



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.***

Third Sunday of Advent - Year A

11 December 2022

Hi Everyone,

This third Sunday of Advent we read, pray, and reflect on the joy that God's plan gives us (foretold by the prophets and fulfilled by the life and death of Christ), and we meditate on the promise of Christ's coming glory-filled return. The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday in the liturgical calendar of Western Christianity, including the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, Lutheran Churches, and other mainline Protestant churches.

REMINDER: SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - VOLUNTEERS

There will be short Safeguarding Training session after Sunday's 9am and 10.30 masses. this week.

OLMC 5:00pm - Volunteers involved in any parish ministries, please meet with Kelly or Tris before you leave at the end of mass in relation to safeguarding training.

St Joseph's 9:00am & OLMC 10:30am masses - Volunteers involved in any parish ministries are requested to attend the safeguarding sessions after mass, please stay back in church after the final hymn.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The Christmas Mass times are as follows:

Saturday, 24 December at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 5:00pm, Carols commence at 4:45pm

Saturday, 24 December at St Joseph's at 7:00pm

Sunday, 25 December at St Joseph's at 9:00am

Sunday, 25 December at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 10:30am

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIMES FOR THE 2 CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATIONS AND THERE IS NO MIDNIGHT MASS.

ANointING AND RECONCILIATION MASSES

The Reconciliation and Anointing Masses planned for Monday, 12 December and Wednesday, 14 December have been **cancelled**. The next Anointing and Reconciliation masses will occur during Lent 2023.

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

5.00pm (Sat) Mount Carmel
9.00am Saint Joseph's
10.30am Mount Carmel

Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

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Office Hours 9am-3pm

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
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THIS WEEK

Monday 12 December

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Tuesday 13 December

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Wednesday 14 December

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Thursday 15 December

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

Friday 16 December

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

Saturday 17 December

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel

5.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 18 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Alberto Aguilon, Lawrence Bassett, Tommy Bednar, Margaret Boreham, Paul Caghi - Cao, Grace Callaghan, Marie Anne Commins, Nawal Cox, Madeline Cummins, Luka Dabovic, Andrew Davey, Maureen Dickason, Felicia Di Conza, Ben Dymond, Kelly Edwards, Judy Fairhall, Gigi Falckh, Lyn Falckh, Michelle Falckh, Lyn Faul, Rose Fennell, Gary Finn, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Lyn Fleming, Gerard Friary, Pat Grainger, Richard Grant, Ivy Hermence, Anita Heyma, Steph Hudson, Marija Jelincic, Shaun Jex, Greg Johnson, Andrija Junkovic, Mary Kane, Chris Kowalski, Claudia Leibel, Baby Alba Middleton, Sian Middleton, Marino Mihocic, Wayne Mills, Felicity Morgan, Lynnet Nelson-Spence, Jill O'Brien, Marie O'Connor, Ingrid Ohleiter, Maria Ohleiter, Sylvia Poliakov, Jim Power, Natalie Pringle, Rafal Rafalski, Michael Ristevski, Lucie Carmen Rodriguez, Dennis Rohan, Keith Ryder, Sarah Abdel-Said, Teresa Sheehan, Ailbe Sheehy, Angela Speranza, Jim Sullivan, Maurice Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Walsh RSG, Clive Wansbrough, Vivienne Williams.

Those whose have died recently:

June Dalton, Katrine Kelly, Maree Nolan, Leon Norris, Sam Thompson, casualties of the Ukrainian/Russian conflict, & those affected by COVID.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time:

Dr Jane Chalmers, Dean Lappen, Carmel Leonard, Ratnavale Rodrigu & Carmelites Kevin Hannan and Peter Slattery.

THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING COFFEE FROM TIMOR LESTE

Thanks also to those who bought the coffee grown in Timor-Leste. It has all been sold and a profit of \$300.00 was made for the Carmelites' work in Timor Leste.

THANK YOU TO THE PARISH CRAFT GROUP

A big thank you to everyone who came and bought the lovely crafts from the Parish Craft Group at the Christmas party. The group raised \$315.00 and the money has been donated to the Parish Food Cupboard. The Craft Group had their last session for 2022 last Monday and will take a summer break. Their first meeting for 2023 will be on Monday, 23 January.

THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

So many people contribute to making our parish a unique community and our heartfelt thanks to them all.

If you are looking for a volunteering opportunity in 2023, please talk to the office staff about what roles are available.

HOLIDAY PERIOD CHANGES

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from 21 December 4pm and will re-open on 9 January at 9am.

Please call the emergency phone number for **genuine emergencies** such as anointing and funerals.

WEEKDAY MASSES:

There will be **NO** weekday morning masses from Monday, 26 December to Saturday 31 December 2022 (inclusive).

SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES

There will be no changes to the usual schedule.

MUSIC

There will be **NO** music at the weekend liturgies from 9 January until 1 February, 2023.

MINISTERS

17-18 December Fourth Sunday of Advent

5.00pm Mount Carmel

Commentator: Mary Chow

Reader: Des Collins

Eucharistic: Joe Chow

Music: Abramo Ierardo

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Ron Cassano

Reader: Vicki Howell

Eucharistic: Cathy Garbellini

Counters: Frances Moore & Mary Li

Music: Kelly McEnhill

Hospitality: TBD

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: Margaret Fagan

Reader: Marlene Halim

Eucharistic: Ann Crump

Music: Peter Russo

Hospitality: Jackie & John T.

Communion to the Sick: 18-24 Dec : Denis Passalent

THANK YOU

*for your generosity last
Sunday*

**St Joseph's Carmelite &
Parish Offering \$ 656.80**

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

*Carmelite & Parish Offering
\$ 1,064.65*

THE GIVING TREE - CHRISTMAS IN EAST TIMOR



The 'Giving Tree' is in the churches this weekend. Please collect your envelope as you leave the church. When you have filled in the Christmas Card, please place it on the tree and leave your money, in the envelope provided, in the basket under the tree. Money will be collected after each Mass. Your money will be sent directly to the Carmelites in East Timor who will purchase the gifts on your behalf.

Below is a list of the gifts and their purchase price.

- \$ 5 1 recorder for music lessons at a primary school
- \$ 8 1 box of pencils or pens for a primary school
- \$ 10 1 box of maths triangle rulers for a primary school
- \$ 14 1 harmonica for music lessons at a primary school
- \$ 20 1 pair of new shoes for a boarding house student
- \$ 20 1 ream of A4 paper for the teachers at a primary school
- \$ 40 1 soccer ball for a primary school
- \$ 40 1 small drum for music lessons at a primary school
- \$ 40 1 balance kit for maths measurement activities at a primary school
- \$ 40 1 month of nutritious meals for 1 boarding house student
- \$ 60 1 month subsidy payment for a volunteer teacher
- \$ 60 12 months of school fees for a boarding house student in Year 7
- \$ 70 1 month living costs covered for a scholarship student at university
- \$ 100 5 new dictionaries for a high school classroom
- \$ 150 1 class set of clocks for maths classes at a primary school

ADVENT PRAYER

God Wake Us Up

*God of new creation,
when we are sleeping,
exhausted by activity
and the demands upon us:
WAKE US WITH A BURST OF LIGHT
TO LEAD US WITH JOY INTO YOUR DAY*

*God of unexpected,
When we are sleeping,
dulled by the apathy
and indifferent to the needs around us:
WAKE US WITH A BURST OF LIGHT
TO LEAD US WITH JOY INTO YOUR DAY*

*God of judgement,
When we are sleeping,
hiding from the truth
and shutting out the pain of reality:
WAKE US WITH A BURST OF LIGHT
TO LEAD US WITH JOY INTO YOUR DAY*

*God of life,
Wake us up!
Re-create us,
surprise us,
challenge us,
that we may be ready to greet your light
and walk with joy through the day.*

Jan Berry, Candles & Conifers



PORT MELBOURNE/MIDDLE PARK PARISH

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2022

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24 Dec 2022	Carols followed by Family Mass	Mt Carmel	4.45pm
	Mass	St Joseph's	7.00pm
Christmas Day - Sunday 25 Dec 2022	Mass	St Joseph's	9.00am
	Mass	Mt Carmel	10.30am
New Year's Eve Saturday 31 Dec 2022	Mass	Mt Carmel	5:00pm
New Year's Day - Sunday 1 Jan 2023	Mass	St Joseph's	9.00am
	Mass	Mt Carmel	10.30am

Parish Office

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The Parish Office will be closed at 4.00pm on
Wednesday 21 December and will reopen on
Monday 9 January 2023 at 9.00am

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

The Right Question

John was languishing in prison, held captive by the local agent of the Roman Empire. Perhaps he was looking for evidence that Jesus was the One who would throw off Roman despotism. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. Those are the signs that the reign of God has begun.

I admire John the Baptist because he was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth.

All our activities as a parish in building community, forming faith, serving the poor, participating in the liturgy, should be undertaken so that a seeker after Truth might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us.

We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: 'Come, Lord Jesus' to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSION



Thank You! Your support of this year's Appeal for the Propagation of the Faith enables Church workers in 1047 mission dioceses to offer Good News to their local communities. Thank you for contributing to the amount of \$741.00 which was raised by Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Joseph's community for Catholic Mission. Our partnership with local churches in over 160 countries is dependent upon the prayerful and financial support of many. Your support this year will enable Catholic Mission to provide nutrition programs in Ethiopia, along with scholarships for rural children and pastoral care and vocational training for women in Meki. THANK YOU.

OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind
Bid our sad divisions cease
And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters,
this rose coloured candle we light today
reflects the joyful anticipation we feel
knowing that the eternal Word of the Father's love,
is on his way to save us.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ,
All: speak your word afresh in our hearts.

Celebrant: In suffering and pain, in sorrow and distress:
All: speak your Good News and bind up broken hearts with your peace.

Celebrant: In injustice and fear, in whatever holds us bound:
All: speak liberty and freedom.

Celebrant: When we doubt the Father's love for us
All: proclaim again the Lord's year of favour.

Celebrant: May this candle remind us of your presence.
Nourished by your Word in this circle of light
strengthen us to be prophets of hope
and good news for our world.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(PSALM 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10)

Response **Lord come, come and save us.**
Lord come, come and save us.

The LORD God keeps faith forever,
secures justice, justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.

Response

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.
The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers.

Response

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations.

Response

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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

HOSEA

Gregory Norbet

VERSES

1. Come back to me, with all your heart, Don't let
 1. Trees do bend, though straight and tall, So must
 2. The wil-der-ness will lead you to your
 2. In - leg - ri - ty and jus - tice with ten - der-
 3. You shall sleep, se - cure with peace, faith - ful

REFRAIN

1. fear keep us a - part
 1. we to oth - ers call
 2. heart where I will speak Long have I wait-ed for your
 2. ness you shall know
 3. ness will be your joy

com - ing home to me and liv - ing deep-ly our new life

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, 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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sins of the world, 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.
 1-3 to verses Final
 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
 In Refrain
 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-de-ned, and
 In Refrain
 3. take my yoke up-on your shoul-ders. I will give you rest.

RECESSIONAL HYMN - SOON, VERY SOON

Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

No more crying there,
We are going to see the King,
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King.
No more crying there,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

No more dying there,
We are going to see the King,
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King.
No more dying there,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon,
We are going to see the King,
Hallelujah, hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, We are going to see the King.

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