

Dear Parishioners,

The abundant mercy of God is a major theme in our Christian faith. One of the features of St Luke's presentation of God's saving action is that people get a 'second chance'. An initial rejection of the message need not be final. This is made clear in our first reading today from the Acts of the Apostles. After Pentecost, the Apostles appeal to the Jewish leadership that had brought about the death of Jesus by handing him over to Pilate. We can therefore draw comfort from this regarding our own failures and sinfulness and all that we regret about our lives. So often it is only much later that we realise the full consequences of wrongdoing on our part. Nothing, however, is too great a challenge for God's power to draw such things into a wider pattern of salvation far outstripping our own understanding.

In an extraordinary move for a Pope this week Pope Francis admitted making serious mistakes during his recent visit to Chile due to a lack of truthful and balanced information. "I apologize to all those I have offended," the pope continues, adding that he plans to apologize personally to some of the survivors who gave testimony "in the coming weeks." In confessing his failure and seeking reconciliation with those hurt Francis is an example to us all.

This week Pope Francis has issued an Apostolic Exhortation on Holiness in today's world. It is worth reading, reflecting on and discussing. You can find it here: [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20180319\\_gaudete-et-exultate.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exultate.html)—*Blessings, Greg*



### HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE Sunday 22nd April 2-3pm

This year, for the first time in many years, our seminary in Guildford has no first-year candidates in the novitiate. Please join us to pray for more young men and women to answer God's continual call to service through the priesthood and religious life. We also pray for those already serving in these demanding ministries.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2018 CONFIRMATION

Please return your child's Saint and sponsor card as soon as possible.



#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Parents Night**—Monday 7 May at 7pm

**Parent and Child night**—Monday, 21 May at 7pm

**Retreat, Visitation and Final Practice**—Thursday, 7 June at 9am



### Senior Altar Ministers Training Course Saturdays 2 June, 9 June & 16 June 2018 Venue: Infant Jesus Parish Centre Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

In the absence of an Acolyte, a Senior Altar Minister does all that is required to facilitate the dignity of the celebration of the Mass under the supervision of the parish priest or chaplain. The minimum age requirement for Senior Altar Ministers is 18. Men and women can be Senior Altar Ministers.

Areas covered in the three Training Sessions: overview of what is required for the celebration of the Mass, setting the Altar, understanding the Roman Missal and understanding the Lectionary.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please call parish office on 9276 8500 or speak to Fr Greg.

### LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

Meetings for the Lectio Divina Group will re-start in the parish library after 9.00am Mass on Monday 16 April. Papers are now available in the Hospitality cupboard in the foyer of the church. Anyone interested in joining us is most welcome, just come to the parish library at the time stated above, or enquire at the parish office.

### "I came as a guest, and you received me."

One place we can and should be reminded of what true hospitality is—and given a chance to practise it—is in our parish.

Almost 1,500 years ago St. Benedict wrote in his rule for monastic life: "*Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for he is going to say, 'I came as a guest, and you received me'*" (Matt. 25:35).

Not many of us live in monasteries these days—or even visit them—but Benedict offers a one-size-fits-all directive, good for all Catholics, in all circumstances, in all walks of life—but particularly in the parish. At its root, true hospitality is a spiritual discipline that reminds us of how we ourselves have been received by Christ. Hospitality can be extended in countless ways: A smile, an introduction, an invitation are all small exercises that, as with any exercise, are building blocks to something greater. The more one practises hospitality, the better one can welcome and receive others.

For visitors and newcomers, for non-Catholics and those returning after a long absence, the people in the pews with them during Mass are not an insignificant part of their worship experience. The Catholic Church may have the Eucharist and the fullness of truth and grace, but it can be difficult to focus on those things when one feels uninvited. <http://www.uscatholic.org/hospitality>

### NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Training for new altar servers (junior) will begin soon in May. The altar server ministry is looking for dedicated children who have received their First Communion and would like to take part in the celebration of the Mass. Parents who wish to have their children trained, please call parish office on 9276 8500 to register your interest.

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes or envelopes **as soon as possible** to the collection bags or the parish office. Many thanks to all who have contributed to our Caritas collection.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Parish prayer concerns

**Recently Deceased:** Helen Wilson, Mann Sau Ng, Joan Russell, William Shying and Emma Micone;

**Deceased:** Jason Lo and Philip Chang, Beverley Silver, Lee Chwee Por and Rebecca Yapp;

**Anniversaries:** Francesca & Rocco Costa,

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

*"Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever."*



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

## CALENDAR OF SAINTS

21 April - St Anselm, bishop, doctor

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all those who give regularly to the **Planned Giving Program** of this Parish. By being part of the Planned Giving Program, especially the second collection, you allow us to make strong decisions about what we can do for our parish and our various community programs from one year to the next. The first collection, on the other hand, is for the Priests and presbytery expenses.

## YOUTH GROUP

We had a great time relating to each other, engaging in some high energy games and celebrating Stephanie's birthday. Mario, the Director of 24:7 visited us and presented a talk on the resurrection, and what its significance was to us. We were challenged to think about Jesus and what the power of his resurrection means to us.



We promoted our holiday program which includes the iStand Weekend for students in year 9-12 being held on the 20-22nd April, our Faith on Fire leadership day on the 19th April for years 10-12 students and our Laser Tag event for all youth on the 23rd of April.

### School Holiday program:

- iStand Weekend for students in year 9-12 being held on the 20-22nd April
- Faith on Fire leadership day on the 19th April for year 10-12 students
- Laser Tag for all youth on the 23rd of April
- Youth Group 13th, 20th & 27th April

For more information call Roger 0434 988 711 or Stephanie 0499 547 066.



## PLANNED GIVING SHORTFALL 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017—31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Envelope Pledges Made	\$ 118,448	<b>SHORTFALL FOR YEAR IF TREND CONTINUES:</b>
Envelope Receipts	\$ <u>111,126</u>	
<b>Current Shortfall</b>	<b>\$ 7,322</b>	<b>\$ 9,763</b>

**ARE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS UP TO DATE?** Thank you!  
Have you considered getting your pledges direct debited?  
Just set & forget! For information, please call 9276 8500 or email [accounts@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:accounts@infantjesusparish.org.au)

## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

In the footsteps of Jesus. Dep Sep 17, 2018 for 21 days visiting Petra, Jericho, Galilee and Jerusalem. Back Oct 8th. Cost @ \$5785. Twin Share. Includes Breakfast and Dinner, Airfare, Entries and Tips. Last few places remaining.  
Ring Fr John Jegorow 9249 1247. Please tell your retired parents and friends looking for the trip of a life time.

## 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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