

Dear Parishioners,

St John of the Cross

On Thursday 14 December, we had the joy of celebrating the feast of St John of the Cross (1542-1591). He was recruited by St Teresa to become the first Teresian Carmelite friar in 1568. He was a spiritual director, mystic and poet. Because of his loyalty to St Teresa he spent nine months in a monastic prison in Toledo until he escaped. His writings are masterpieces of the Spanish language. His most famous image is the 'Dark Night of the Soul'. While it sounds depressing and forbidding it speaks of how we can be freed from the idols and addictions that control our lives. When we are freed from them we discover a new vitality, freedom and joy.

Final Report of the Royal Commission

On Friday, 15 December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will complete its work. It will be up to the Federal Government when the final report is made public. However, this week the media have focused on the scandals. The damaged credibility of the Church because of child sexual abuse affects all Catholics. This is not an easy time. I think that it is a mistake to be defensive, to blame the media or cast doubt on the victims' motives. This 'dark night of the soul' is an invitation to become more the Church that the Lord calls us to be. Pope Francis (whose 81st birthday is this Sunday) inspires us by his words and actions to joy-filled, humble service of the Lord and of those who suffer.

Infant Jesus

The first title of our parish was St Paul's. Fr Hilary Doran changed it to "Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Infant, and his Virgin Mother Mary", (not the Infant Jesus of Prague). You can read the inscription, in Latin, on the 1960 corner-stone of the former parish church, now the parish centre. Fr Hilary gave the parish this title because of the devotion of Sts Teresa and John of the Cross to the Infant Jesus. Our shrine of the Infant Jesus being held by Mary with Sts Teresa and John of the Cross leading us to him illustrates our dedication. It has been understood that flowers were not to be put in front of this icon. This is a misunderstanding. So, I encourage everyone to visit the shrine and pray to the Infant Jesus, his Mother and the saints for our Church at this time. Flowers express our love and devotion. As long as they are not too big, or touch the icon, they are very suitable!

—Every Blessing, Fr. Greg

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday 23 December: Vigil Mass at 6.30pm – Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Sunday 24 December: Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am & 11.30am (Italian Mass) – Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Mass at 6.30pm – **Christmas Vigil Mass** 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 minutes 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).

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.



MAKE A STRAIGHT WAY FOR THE LORD!

(John the Baptist) was content in fulfilling his mission as the one to prepare the way for the Christ. He found his joy because he accepted his own particular call from God even though he was unworthy to undo the sandal-strap of the Messiah (John 1:27).

Joy does not come because we are doing the greatest things, or the things that bring the greatest honour. Rather, it comes because we find ourselves mysteriously caught up in the work of Christ and finding our meaning in serving him. He is the giver of all true joy.

May we—who are also chosen to prepare the way for the Messiah into our hearts this Advent—know how to find our joy in Christ. Amen.—Fr. Mark De Battista, "Chosen—Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2017"



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.**—Fr. Greg



PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS

We are always especially anxious to make everyone welcome when they come for Christmas Mass—whether they are regular worshippers or have come only because of our letterbox drop invitation. So when you come for Mass this Christmas, please put on your very warmest smile, along with your best dress or suit! Consider car-pooling or parking further away from the church (perhaps at the school) so that visitors, the elderly and the infirm are able to park without stress.



Let us be the joy we proclaim!

LAST CHANCE! 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!



Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Josefa Jimenez Lockwood, Giustino Di Labio, Vivian Ellis and Joseph Le Van Chieu;

Deceased: Tan Duy Nguyen and Beverley Silver;

Anniversaries: Ena Gonsalves, Paul Christopher Dunning, Chacko Chinnamma, Carmela Spiccia, Angelo Cristinelli, Bibiana Scully, Vincenzo and Giuseppina Caccamo, William Henry Pierce Slyth, James Coggins, George Jacob, Vittoria Pisano and Ray Durel,

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 Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!"



PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home of Mrs Clair Harris; 26 Lyndhurst Way, Dianella. Ph: 9276 9124

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.



INFANT JESUS PARISH 24:7 MORLEY YOUTH GROUP

Friday we had a fantastic night of community building with lots of fellowship time and fun activities. It was nice and warm outside but cool enough in the hall to have a big group game of volleyball. We then moved outside for a relay race of squirt gun racers, where two of our leaders with the assistance of one of our youth Raphael had set this up for us. It was so challenging because the guns were so tiny and ran out of water very quickly but was so much fun at the same time. It did not take long before a water fight broke out! We then moved back into the hall where we played a game where you had to knock down a tower of plastic cups the most times using a frisbee (made out of paper plates stuck together!) There were frisbees flying everywhere and eventually we starting getting the hang of how to throw these strange objects in the best way possible to knock down the cup towers. It was a pretty close score in the end! We then moved into the cafe area where we prayed and shared a meal together of some tasty nachos made by Youth Leader Steph! FUN | GAMES | PRIZES | FOOD | FRIENDS. Contact: Roger on 0434 988 711.

YEAR OF
YOUTH
2018

News from the Archdiocese

- 2017 Christmas Messages from The Most Rev Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB and Rev Don Sproxtton are available from the bulletin stand.
- Local news from across our parishes, agencies, schools and organisations can be delivered weekly directly to your inbox via **The eRecord**. Subscribe to the e-newsletter by sending details to communications@perthcatholic.org.au or put your name down on the list in the foyer notice board.
- The latest edition of eRecord Magazines is available now from the back of the stand at the back of the church.



St. Vincent de Paul Society The Morley-Dianella Conference thanks

everyone who contributed to our recent Christmas Appeal. The amount raised was \$2,498.80. Well done!

Thank you

God's Word 2018 Daily Reflections

Designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God. Includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection. Available now from Piety stall or Parish office for \$15.95 each.



Piety Stall Christmas items

Available after Masses from the piety stall in the foyer:

Majellan Christmas cards 10 for \$6.00;
SVDP Christmas cards 5 for \$2.50;
Columban Calendars \$7.00;
Various Christmas gifts and nativity items.

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.

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