

# 2017 program

*What cannot be done all at once  
can be done little by little.*  
St Teresa of Ávila

## FEBRUARY

### Weekly

Meditation: Thursdays 7.00 – 7.45pm MR  
Lectio Divina: Fridays 9.30 – 10.30am OLMC

14 Tue **Not in God's Name**  
with Hugh Brown, OCarm  
7.00 – 9.00pm OCP

21 Tue **Rowan Williams**  
Spiritual Reading Group  
with Philip Harvey  
4.30 – 6.00pm CL

28 Tue **The Gospel of Matthew**  
with Brendan Byrne, SJ  
7.00 – 9.00pm OCP

### Lectio Divina

 Each Friday at 9.30am in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Middle Park, David Hofman OCarm leads a group in understanding and praying the scriptures using the practice of *lectio divina* or divine reading.

This ancient Christian practice is used by Carmelites around the world in building communities of prayer and contemplation.

Join this group in a quiet oasis of prayer. You are welcome to attend regularly or when you can.

## MARCH

### Weekly

Meditation: Thursdays 7.00 – 7.45pm MR  
Lectio Divina: Fridays 9.30 – 10.30am OLMC

2 Thu **Introduction to Meditation**  
with Peter Thomas  
6.30 – 8.00pm MR

4 Sat  **Opening of Lenten Retreat Program**  
with Matthew McPhee, OCarm  
10.00am – 3.00pm OCP  
[Program includes weekly gatherings until closing evening on Wed 12 April.]

14 Tues **Eco Spiritual Reading Circle**  
with Anne Boyd, csb  
5.00 – 6.30pm OCP

15 Wed **The Spirituality and Culture of East Timor**  
with Mayra Walsh and Januario Pinto  
7.00 – 9.00pm OCP

21 Tue **Dame Julian of Norwich**  
Spiritual Reading Group  
with Hugh Morrison  
4.30 – 6.00pm CL

28 Tue **Dreaming of the Beloved:  
Heloise in Literature**  
Library Lecture 1  
with Constant and Maryna Mews  
7.00 – 9.00pm OCP

## APRIL

### Weekly

Meditation: Thursdays 7.00 – 7.45pm MR  
Lectio Divina: Fridays 9.30 – 10.30am OLMC

Join us at St Joseph's Church, Port Melbourne or Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (OLMC), Middle Park for the Easter Ceremonies.  
Times & details at: [www.sj-mc.org.au](http://www.sj-mc.org.au)

11 Tue **Eco Spiritual Reading Circle**  
with Anne Boyd, csb  
5.00 – 6.30pm OCP

12 Wed  **Closing of Lenten Retreat Program**  
with Matthew McPhee, OCarm  
7.00 – 9.00pm OCP

18 Tue **Saint Catherine of Siena**  
Spiritual Reading Group  
with Ann Rochford  
4.30 – 6.00pm CL

29 Sat **Signs, Symbols and the Sacred**  
Retreat with Pia Pagotto  
10.00am – 3.00pm OCP

### NEW in 2017

 **Carmelite Spiritual Learning Circle:  
a reflective and experiential group**

Thursdays 3pm to 4.30pm in the Carmelite library.  
Dates will be progressively available on the website.

## MAY

### Weekly

Meditation: Thursdays 7.00 – 7.45pm MR  
Lectio Divina: Fridays 9.30 – 10.30am OLMC

2 Tue  **Saint Mary Magdalene de Pazzi**  
Carmelite Conversations  
with Sisters from Kew Carmel  
10.00am – noon OCP

4 Thu **Introduction to Meditation**  
with Peter Thomas  
6.30 – 8.00pm MR

9 Tue **Eco Spiritual Reading Circle**  
with Anne Boyd, csb  
5.00 – 6.30pm OCP

16 Tue **Mary Oliver**  
Spiritual Reading Group  
with Donna Ward  
4.30 – 6.00pm CL

25 Thu  **The Once and Future Reformation:  
The Way of the Spirit, a Symposium**  
See below for more details

27 Sat  **The Way of the Spirit: Personal Experience**  
A retreat session with Bernadette Micallef  
10.00am – noon OCP

## JUNE

### Weekly

Meditation: Thursdays 7.00 – 7.45pm MR  
Lectio Divina: Fridays 9.30 – 10.30am OLMC

6 Tue **Practising lectio divina:  
some very personal suggestions**  
Library Lecture 2  
with Gerald O'Collins, SJ  
7.00 – 9.00pm OCP

13 Tue **Eco Spiritual Reading Circle**  
with Anne Boyd, csb  
5.00 – 6.30pm OCP

20 Tues **Shinto**  
Spiritual Reading Group  
with Jenny Raper  
4.30 – 6.00pm CL

24 Sat **Mid-Winter Taizé Retreat**  
Retreat with the Melbourne Taizé Group  
10.00am – 3.00pm SJ

27 Tues  **East Timor Friendship Evening**  
with OCarm Friars and Students  
7.00 – 9.00pm OCP

## JULY

### Weekly

Meditation: Thursdays 7.00 – 7.45pm MR  
Lectio Divina: Fridays 9.30 – 10.30am OLMC

6 Thu **Introduction to Meditation**  
with Peter Thomas  
6.30 – 8.00pm MR

11 Tue **Eco Spiritual Reading Circle**  
with Anne Boyd, csb  
5.00 – 6.30pm OCP

16 Sun  **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
celebrated with our annual Mothers' Mass  
10.30am OLMC

18 Tue **Mary Magdalene**  
Spiritual Reading Group  
with Irina Kuzminsky  
4.30 – 6.00pm CL

22 Sat **A Festival of Spiritual Films**  
with Peter Thomas  
9.30am – 4.30pm OCP

## THE ONCE & FUTURE REFORMATION

**The Way of the Spirit, a Symposium**  
Thursday 25 to Saturday 27 May

This year is the 500th anniversary of the start of the European Reformation. Matthew's Gospel speaks of how "a teacher brings forth out of his treasure things new and old." Our Symposium is an opportunity to talk about the current need for renewal and reformation today, in the churches and in the world. The spiritual life is about both individuals and community. It is necessarily at the centre of such change and is the main subject of the papers. The Centre's own purpose, to facilitate spiritual journeys, informs the event.

Our Symposium will be diverse, ecumenical, and imaginative. Join us for three days of lectures, reflections and discussion on ways of learning from the past, of living in the present, of looking to the future.

## CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY

 Events in our program focusing on Carmelite Spirituality are accompanied by this logo.

In addition you can request your own qualified and experienced facilitators to provide workshops and retreats for your parish, school or organisation. Topics include Carmelite Spirituality, Prayer, Liturgy, Meditation, and iGod (technology for the spiritual journey).

Contact us [info@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org](mailto:info@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org)

## AUGUST

### Weekly

Meditation: Thursdays 7.00 – 7.45pm MR  
Lectio Divina: Fridays 9.30 – 10.30am OLMC

1 Tue **Julian of Norwich: And all manner of things shall be well?**  
*Library Lecture 3*  
with Anne Hunt  
7.00 – 9.00pm OCP

8 Tue **Eco Spiritual Reading Circle**  
with Anne Boyd, *csb*  
5.00 – 6.30pm OCP

12 Sat **Introducing Edith Stein**  
*Retreat with Sisters from Kew Carmel*  
10.00am – 3.00pm OCP

15 Tue **Annie Dillard**  
*Spiritual Reading Group*  
with Carol O'Connor  
4.30 – 6.00pm CL

22 Tue **Mary in the Christian and Muslim traditions**  
*Carmelite Conversations*  
with Cheryl Camp, *rsm*  
& David Hofman, *OCarm*  
10.00am – noon OCP

## SEPTEMBER

### Weekly

Meditation: Thursdays 7.00 – 7.45pm MR  
Lectio Divina: Fridays 9.30 – 10.30am OLMC

6 Wed **The 2017 Carmelite Way Pilgrimage Information Evening**  
with The Carmelite Centre Team  
6.30 – 8.00pm OCP

7 Thu **Introduction to Meditation**  
with Peter Thomas  
6.30 – 8.00pm MR

9 Sat **The call to become a beloved disciple**  
*(Gospel of John)*  
Retreat with Helen Duffy, *rsm*  
10.00am – 3.00pm OCP

12 Tue **Eco Spiritual Reading Circle**  
with Anne Boyd, *csb*  
5.00 – 6.30pm OCP

19 Tue **Charles Wesley**  
*Spiritual Reading Group*  
with Susan Southall  
4.30 – 6.00pm CL

## OCTOBER

### Weekly

Meditation: Thursdays 7.00 – 7.45pm MR  
Lectio Divina: Fridays 9.30 – 10.30am OLMC

10 Tue **Eco Spiritual Reading Circle**  
with Anne Boyd, *csb*  
5.00 – 6.30pm OCP

14 Sat **Exploring Teresa's Mansions**  
*Retreat with Adrian Jones*  
10.00am – 3.00pm OCP

17 Tue **Stevie Smith**  
*Spiritual Reading Group*  
with Talitha Fraser  
4.30 – 6.00pm CL

24 Tue **On Contemporary Spirituality**  
*Library Lecture 4*  
with Marian de Souza  
7.00 – 9.00pm OCP

### KEY to Venues

CL	Carmelite Library
MR	Malone Room
OCP	O'Connor/Pilkington Rooms
OLMC	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
SJ	St Joseph's Church, Port Melbourne

### Life Conversations

Spiritual Direction is available through conversations about your life in the light of your faith or values. Such one-on-one conversations support those on the spiritual journey.

*Recognising the Holy Spirit is the true Director, through conversation we listen together and hear how God's Spirit is at work in you and inviting a response.*

### The Carmelite Way Pilgrimage

The Eighth Annual Carmelite Way Pilgrimage  
Friday 10 – Sunday 12 November 2017.

The Carmelites will lead pilgrims in prayer and reflection during the walk along the Yarra Valley Rail Trail. The evenings during the pilgrimage include a presentation on the Carmelite tradition and other reflective topics.

### Spiritual Learning Circle

A new reflective and experiential group meets regularly to deepen spirituality by exploring Christian topics such as compassion, forgiveness, hope, atonement and others as they emerge.

These sessions aim to connect the thinking and talking with daily living – bringing head and heart together and enhancing Christian living.

## NOVEMBER

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2 Thu **Introduction to Meditation**  
with Peter Thomas  
6.30 – 8.00pm MR

5 Sun **Commissioning Liturgy for Pilgrims**  
10.30am OLMC

10 Fri **The Carmelite Way Pilgrimage begins**  
8.00am OLMC  
(See more details below September panel.)

14 Tue **Eco Spiritual Reading Circle**  
with Anne Boyd, *csb*  
5.00 – 6.30pm OCP

21 Tue **Saint Ephraim the Syrian**  
*Spiritual Reading Group*  
with Bata Bardak  
4.30 – 6.00pm CL

## DECEMBER

### Weekly

Meditation: Thursdays 7.00 – 7.45pm MR  
Lectio Divina: Fridays 9.30 – 10.30am OLMC

2 Sat **Journey to Christmas in the Advent Gospels**  
Retreat with David Hofman, *OCarm*  
10.00am – 3.00pm OCP

12 Tue **Saint John of the Cross**  
*Carmelite Conversations*  
with Michael Brundell, *OCarm*  
11.00am – noon CL

All are welcome to join the community of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Middle Park, or St Joseph's Port Melbourne for Christmas services. See website for details in December.

## THE CARMELITE

### CENTRE MELBOURNE

is a joint ministry of the Carmelites of Australia & East Timor and the Carmelite Parish of Port Melbourne/Middle Park.

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By tram

No. 12 from Collins Street to stop 135  
(Richardson Street)

No. 96 from Bourke Street to stop 129  
(MSAC / Wright Street)

By car

Melways Reference: 2K C10

The Carmelite Centre program is designed around three threads which reflect the Carmelite Way:

Stillness & Silence  
gives us the reflective space  
from which we can act.

Express & Explore  
allows us to meet others with whom we can  
think and talk about the Carmelite Way.

Embrace & Act  
allows us to bring contemplation into  
every aspect of our lives.

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