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light
Come and rest in me.

**Refrain: *Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me, I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine.***

I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know my name

Refrain

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live.

Refrain

MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER

Cel: God of Love, listen to this prayer.

**All: God of holy people,
of Sarah, Ruth and Rebekah;
God of Elizabeth, mother of John,
God of Mary, mother of Jesus,
listen to us and bless the mothers of our families.**

Cel: Bless with the strength of your Spirit,
the mothers who taught us to stand and walk,
who continue to be strength for us as we walk the journey of life.

**All: Bless with the melody of your love,
those who showed us how to speak,
how to sing, how to pray to you.
Bless with a place at your eternal table
those who fed and nurtured our life
as it was formed within them.**

Cel: Bless our mothers today with good things and with health;
with joy, love and laughter,
and surround them with many good friends.

**All: May they be carried one day to your divine embrace:
there for all eternity to rejoice with their family and friends.**

Cel: This blessing and all graces, we pray,
descend upon the mothers of our families:
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.



With joy and rhythmic energy

1. Bless - ed be our God! Bless - ed be our
 2. Gift of love and peace! Gift of love and
 3. Come, O Spir - it of truth! Come, O Spir - it of



God! Joy of our hearts, source of all life and love!
 peace! Je - sus the Christ, Je - sus our hope and light!
 truth! Prom - ise of hope, kind - ness and mer - cy!



God of heav - en and earth! God of heav - en and
 A flame of faith in our hearts! A flame of faith in our
 Come and dwell in our hearts! Come and dwell in our



earth! Dwell - ing with-in, call - ing us all by name!
 hearts! Pro-claim - ing the day, shin - ing through-out the night!
 hearts! Jus - tice and peace, the king-dom of God in us!



Al - le - lu - ia, sing! Al - le - lu - ia, sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia, sing! Al - le - lu - ia, sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia, sing! Al - le - lu - ia, sing!

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