

Infant Jesus Parish

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6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

29 May 2011

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 151:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.
or

(R.) Alleluia

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.
(R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with

courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved
by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate. The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them.

Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Speak out with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth: The Lord has set his people free, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord.

The Father will send you the Holy Spirit, to be with you for ever, alleluia

Dear Parishioners,

The Sacramental Programme is in full swing here in the parish, with the Eucharist Parent meeting having been held last Monday evening and the Confirmation enrolment Masses coming up on the 11th/12th June. It is encouraging to see so many families supporting their children as they prepare for these important celebrations and I also commend Mrs. Sue Goodwin and the catechists and school staff for their commitment to the parish programme. I ask you all to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Today you will be asked to answer a short questionnaire which will assist in the building of the revamped parish website. We hope to make it a website which will be accessible and useful, so I value your contribution today.

- Fr. Sunny



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We will commence our parish programme for 2011 on Tuesday 21 June at 7.30pm. Currently we have three young adults enrolled, who are candidates for confirmation, and one adult for baptism. If you know of anyone who wishes to be baptised or confirmed in the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Sunny as soon as possible.



The Feast of the Visitation Tuesday 31st May

This is a fairly late feast, going back only to the 13th or 14th century. It was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969 in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25) and precede the Nativity of John the Baptist (June 24).

Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and his saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with

joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages.

It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist's account of this meeting. Rather, Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet's rendition of the scene. Elizabeth's praise of Mary as "the mother of my Lord" can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words.

Then comes the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). Here Mary herself (like the Church) traces all her greatness to God.

One of the invocations in Mary's litany is "Ark of the Covenant." Like the Ark of the Covenant of old, Mary brings God's presence into the lives of other people. As David danced before the Ark, John the Baptist leaps for joy. As the Ark helped to unite the 12 tribes of Israel by being placed in David's capital, so Mary has the power to unite all Christians in her Son.

"Moved by charity, therefore, Mary goes to the house of her kinswoman.... While every word of Elizabeth's is filled with meaning, her final words would seem to have a fundamental importance: 'And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what had been spoken to her from the Lord' (Luke 1:45). These words can be linked with the title 'full of grace' of the angel's greeting. Both of these texts reveal an essential Mariological content, namely the truth about Mary, who has become really present in the mystery of Christ precisely because she 'has believed.' The fullness of grace announced by the angel means the gift of God himself. Mary's faith, proclaimed by Elizabeth at the visitation, indicates how the Virgin of Nazareth responded to this gift"

(Pope John Paul II, The Mother of the Redeemer, 12).

CARMELITE CONVERSATIONS

An Invitation to join in the conversation....

With the support of the Australian Carmelite Community and Fr. Greg Homeming, our parish is excited to invite parishioners to join a pilot program of "Carmelite Conversations".

Carmelite Conversations is a process of reflection, conversation, prayer and discernment which is designed to provide a context for individuals and communities to focus on the journey of faith from a Carmelite perspective.

If you are interested, an information evening will be held on **Wednesday 15th June at 7.30pm** in the parish library, where a full explanation of what it means to participate in the "Conversations" will be given.

Please ring the Parish Office on 92768500 to register your interest in attending the information evening.



Important
DATE!

To Do:

Our Parish Events

Don't
Forget!

Reminder!



POSTCARDS AVAILABLE

In response to many requests, we have had some postcards made

up of the statue of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel which is in our church. They are available from the piety stall or the Parish Office at a cost of 80c each. Also available are blank greeting cards with the photo of Our Lady on the front for \$1.20 and postcards of our church for 50c each.



Personal Advocacy

A way for people with intellectual disabilities to contribute to the life of our church.

There are a few spaces for volunteers in the groups that meet in the old St Jude's 28 Holdhurst Way Morley.

With support you would be invited to develop a relationship with a person who has intellectual disability. It is through this relationship, on a journey of faith, we discover God at work in our lives. No experience is necessary, as training is given.

You will gain more than you give!

Please contact Jocelyn to explore further jocelyn@paswa.org.au or Ph 9275 5388



CONFIRMATION 2011

ENROLMENT MASSES

Sat 11 June at 6.30pm OR
Sun 12 June at 9.30am
OR Sun 12 June at 6pm

Parents who wish their children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at this Parish are advised that they **must attend** one of the above Masses. On arrival at Church, please register your child's name on the list in the foyer. During mass, children will be called forward by the Priest to receive a blessing and their enrolment pack.

- Sue Goodwin,
Sacramental Co-ordinator



FIRST COMMUNION 2011

Parents of children receiving their First Communion in June are reminded that they must attend the Parent &

Child workshop on Monday 13 June at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

Please remind your child to bring their pencil case with them and arrive a few minutes early.

- Sue Goodwin,
Sacramental Co-ordinator

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

1. A parish fundraising team has been formed and currently working on ways to raise a set figure of additional revenue per annum. A fundraising concert has been organised in the church on Sunday 31 July at 2pm.
2. The Easter Triduum celebrations were well received, with thanks owed to liturgists, volunteers, and various ministries for their contributions this year.
3. In response to concerns about the way the Archbishop's retirement was announced, it was agreed that the Record is the official source of information for the Archdiocese and correct procedure had been followed.

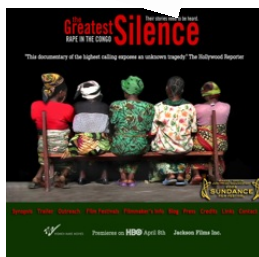
Welcome!

We are so happy to announce the baptism of the following small ones: Lucas Kenny Wise, Tarlee Kaye Chad, Carys Hope Stoneman, Leah Grace Francisco, Eli Kenneth Busby, Olivia Lily Krans, Isabella Sciorsci and Eva Grace Autunno. Please pray for these children.



THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT

Last weekend's Chaplaincy Appeal resulted in the excellent total of \$2,426.10. Thank you for your generous support, through prayer and donations, of our chaplains in government schools.



THE GREATEST SILENCE

Another opportunity to view this powerful film.

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, 175 Corfield Street, Gosnells. **Thursday 2nd June 2011**
7.15 pm for prompt 7.30 pm start.

Caritas Australia and Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish invite you to be a Voice for women in the Congo, get informed and take action. Please join us for the screening of "The Greatest Silence", a powerful documentary by Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Lisa Jackson.

The film sensitively yet unflinchingly looks at the plight of women and girls caught in the country's intractable conflicts. Suitable for 16 years and over. Entry by donation - Light refreshments provided. RSVP by 31st May to secretary@gosnellsparish.org.au

MINISTRY NOTICES



INFANT JESUS PLAYGROUP

The parish playgroup meets each Tuesday at 9.30am until 11.15am in the parish hall. We are looking for new members, so if you have babies or pre-schoolers and wish to make new friends, then please come along. For more information, please phone the Parish Office on 9276 8500.

BEGINNING THEOLOGY GROUPS AT MORLEY

After the information evening last Tuesday, enough people have shown interest for a couple of groups to commence. Sr. Philomena will hold the first group meeting to commence module 1 on **WED 18 MAY AT 7.30pm**. Another group will begin on **MON 30 MAY AT 2PM**. All are welcome. Please contact the office if you are interested on 9276 8500

PILGRIM STATUE:

This week in the home of:
Mr. & Mrs. V. Raphael,
24 Dormans Road,
Morley. Phone: 92769572



THANKS SO MUCH!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the kind parishioners who took time out of their busy lives to call me and give me contact numbers, etc, for my daughter Chantelle to find accommodation in University of Tasmania, Hobart. Like a miracle, we got a call a few days before we left in February for Hobart, and she was offered a room in the Catholic College—just what we wanted! Thanks once again, Beverly Ferreira.

Around the Archdiocese



COURSE INFORMATION EVENINGS

30th May and 28th June

The Notre Dame events schedule commences with the Course Information Evenings. These evenings are designed to provide an ideal opportunity for prospective students to speak with University staff personally as well as gather detailed information on courses, alternative entry and admission into Notre Dame. Both evenings will offer presentations for each of the course areas and an expo covering each course.

Course Information Evening 1: Monday, 30th May, Expo starts at 5.30pm followed by presentations at 6.15pm. Tannock Hall of Education Cnr Croke and Cliff Streets, Fremantle.

Course Information Evening 2: Tuesday, 28th June, Expo starts at 5.30pm followed by presentations at 6.15pm. Tannock Hall of Education Cnr Croke and Cliff Streets, Fremantle.

the Prospective Students Office on 9433 0533 or via email at future@nd.edu.au.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Robert Clafferty, Orante Tognari;

Anniversaries: Shehan Solomonz, John Williams, Jack Smith, Subash Fernando, Bert Strijk, Pierre Dupont, Rene Gaudet, Paul Slyth and family;

Deceased: Paul Dunnung, Peter Loo, Mabel Beale

The Sick of the Parish: Patrick Pow and all who are in continuing ill health.

*"Blessed be God, Who did not reject
my prayer nor withhold His love from me."*

Calendar of Saints

31 May: THE VISITATION - FEAST

1 June: St. Justin (165AD), Martyr

2 June: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter (304AD), Martyrs

3 June: Charles Llwanga and Companions (1886AD), Martyrs

4 June: St. Francis Caracciolo (1608AD), priest



Around the Archdiocese

St Michael's School (Bassendean) P&F Quiz Night

[Friday 17th June](#) commencing [at 7pm](#)

Venue: Chisholm College Rec Centre (cnr May and Beaufort St, Bedford). Please come and join us for fabulous night of trivia, raffles, games and auctions. Tables of 8 preferable. Enq: Pre-booking required please contact Grazia Redolatti on [0402853999](tel:0402853999) or email klcinc@bigpond.com
All proceeds toward development of our school playground

MALTESE MASS

Fr Marcellinus OFM celebrates Mass in Maltese at the Maltese Club in Bassendean on the 1st Sunday of each month. The next Masses are on **Sun 5th June** and **Sun 3rd July at 10.30am**. As usual, there will be Rosary and Confessions before Mass and lunch will be available after Mass.

PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE

Prayer, song and silence – in candle light – the symbol of Christ the light of the world

OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH CHURCH

3 Kitchener St., North Beach

Contact 9448 4457 or 9448 4888

Next service – Thursday 2nd June 7.30 – 8.30pm (1st Thursday of the month)

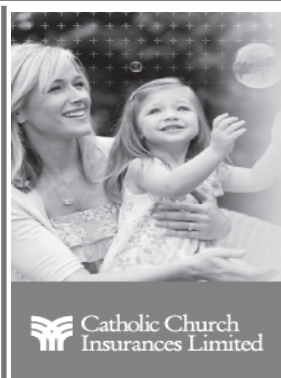
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www.taize.fr

Pilgrimage....

**Departing Perth on 5 October 2011 and
returning to Perth midnight 19 October 2011
or early hours 20th October 2011.**

3 nights Rome, visit Lanciano, 2 nights San Giovanni Rotondo (Padro Pio) and 7 nights Medjugorje. Flying Emirates cost \$3,990 including all flights, taxes, fuel levies, bed, breakfast and evening meals. Spiritual Director and Guides. Contact Eileen on 94022480



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OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.30pm

Sunday Masses: 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)

Reconciliation: Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

OUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:

Wednesday 7.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm