

Dear Parishioners,

Each Christmas Infant Jesus Parish celebrates our Patronal festival. The birth of the Infant Jesus brings joy to us and to our families as we worship our Saviour. May his poverty and vulnerability open our eyes and our hearts to the needs of those who suffer today. May Christ bring holiness, healing and hope to our world.

Prayer: *Father, your Son was made flesh as a helpless infant. May we recognise him as our all powerful God, and learn from him to be simple and humble so as to gain the reward of the kingdom he promised to little ones. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

As we come to the end of the year we are grateful for all the blessings we have received and we bless God and ask his blessing on us.

May you enjoy peace and every blessing as we celebrate the birth of the Infant Jesus.

May the Lord be with you and your family this Christmas and always.

May the Lord's peace reach all people throughout the New Year.

From the Carmelite Community: Greg Burke, Tadgh Tierney, John Pallipadan, and John Follent, the Infant Jesus Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Office staff and volunteers.

What's new in 2018?

From Boxing Day, 26 December, mass on all Public Holidays in future will be at 8.30am.

From 13 January the time of the Saturday evening mass will change from 6.30pm to 6.00pm.

On 13 February we will host an "Alpha Program" *Come and See* evening in the Parish Centre. Alpha offers an opportunity to explore the meaning of life and to be renewed in faith. More information will be available closer to the Come and See evening. But, be warned, bookings through the Parish Centre are required. We hope to develop a team to run the Alpha program in Morley.

On the evenings of 21/28 February and 7/14 March, Sr Kerry Willison, Archdiocesan Director of Liturgy, will lead us in reflecting on liturgy and especially the Eucharist so that our shared understanding will form our Parish celebration of the liturgy.

Throughout 2018 we will have a focus on youth as part of the Church's Year of Youth. - *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.



FURTHER CHANGES:

VIGIL MASS & CONFESSION 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**. Due to the change of Mass time, Saturday evening confessions will be held from **5pm until 5.30pm**.

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



PARISH OFFICE AND 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.

Important
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To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Parish Prayer Concerns

Deceased: Tan Duy Nguyen, Hung Nguyen-Le,

Anniversaries: Ross Smith, Bosco Lu, Antonio Panizza,

The Sick of the Parish: Darryl Miranda, 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.

"For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Please note there will be no Holy Hour for vocations in December, due to it being Christmas eve. Please continue to pray for vocations and especially for our new priests just ordained. We look forward to seeing you at our holy hour in January - *Morley Vocations Awareness group.*



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 Minute 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.

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 for \$15.95 each.



PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home of Mr & Mrs D Nathanielsz; 18 Cardwell Ave, Noranda. Ph: 9276 5048.

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

26 Dec: St Stephen, the First Martyr
27 Dec: St John, Apostle & Evangelist
28 Dec: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
29 Dec: St Thomas Becket

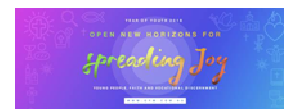
DON'T THROW THAT AWAY!

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. Please drop your donations to the parish office or into the Church foyer.



YEAR OF YOUTH

The Catholic Church in Australia has commenced the 'Year of Youth' which continues in 2018. This year involves an outreach to all young people aged 12 – 30. to engage with the Church through parish, community, family and school. The theme is *"Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy: Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment."* For more information or resources on Year of Youth & local events for young people go to www.cym.com.au or connect with Catholic Youth Ministry Perth on social media.



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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