

Dear Parishioners,

At the recent Annual Community Meeting I spoke of my hope to establish the Alpha program in the parish. Alpha began at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Brompton (London). Here is a description of what it is all about:

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, usually run over eleven weeks, by lay leaders on behalf of the parish. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

Offering a meal or snack is an essential part of Alpha; eating food together is great for building community. Most sessions start with food and a chance to get to know each other. After the meal, a short talk is given – either live or played as a video. The talks, which explore the big issues around faith, are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Then small groups provide the opportunity to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and to build trust and friendship. The role of the host (leader) is to facilitate discussion, inviting guests to share openly and honestly, without any criticism or judgment. The groups often develop into small Christian communities within the parish.

Alpha is a parish tool for evangelisation based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation. The same Alpha content is run all over the world, by Christians of all traditions, and provides a common expression of proclamation, service and witness. Millions of people have tried Alpha all around the world in 112 languages. Alpha is a tool to introduce people to an initial proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ – the *kerygma*. As Pope Francis says, 'Nothing is more solid, profound, secure, meaningful and wisdom-filled than that initial proclamation.' (EG, 165).

Alpha takes people on a journey, often leading to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It enables people to ask their questions, share ideas, build friendships and experience the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. Alpha is for everyone: all backgrounds, all contexts, all ages. Alpha is particularly attracting many young people who are asking the question, 'Is there more to life than this?' - *Every Blessing, Fr. Greg*



2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent

Prepare yourself for the Christmas season by joining your parish family for this communal Rite of Reconciliation as we come together to listen and reflect on the Word of God; to express our sorrow for the times we have failed and to praise our God,

whose forgiveness is unfailing.

WEDNESDAY, 13th December at 7pm
Infant Jesus Church

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday 23 December: Vigil Mass at 6.30pm – Mass of the Sunday.

Sunday 24 December: Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am & 11.30am (Italian Mass) – Mass of the Sunday.
Mass at 6.30pm – **Christmas Vigil Mass** with children's nativity story. Carols from 6.00pm.

Mass at 12.00pm – **Midnight Mass**. Carols from 11.30pm.

Monday 25 December: Christmas Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am & 11.30am (Italian Mass). Carols 30 mins before each Mass.
NO EVENING MASS.

Tuesday 26 December: Boxing Day – Mass at 8.30am.

Saturday 30 December: Vigil Mass at 6.30pm – Feast of the Holy Family.

Sunday 31 December: The Feast of the Holy Family - Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) & 6pm.
Mass at 6pm – Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Monday 1st January: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mass at 8.30am.

Tuesday 2nd January: Public Holiday. Mass at 8.30am.

Saturday 6th January: Vigil Mass – The Epiphany of the Lord.

Sunday 7th January: The Epiphany of the Lord. Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) & 6pm.



IMPORTANT NOTICE CHANGE TO MASS TIMES

Following the recent survey of Mass attendees at the Saturday Vigil Mass, I have decided to change the start time of this Mass to **6pm**. This change will start from **Saturday 13th January**.

Also, in future, when there is a **public holiday**, there will not be two morning Masses. We will have only **one morning Mass at 8.30am**.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED PARISH CENTRE CLOSED

The parish office and parish centre will be closed from **Friday 22nd December, 2017 until Monday 22nd January, 2018**.

The phone answering machine will be attended regularly, but in an emergency, please call the priory directly on 9276 8497.



Holy Hour of Grace
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of Mary
Friday, 8th December 12 Noon—1PM
IN THE PARISH HALL

All are invited to an hour of Grace in honour of this great Feast Day. Please bring a small plate for a shared lunch.

DON'T THROW THAT AWAY!

As the school year comes to a close, please remember the parish when you are cleaning up your unwanted school supplies: pens, pencils, textas and stationery are all useful. What we cannot use, we will pass on to where it is needed. 2nd-hand primary uniform items also very welcome. Please drop your donations to the parish office or into the Church foyer.

Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Fr. Henry, Victor Liew, Santo La Macchia, Giustino Di Labio;

Deceased: Hung Nguyen-Le, Andrew Fournet, Duy Tan, Yvonne Miranda;

Anniversaries: Charlie Miranda, Clementina Menini, Martin Curley, Mike Sokil, Ursula Vertannes, Sarah Anne Windsor, , Dominico Nit, Diego Morabito, Elsie Nunis, Albert Minus;

The Sick of the Parish: Tom Collins, Wayne Martino, Matilda Alessandrini, Carlos and Josef, Pietro Colli, Denise and Clem Bendotti; Priscilla Grainger, Ossie Gonsalves, Bernard Spears, Howard Tennent, Savannah Moncries, Michael Reeves, Lou Welleans and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."

St Vincent de Paul Society

The Morley/Dianella Conference will conduct its CHRISTMAS APPEAL next weekend—2/3 December—at all Masses. There will be collectors at the church entrance as well as a limited number of Envelopes in the pews. Please return the envelopes the following weekend or by post.

Once again, we thank you for your continued, generous support and may God bless you and all your loved ones this Christmas.

LETTERBOX DROP FOR CHRISTMAS

We are called to bring the "Good News" to everyone. Help invite your neighbours to our Christmas liturgies, where they will hear and experience the Good News brought to us by the birth of Christ by being part of our parish letterbox drop.

Please take some fliers and deliver them to the streets around you, cross off the streets you will deliver to from the lists in the foyer and please do not deliver to streets outside our parish boundaries (only streets in our parish are listed).

This is one easy way to be the missionary disciples we are called to be, and a good excuse to go for a walk!

ADVENT PIETY STALL THIS WEEKEND

25/26 November at all Masses

A range of Christmas gifts, advent calendars and children's books, Columban Calendars, Majellan Christmas cards and St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards, Advent reflection booklets, Lions Christmas cakes (Large \$17, small \$13) will be available in the foyer this weekend.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE Sun 22 Oct 2 - 3pm

Join us as we pray particularly, this month, for our six new young priests who were ordained last week.

We also continue to pray for all our priests and religious and those who are being called to this way of life by the Father. **All welcome.**



PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home of Cecelia Khin Si, 12/86 Railway Pde, Bayswater. Ph: 0430 148 090

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

30 Nov: St Andrew, Apostle

GROW—Mental Wellness Program Start Monday 27 November

Grow is a caring and supportive, community-based organisation that has developed a unique program for improving and maintaining mental wellbeing. The Grow program is at the heart of the organisation and is accessible through group, residential and online interactions. Grow will be running a group program at Infant Jesus's parish centre starting from Monday 27th November from 10am to 12noon. For more info, please contact 1800 558 268 or www.grow.org.au



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Last Friday at Morley we had a fantastic night consisting of fellowship, group games, sharing and discussion time and of course, don't forget food! We began with a decent amount of fellowship as we feel this is an important aspect of building community amongst our youth group. There were activities such as indoor volleyball and also an intense game of spoons happening, as well as many good conversations. We were then led into the much-loved Name Game which confused everyone and especially those that had not played it before. We had a quick sharing from youth minister Roger, who recapped on Seb's talk a couple weeks back and stressed the importance of each one of us striving to be the best person we can be. We moved into some small groups and had discussion around the masculine and feminine virtues and qualities, with each group picking three virtues or qualities and brainstorming ideas of how they could apply these in their life the following week. To top off the night we finished with a classic meal of lasagna and garlic bread!

In Our Church

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat 8.00am

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 Sundays)

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

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

Wednesday 7.00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am & 7 - 8pm

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

Our Parish Team

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