

Dear Parishioners,

Brendan Byrne, SJ, the noted Australian Scripture scholar writes: "It is generally agreed that Mark's Gospel was the first to be written. His account of Jesus' betrayal, arrest, trials, ill-treatment and public execution by a horrible and painful means is told as a simple, sparse narrative, totally devoid of sentimentality or religious emotionalism. We know that the One to whom all this is being done is the Son of God, the One whom 'even the wind and the sea obey' (4:41). We know why this is being allowed to happen: because this is the kind of 'service' that God willed the Messiah to perform: to enter into the sinfulness, pain and suffering of the world, to overcome those things from within, to give his life that the 'many' might have life (cf. 10:45; 14:24).

The way Mark tells the story sets in dramatic contrast the actions and the motives of the chief players: the priests and scribes, whose murderous plotting unleashes the whole drama; Judas, deliberately seeking an opportunity to betray; the male disciples abandoning Jesus when he needs them most; the women standing by to the end; Peter, bold in his early protestations, timid when challenged by a servant-girl; Pilate, clad with all the power of Rome, but yielding against his better judgment in the face of pressure from the mob.

In all this catalogue of human failure one figure stands out: the unnamed woman who anoints Jesus' in the last week of his life (14:3-9). As Jesus points out in the face of those who criticise her, she alone of all the disciples does understand where he is going and why – hence her costly, loving gesture.

Jesus himself shrinks from 'the cup' before him in Gethsemane. But once composed he goes through it all with calm dignity, up till the final terrible cry of abandonment just before dying on the cross (15:34). The evangelist leaves this cry hanging there, unadorned, seemingly unanswered by God.

But the moment Jesus dies, the temple curtain splits in two. God is no longer shut up in the Holy of Holies of the temple, inaccessible to all save the high priest. God is here, in this most unholy place of execution, reaching out in reconciliation to the whole world. The Gentile centurion, standing in for all of us, is the first to grasp this and make his act of faith.

Let us accompany Jesus this Holy Week on his way to the cross, that he may always accompany us on our way of service and commitment to God, to one another and to all those in need.—*Blessings, Greg*

### Invitation From Archbishop Timothy Costelloe To the Annual Chrism Mass

I invite you to attend the Chrism Mass which I will concelebrate with the Priests of the Archdiocese of Perth at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday 27 March at 7pm.

During this Mass the Holy Oils will be blessed and the oil of Chrism consecrated. The priests will also renew their Ordination commitment. The Laity are invited to renew their commitment to holiness of life and to service of the Church and society.



### MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP COSTELLOE

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I write to advise you of the outstanding result of our '2017 Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for Lifelink'. We have received and receipted donations totalling **\$645,643.20—a new record for this appeal**. Of which amount you generously gave \$10,890.65. My heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners of Infant Jesus Parish.

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes on **HOLY THURSDAY** night. Baskets will be placed in the foyer to take your boxes.

**A Just Future** starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413



### LETTERBOX DROP

There are so many invitations still left to deliver in our parish for the Easter celebrations! This has never happened before.

**Please help** by taking some leaflets to letterbox drop in your area. Remember to mark off the streets you will deliver to, so that we do not have any doubling-up. Let's reach as many homes as we can.

## EASTER AT MORLEY



### Please note:

- No morning prayer during Holy Week
- No morning Mass Holy Thursday - Holy Sat.

### EASTER TRIDUUM: *Three days, one great celebration*

**Holy Thursday:** 29<sup>th</sup> March: (no Morning Mass) Mass at 7.30pm followed by Adoration until 10pm.

**Good Friday:** 30<sup>th</sup> March: (no Mass) Stations of the Cross at 9.30am. Via Croce (Italian) at 11am. Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord at 3pm.

**Holy Saturday:** 31<sup>st</sup> March: (no Morning Mass) 7.30pm Vigil Mass (Service of Light) followed by a light supper in the parish centre. Please bring some food to share.

**Easter Sunday:** 1<sup>st</sup> April: Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) and 6pm.

### RECONCILIATION (*Confession for Easter*)

1<sup>st</sup> Rite of the Sacrament of Penance each Saturday at 10 - 11am and 5pm – 5.30pm and on Good Friday (30<sup>th</sup> March) in English and Italian immediately following the Stations of the Cross.

### HELP NEEDED ON HOLY SATURDAY

Can you help with making our Easter Vigil celebrations really special? If you are coming to the Vigil, please bring a plate to share at the celebration afterwards in the parish centre. Thanks so much.

Also, after the service, there is always a problem with wax deposits being left on the carpet. If you could spare some time to stay and help clean up so that the church is clean for our morning Masses, that would be terrific!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Parish prayer concerns

**Recently Deceased:** Tom Collins, Ignazio Borromei;

**Deceased:** Patricia Doherty, Mark Murray, Hung Nguyen-Le, Giuseppe Vincenzo, Alfredo Cuvsar, Nunziatella Borromei, and Jason Lo Chun Khing;

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Coggins, Gerald Griffin, Yvonne Miranda, Queenie Sampson, Rodney and Denzil McGuinness, Oscar Pennetta, Amalia Santarini, Pierina De Matteis, Edouard Dumas, Ida and Israel Prosper;

**The Sick of the Parish:** Noreen Riggs-Long, Corrine Grattan, Luigi Di Fava, Lucas Bendotti; Peg Brown, Bernard Spears, Denise Bendotti, Ossie Gonsalves, Trudy Berhuber and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*"The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?"*

### Sacramental Program—CONFIRMATION

Please complete and return your child's Confirmation Sponsor and Saint card by Wednesday 28 March.

#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

PARENTS NIGHT: Monday 7 May at 7.00 pm

PARENTS & CHILD NIGHT: Monday, 21 May at 7.00 pm

RETREAT, VISITATION & FINAL PRACTICE: Thursday, 7 June at 9.00 am

CONFIRMATION MASSES: Saturday, 9 June at 12.00 pm and at 3.00 pm

### HOLY HOUR FOR THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

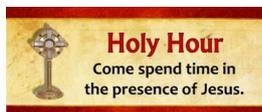
**This Sunday 25th March at 2pm**

Each month a small group of faithful people pray before the Blessed Sacrament for this intention in a very simple and powerful way.

You are invited to come and join them.

The Eucharist is central to our life. What is our future?

You can help; come to pray.



**PILGRIM STATUE:** This week in the home of Sandra Haney; 2 Richards Pl, Noranda.  
Ph: 0412 589 461



Thanks to all who responded so readily to the request for help with tiling our new kitchen sink. Our parishioner

Peter has completed the job and it looks fantastic!

### Little White Books

Little White books for Easter—short daily reflections) are available now from the piety stall and parish office. \$4.00 each.

### PLEASE BE AWARE

Catholic Church Insurance has received notification from the Police that there is currently a thief targeting churches in the metro area to steal handbags during Mass. Please be careful with your personal belonging.



### HELP NEEDED!

A married couple, long time parishioners who regularly attend Sunday morning Mass, require a lift to the church as they are no longer able to drive themselves. Anyone who lives in the Noranda/Morley area who could help is asked to contact the parish office on 9276 8500.

## In our church

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

**Morning Mass:** Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am

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

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm

**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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