Dear Parishioners,

Today's readings are very pertinent to us, with our parish First Communion celebrations coming up on the 15/16 June. In the Gospel reading today, we see that everyone is welcome to come and eat with Jesus and that with Him there will always be enough to feed even the largest crowd.

Last year we took the decision to move away from holding separate Masses for First Communion and to bring it back into the usual Sunday Masses, a move which was generally very well received. This may mean the Masses are a little more crowded, but there will be room enough for everyone. Also, as in the Gospel today, the children will lead us in sharing our Eucharistic meal. The children and their families will be where they belong; in the heart of our community. I do look forward to seeing the children's smiling faces and welcoming them and their families. I hope that you will join them on their special day and in the meantime, please pray for them and their parents, that they may have a very personal and lasting experience of the Risen Christ during this special celebration. - Fr. Sunny

THE GOSPEL TODAY SUGGESTS THREE THINGS:

1. What you need is already there

Many of us think like Philip did in the Gospel when we are confronted with a challenge. Philip commented that, "Two hundred days" wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." Like Philip, we think of the costs, the time, the effort, and how even after all of that, it still may not be enough. We forget that so much of what we need we already have; within ourselves and within our community. God blesses each person with a set of unique gifts and talents that when brought together, when multiplied, can work miracles. We count the monetary costs and forget that the greatest treasures are the people who surround us. Each of us is called to give a small piece of ourselves to God and to our neighbour and trust that when all of those small pieces are brought together, God will make it enough to meet the needs in our lives and in our world. Just as Jesus multiplied the 5 loaves and 2 fishes that were offered to Him by a child, our small prayers, our small offerings are small beginnings that can lead to lasting changes.

2. The power of prayer

Jesus takes the loaves and fishes, gives thanks, and distributes them to those present. Similarly, we are called to take what we have, give thanks, and offer to God to use for the benefit of those around us. Just as Jesus' prayer multiplied the loaves and fishes, prayer multiplies our efforts and transforms us. In turn, God uses us to transform the world. We first need to make ourselves present to God to understand who we are called to be and to be filled with God's love and grace.

3. Openness to God and to ourselves

For me, one of the most beautiful parts of this gospel is that Jesus takes the simple, small offering from a boy and multiplies it to feed thousands. The openness and willingness of the boy to share what he had gives us a powerful example that we are called to live out in our own lives. All too often we think that the little we have or the imperfect people we are is not enough. But nothing is impossible for God; nothing is too small, too imperfect, nothing is beyond hope, nothing is beyond the realm of possibilities in God's plan. All God asks, is that we be open, that we give freely and humbly, and that we see the pressing needs of our world and offer to God the little we have and trust that He will multiply it infinitely. So today, let us open our eyes, open our hearts to the need that surrounds us and prayerfully turn to God to take what we have to offer and multiply it for the good of our world.

- Jean Baumgardner http:/thepassionists.org/reflections/loaves-and-fishes/

New Planned Giving Cycle...

TODAY sees the commencement of the campaign for the new three year Planned Giving cycle, which will commence on the first weekend of July. We will be requesting that all current contributors complete a new pledge card for the new cycle. As you leave Mass, please take one of the leaflets which will be handed out and read it during the week. With the leaflet you will receive a pledge card. Please fill this out even if you are already part of the Planned Giving Programme. Bring it with you to

Mass next week, when it will be collected from you.

Any queries may be directed to Bob Collopy on 9276 2958.

ALL PARISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE...... FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 15th and 16th JUNE

The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated at Infant Jesus Parish in two weeks time at the following weekend Masses:



Saturday 15th June at 6.30pm Vigil (34 First Communicants) Sunday 16th June at 9.30am (20 First Communicants) Sunday 16th June at 6.00pm (20 First Communicants)

Please expect larger congregations than normal at these Masses. The 9.30am Mass is also a Personal Advocacy Mass, which means the church will be especially full.



VALE, NICK D'AMICO

The members of the Columbarium Committee could not let this week go by without acknowledging the wonderful contribution made by Nick during the 5 years of planning and building of our beautiful columbarium, alongside the church. As one of our members, he was constantly "on call" with advice and suggestions for improvement of so many items which we had to deal with, taking total

responsibility for earth works, paving, bricklaying and the planning and building of the marvellous portico into the rear of the church.

The completed area is a testimony to his infinite ability in so many trades, his unfailing generosity and his attention to the smallest detail.

Our sincere condolences go to Bernadette and her family. We can only imagine their current grief, but Nick will be remembered in the Infant Jesus parish with tremendous respect and admiration, for ever more.



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PROJECT COMPASSION-THANK YOU!

Thanks are extended to everyone at Morley who contributed to the wonderful total of \$15,036.50

raised so far this year in our parish.



No More Stamps Please..... Unfortunately after many years of voluntary service our parishioner is moving away from the parish and will

no longer be able to collect stamps. This means we can no longer offer this collection service so please do not leave any more stamps in the church foyer. Thank you to everyone who has contributed .

mission Thank you so much for your donation to Catholic Mission's Propagation of the Faith Appeal last week-end. On this Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ we recognize that Jesus' miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is performed everyday in missionary parishes throughout the developing world. With very limited resources, our Catholic missionaries are able to provide for the multitudes of vulnerable children from poor and marginalized communities around the world. Your generous support and prayers connects you with this daily miracle. Should you be interested and inspired to do more by helping to promote the work of Catholic Mission then feel free to contact Francis on 9422 7933, or email him at cm@perthcatholic.org.au to arrange for a meeting to discuss the possibilities.



<u>Our Parish Events</u>



Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Nick D'Amico, Leslie Patterson, Victoriano Romero, Antonio Marchesani;

Anniversaries: Anne Wong, Laurenco Martins, Walter Gonsalves, Francesca Di Rosso, Alfredo De Filippi;

Deseased: Kay Falla, Paul Dunning;

The Sick of the Parish: Nola & Stephen Leckie, Mary Tomich, Linda Gair, Joan Galin, Tracey Demasson all who are in need of our prayers.

"Concealed beneath the two-fold sign, Meet symbols of the gifts divine, There lie the mysteries adored..."

TEACHERS PARENTS AND FRIENDS MISSION OUTREACH AND SOCIAL CLUB

MISSION PARTNERS MORLEY have expanded the above outreach to include parents and friends, inviting them to donate their time and organising skills in three areas: -

SOCIAL - morning teas, bus outings etc...

SPIRITUAL - monthly meeting to include prayer and a short bible reflection session FUNDRAISING - Green Fingers Plant Stall, Parish Concert etc...

Plans to build a REFUGE for INDIAN WOMEN in Attoor, Kanyakumari Southern India are presently on the drawing board and a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to become involved Mission Partner Envelopes are available on the right-hand side wall of the church porch and can be placed in weekend mass collection bags.



The **MAKE READING FUN** program (covering primary level speed reading, writing, word building, spelling, comprehension and grammar) will begin shortly in the Joseph Room of the Parish Centre. Placement tests began on Saturday morning 25th May at 10.00am for interested families. Bookings essential. One more teacher and teacher-aide required - moderate remuneration offered depending on class size.

Enquiries. margaretbox7@icloud.com or Phone: 9272 8263



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT MASSES

All parents who wish to enrol their child for Confirmation at Infant Jesus Church this year please mark your diary to attend <u>ONE</u> of these enrolment Masses:-

> Sat 8 June at 6.30pm <u>OR</u> Sun 9 June at 9.30am <u>OR</u> Sun 9 June at 6.00pm



in the Parish Piety Stall.....

We now have a selection of gifts and cards available for First Communion and Confirmation.

PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home

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This week in the home of Mr & Mrs V. Raphael. 24 Dormans Road, Morley. Tel: 9276 9572

Calendar of Saints

3 June: Sts. Charles Lwanga & Co	mpanions,
Martyrs (1886AD)	
5 June: St. Boniface, Monk (754A	
6 June: St. Norbert, Founder (113	4AD)
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I 8 JUNE: IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	



Rental Property — **Help Needed** One of our parishioners, a mature single

gentleman of modest means, has just been advised that he needs to quit his rental home, as the property is to be sold.

He is in need of a small 3 bed home in the area at a reasonable and just rent. If you can help, please contact Angela at the Parish Office on 9276 8500.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea THIS WEEKEND



Infant Jesus Parish Hall Sunday, 2nd June 2013 10.30am - 2pm

There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks, tea and coffee, and sweets to purchase. Amazing raffle draw prizes.

All proceeds will go directly to the Cancer Council.

We encourage you to come along to the CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE, BEDFORD PARENTS' SUNDOWNER

Friday 7th June at 7.00pm Following the success of the St Patrick's BBQ, our Parent Group are hosting another social evening event for parents. *All are welcome*.

Please come along and meet other parents or organise to come with a group.

There will be attractive Raffle prizes on the day. Further details can be obtained from Mrs Grace Monterosso: email <u>fromthecaketin@bigpond.com</u>

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 honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 7.15pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm

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