



THE CARMELITE

Parish of Port Melbourne and Middle Park

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May we walk gently here.

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

16 February 2020

My dear Parishioners,

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

On Monday 17 February we have our evening for those who have expressed interest in our Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It will be at 7.30pm in the O'Connor/Pilkington rooms and all are most welcome.

I've been privileged to visit Israel twice in my life. The 1st time was on my return to Australia after studying in Rome in 1978 and the 2nd time was to take a group of mature aged students for 6 weeks in about 1987. My memories of both those visits are still vivid and helped me to understand a little more of the person of Jesus and his disciples as they lived in the same place over 2 millennia ago.

My most striking memories are of the land: the lush green of the Galilee region in the north with its gentle hills and the beautiful Sea of Galilee where much of Jesus' earliest ministry took place. I was also struck by the barrenness of the land south of Galilee in what was the kingdom of Judah. The harsh terrain gave me a powerful lesson in the images of the Gospels: the role of the shepherd; the story of the Good Samaritan; Zacchaeus in the town of Jericho; the wilderness where Jesus experienced his temptations; the city of Jerusalem, sacred to three faiths, where Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead.

I was also privileged to visit Mount Carmel where the Carmelite Order was born out of the desire of some Crusaders to live as hermits in a community and to provide a place of respite for the pilgrims that travelled along the coast from Egypt and Asia to the great cities of the Greek world. One of the highlights of my experience was to give lectures to students as we visited the site of the Qumran community where the Dead Sea Scrolls were unearthed in the 1940s. Further south of Qumran is the spectacular site of Masada, a mountain fortress where King Herod build 2 palaces and, as recorded by the ancient Jewish historian, Josephus, the Jews offered a momentous resistance to the Roman forces who were intent on punishing the Jews for their constant insurgencies. The Dead Sea is a pungent, somewhat oily and unsinkable experience of the lowest geographical point of the earth. At least its mud is reputed to enhance the body if they're game enough to wallow in it.

Part of my experience was to see and experience the tensions between the Israelis and Palestinians in what seems like an endless struggle for a place to call home. The seemingly insolvable impasse is fraught with the very long memories of Arabs and Jews and the intractability of both groups can teach us that Jesus himself experienced this same resistance as he proclaimed a new Kingdom of God – not a political entity but a vision of God where all people could live in harmony if they really understood and lived the fact that we are all daughters and sons of the same loving and redeeming God.

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.

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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

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

Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

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THIS WEEK

Monday 17 February

9.00am Mass, both churches

7.30pm Pilgrimage Information Night,

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Hugh Brown
O'Connor/Pilkington Rooms

Tuesday 18 February

9.00am Mass, both churches

Wednesday 19 February

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

9.00am Morning Prayer, Mt Carmel

Thursday 20 February

9.00am Mass, both churches

7.00pm Meditation, Malone Room

Friday 21 February

9.00am Mass, both churches

9.30am Lectio Divina, The Lady Chapel, Mt Carmel

Saturday 22 February

9.00am Mass, both churches

6.00pm Vigil Mass, Mt Carmel

Sunday 23 February: 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's

10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

We start afresh each month naming those friends, family or loved ones for whom we will pray. If you have a person to be remembered in our prayer, please PRINT their names(s) on the intention sheets in the Churches.

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: Baby Luca, John Bassett, Rose Fennell, Vonetta Jones, Sandra MacDonald, Michael McGowan, Rafal Rafalski, Lorraine Rohan, Keith Ryder, Helen Stanley, Helen Sullivan, Jim Sullivan, Maureen Toohey, Troy Vincent, Julie Wain, Sr Barbara Wals RSG, Tami Yar.

Those whose have died recently: Carmel Leonard

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Samantha Farrington, Kathleen Leonard, Barry Sharkey, Marie Sharkey.

IN OUR PARISH

One of the highlights of my 2nd trip was to visit the Sinai Peninsula and meet the Bedouin groups who lived in this forbidding terrain. So too, we visited Mount Sinai (Horeb) where arguably Moses and the wandering children of Israel received God's commandments. The experience of visiting St Catherine's monastery at Mount Sinai was extraordinary. Besides climbing to the top of Mount Sinai and celebrating the Eucharist, it was a privilege to visit perhaps the oldest functioning monastery in the world where so much of earliest Christian history has been housed including some of the earliest manuscripts of the New Testament.

A visit to the Holy Land is a remarkable journey back in time, albeit coloured by the realities of contemporary life. The Western Wall (once know as the Wailing Wall) of the Jerusalem Temple is a powerful reminder that human structures will not last but its remnants can still evoke a time lost and promises to come. It is a privilege to stand at the Mount of Olives and to look over the city of Jerusalem and to wonder at its extraordinary history and perhaps to shed a tear as Jesus did, knowing all the time that Jesus suffered here but he also rose here and became for those who believe, the Messiah who still reigns in our hearts.



Holy Land Pilgrimage Information Night

An Information Night regarding the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land to be led by Fr Hugh Brown will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 17 February in the O'Connor/Pilkington Rooms. Please come along. All welcome.

Additional Communion to the Sick Ministers required

We are in need of additional Ministers of Communion to the Sick to help support a number of parishioners who are unable to come to Mass. We are an ageing community and so Home Communion visits are going to be requested more regularly. If you are able to assist with this very rewarding ministry which enables parishioners to remain connected to our parish community, please contact Anne or Michael at the Parish Office for further details.

February 2020 Parish Men's Dinner

6:45 pm Wednesday 26 February 2020,
at O'Connor-Pilkington Rooms, OLMC.
Speaker: Phil McDonald - walker for charity.

"Phil's Burke and Wills trek, 2018"

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

MINISTERS

22/23 February
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm Mount Carmel

Commentator Irene Hayes

Reader Pat Mount

Eucharistic Ministers Ann Crump, Kathy Mount, Damien Peile

Communion to the Sick: N/A

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator Kevin Mooney

Reader William Kininmonth

Eucharistic Ministers Pablo & Danielle Craievitch, Elaine Kininmonth

Counters Brian Harrison & Toni Stuart

Childrens' Liturgy: N/A

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator Marlene Halim

Reader Sally Diserio

Eucharistic Ministers Bro Albino John Molnar, Bro Marcolino

Communion to the Sick

Childrens' Liturgy Bernadette Hickey

Hospitality Peter Thomas

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday
St Joseph's

Carmelite and
Parish Offering \$926.00

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Carmelite and
Parish Offering \$1,146.00

IN OUR PARISH

World Day of Prayer Service 2020 (Theme: "Rise! Take your mat and walk!")

The annual World Day of Prayer service will be held in St Joseph's Church on **Friday 6 March at 10.30am**. We are looking for volunteers to welcome representatives/guests from the other Churches in Port Melbourne, South Melbourne, Albert Park and Middle Park. We also need volunteers to lead parts of the service and to assist with a morning tea at the conclusion of the service. If you are able to assist please contact Anne or Michael at the Parish Office or Carmel Collins. Both men and women are invited to come along to this Liturgy which has been prepared by the people of Zimbabwe.



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

Our conference meets next Tuesday evening, 18 February at 7.30pm in the Parish Office Rooms. All welcome. If you would like to enquire about

helping in our rewarding work please join us on Tuesday evening or call Joan Cusack on 0478224624 or Pat Mount on 0418380549.

The Gospel of Matthew: A Unique Portrayal of Jesus ***'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Matthew 5:17***

7.00pm - 9.00pm Tuesday 25 February 2020
O'Connor Pilkington Rooms, Carmelite Centre
with Fr Hugh Brown, O. Carm

This year the Church uses the Gospel of St Matthew in the liturgy. In this Gospel Jesus delivers five speeches, the most well known of these being the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew's Gospel also contains some unique parables about the kingdom of heaven such as the weeds among the wheat (Matt 13:24-30); the unforgiving servant (Matt 18:23-35); and the laborers in the vineyard (Matt 20:1-16).

This two hour session will look at the uniqueness of Matthew's Gospel; how it came into existence and the unique way it portrays Jesus as the fulfiller of Israel's hopes. It will also look at how Matthew understands Jesus as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

Cost: \$10 Booking Details below

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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T: (03) 9690 5430 Website: www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org

Carmelite Centre Program Bookings

T: 9690 5430 (leave message if unattended) or reregistration@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org
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The Carmelite Library

The Carmelite Library, located in the Carmelite Hall next to the Church, is open on Tuesdays from 12.00 to 8.00pm and Wednesday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm.
t: (03) 9682 8553e: librarian@carmelitelibrary.org website: www.carmelitelibrary.org

REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Truth-Telling

I seem to remember some lines from a poem I learnt at school: 'Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practise to deceive.'

To guard against deceptions, many societies and organisations, including the Church, require a person to swear an oath to bolster their assertion that they are telling 'the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.'

But, we have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean no. Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.'

The early Church took this prohibition extremely seriously. It was only when the Church and State became entwined three hundred years later that that policy changed. The Church preferred to avoid tension with the political authority which required oaths as a supposed guarantee of truthful speaking.

The Church was weak, whereas Our Lord was strong. When He was challenged by the High Priest to swear by the Living God whether He was the Christ, Jesus simply replied: 'The words are yours', refusing to invoke the Living God. (Matt 26:63-64). Aren't we meant to imitate Jesus?

'Yes or No.' Our Lord tells us: '... anything more than this comes from the Evil One.'

This is strong language. Why does Our Lord say this?

In the same Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is the beginning of the prayer which is Jesus' gift to his community. It is our privilege and right as adopted children of God to use God's name in that way. That is the way in which Our Lord wants us to use the name of God. The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an abuse.

It is clear that Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two tiered way of speaking the truth. Anything more by way of pious veneer devalues plain speaking. Straightforward, unadorned language will do.

Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person – the truthful person truths.

We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. Such relationships are easily fractured or soured by lying. At the community level, a society will soon break down if the words of its members cannot be relied on.

It is shocking, but true, to realise that in this respect, secular society is more in conformity with the Sermon on the Mount! At least it allows for observance of Our Lord's injunction. For example, Parliamentarians are offered the choice of an oath or an affirmation in taking up their duties in the Chamber. The Courts offer the same choice, and if the accused makes the affirmation, no adverse inference can be drawn by Judge or jury.

And the Church? The Church needs to listen to the epistle of St James. It was written within

OUR LITURGY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

Refrain

Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav - ior Word of the Fa - ther,
 call - ing us to life; Son of God who leads us to
 free - dom: glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Verses

1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness; You are the
2. You are the one whom proph-ets hoped and longed for; You are the
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants; You are the
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us; You are the

Word who leads us in - to light; You are the Word who
 one who speaks to us to - day; You are the one who
 Word whose on - ly law is love; You are the Word - made -
 Word who calls us to be one; You are the Word who

D.C.

brings us through the des - ert: Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
 leads us to our fu - ture: Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
 flesh who lives a - mong us: Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
 teach - es us for - give - ness: Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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PENITENTIAL RITE

All: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *All:* Chri - ste e - le - i - son.
All: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

"Mass of Light"
David Haas, 1987

GLORY TO GOD

2

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

10 will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy

14 you. We give you thanks for your great glor - ry, Lord God,

18 hea - ven - ly King, O God al - migh - ty Fa - ther.

22 Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly be - got - ten Son,

26 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you

30 take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on

34 us. You take a - way the sins of the world, re -

39 ceive our prayer; You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

45 Fath - er, have mer - cy on us. **3**

49 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

53 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

57 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

61 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A men.

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM LORD YOU HAVE THE WORDS

Flowing ♩ = 69
Refrain

mp *To verses* *

Lord, you have the words of ev-er-last-ing life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The Lord's rule is to be trusted, the simple find wisdom.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever;
the decrees of the Lord are true, all of them just.

They are worth more than gold, than the finest gold,
sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL

Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil 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.

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 sing:

HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

7 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who

13 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Jubilation Mass
Save us, Sav - our of the world, for by your cross and res - ur - rec - tion
You have set us free. You have set us free.

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.**

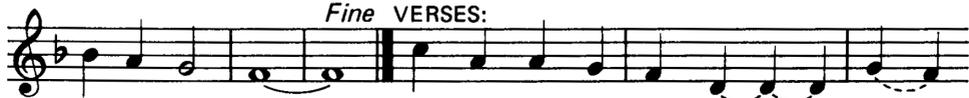
LAMB OF GOD

Randall DeBruyn
Mass of the Resurrection
1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
2. Ris - en Lord, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
3. Gift of Love, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
4. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

David Haas



Je - sus, come to_ us, lead us to your light. Je - sus, be with_ us,



for we need you. — 1. Lord, we come be- fore you, — lis - ten
2. Lord, we come to praise you for your faith-ful-
3. Lord, you give us won - ders, — your glo -



to Refrain

1. to our prayer. Fill us all with hope, and your love. —
2. ness through night. You will be with us, this we know. —
3. ry to all. We be- lieve in you, come to us. —

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living memory of the Sermon on the Mount and is astonishing in recalling this passage almost verbatim, urging it on to a new generation of disciples.

St James, a relative of Our Lord and leader of the Church in Jerusalem, writes, 'Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no so that you may not fall under condemnation.' (James 5:12-13)

The Church needs to put itself under the authority of the Sermon on the Mount, or rather under the authority of the Divine Teacher. Then perhaps it will find itself able to teach the rest of the Sermon with greater credibility, a greater chance of being heard.

The Church needs to hear for itself the final great imperative in this Gospel: 'Teach them to keep all that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:20)

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Text: Micah 6:8

VERSES



1. Come!	Live in the light!	_____	Shine with the
2. Come!	O - pen your heart!	_____	Show your _____
3. Sing!	Sing _____ a new song!	_____	Sing of that



joy and the love of the	Lord! We are called _____	to be light for the
mer - cy to all those in	fear! We are called _____	to be hope for the
great day when all will be	one! God will reign, _____	and we'll walk with each



king - dom,	to live in the free - dom	of the cit - y	of God!
hope - less	so all ha - tred and blind - ness	will be	no more!
oth - er	as sis - ters and broth - ers	u - ni - ted	in love!

REFRAIN



_____ We are called _____ to act _____ with jus - tice, _____ we are called _____ to



love ten - der - ly, _____ we are called _____ to serve one _____ an - oth - er; _____



_____ to walk _____ hum - bly with God! _____

**THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF PORT MELBOURNE AND MIDDLE PARK
IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE AND NURTURING CULTURE
FOR ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR PARISH.**