Dear Parishioners,

I wish to sincerely thank Fr. Tadgh for his hard work while I was away in Kerala. It turned out to be a busier-than-usual January, so he also appreciated the help of our brother Carmelites from Mandurah.

While in Kerala, I was privileged to celebrate two marriages in my family, which made it a joyful holiday.

Now I am back and already looking toward Lent - only three weeks away! It would be very good to have groups preparing for Lent together, with one of the Lenten programmes which are on offer. To do this, we need you to offer your home as a meeting place for a small group of people - only 4 or 5 - once a week during Lent. So far, we have had not a single person put his or her name down on the list in the foyer. In a parish as large as ours, this is most disappointing. We should never be so busy that we have no time to offer to God, especially in the time of Lent, which is meant to focus our minds and hearts on Him. I hope by the end of this weekend we will have at least a few names on the list.

Finally, we have had a few changes in the parish staff over the last weeks. Fr. Tadgh has already welcomed Billie Dewitt as our new parish Secretary and I am sure you will soon get to know her happy smile - welcome, Billie! Linda Yapp has stepped down as the Co-ordinator of the Parish Religious Education programme, and I thank her very warmly for all her work with the children and the catechists over the past few years. I have appointed Sue Goodwin, who until now has been our very capable Sacramental programme co-ordinator, to the role of PREP co-ordinator. For the time being, our parish manager Angela will co-ordinate the Sacramental programme. *- Fr. Sunny*



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME Meditation Group - Mondays Ladies Meditation Group - Wednesdays

Are you seeking peace in your life??

"Meditation is an experience of a relationship with our God in and through His Word."

If you are seeking Peace in your heart and some togetherness with others, then this may help you return to the peace we all long for and to interact with some lovely people for a cup of coffee/tea.

The mediation is directed by Fr. Justin Belitz's CDs and Norma Woodcock's Guided Imagery CDs based on the Ignatian Imaginative Method.

The Monday Meditation Group meets each week from 7pm-8pm, and the Ladies Group meets every Wednesday (except School holidays) at 9.40am -10.40am (after 9am Mass) - both in the parish centre. The Monday group meets in the Joseph room, upstairs; the Wednesday group meets downstairs.

For further information please contact the Parish Office on 9276 8500.



Infant Jesus Youth Group

Our Youth Group for 12 to 15 year olds will get together every Wednesday, from 4.15pm to 5.30pm at the Parish Centre. We especially encourage those who received confirmation last year to join and share your

ideas about what activities we could attempt this year. Bring your friend and join in the fun.

The Record Needs Your Support

The Record, our very own West Australian Catholic newspaper, needs our support if we wish to continue to have a Catholic voice in media in Western Australia. Please help to keep The Record in our Church. It is only \$2 per copy. Purchase your copy today.



LENTEN PROGRAMME—*Already??* Yes, it is already time to start thinking about Lent, which begins on 5th March, only three weeks away!

We have received samples of two beautiful programmes for Lent:



- Walking the way of Mercy and Simplicity provided by the Archdiocese of Sydney, with writings by Bishop Peter Comensoli, Auxilliary Archbishop of the Archdiocese. It includes a 44 page full-colour booklet and is supplemented by a CD with guided meditations
- Encounter provided by the diocese of Wollongong, with gospel reflections by Fr. Greg Homeming, OCD and Sr. Hilda Scott, OSB. Again, it includes a 40 page full-colour booklet and is supplemented with a CD which includes prayers and psalms.

Both programmes are designed to be used by small groups or individuals. Please see the display on the board in the foyer for more information.

SMALL GROUPS FOR LENT - In the past, we have had generous parishioners offer their homes for small groups who share the Lenten programmes together, usually around six people. No expertise is required, the programme is fully self-explanatory and self-contained. All that is needed is a comfortable place to gather to reflect on the Sunday gospel. Could you be the one to offer your home this year? Ring Angela on 92768500 if you would like to know more.

The Little Black Book for Lent

The six-minute meditations booklet is available now at Piety Stall and Parish Office for purchase, \$4 each. Also, available The Little Purple



Sharing Our Experiences

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Last year, one of our parishioners, Jocelyn, undertook a study tour of significant liturgical places in

Europe. She invites interested people to come to share the highlights of her trip. Recently, Jocelyn and another parishioner, Linda, also attended the Wollongong Liturgy Conference and they would like to share some of the highlights of this experience with you. Come, listen and have a cup of tea, on Friday, 21 Feb, 7.00-8.30pm at 28 Holdhurst Way, Morley.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Peg Norton, Maria Armandi and Joby Joseph;

Anniversaries: Jose & Florentina Mijares, Michelina Scacchia, Damiana and Alain Martinet, Cresencia Repolidan Tanga-An and Winnie Lazaroo;

Deceased: Costantino Colace;

The Sick of the Parish: Nola and Scott Leckie, Joan Galin, Lisa Delaney, Tracey Demasson, Elaine Wallace and Margaret Kent and all who are in need of our prayers.

"God loved the world so much, He gave His only Son, that all who believe in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life"



Congratulations and best wishes to Dominica and Filippo Gioffre

who celebrate 50 years of marriage on 15th February.



Can You Spare 3 Hours Per Week For 10 Weeks? Association For the Blind of

WA, Guide Dogs WA is looking for volunteers for its "Confident Living Program". The programs include Pottery, Mosaics, Woodwork, Handicraft, Driving and Women's Interest Group. For further enquiries, please phone Susie Sim on 6222 4988/0411 513 368 or email: Susie.sim@guidedogswa.com.au New to Piety Stall

Come and browse at our piety stall; we have Infant Jesus of Prague Statues, various sizes and prices. New greeting cards for female and male, Birthdays, Sacraments, Anniversaries and for all occassions. New book for sale: Advancing the Culture of Death: Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide by Fr. Brian V. Johnstone.

There will a special piety stall for Lent on the 1st and 2nd of March in the foyer after Mass.

UPDATE OF MISSION PARTNERS MORLEY

Many thanks to all who donated to the Women's Refuge in Kanyakumari, Trivandrum, India. It is a beautiful brick building and is being well utilised by women and children needing temporary shelter. Several women already were able to receive counselling in time to save their marriages. Currently we are renovating thirty village houses - leaking roofs- crumbling bricks and more, for needy widows and families. On their behalf thank you so much for all your donations to this ongoing cause. Mission Partners donation envelopes are available on the righthand wall in the church foyer and can be placed in the Sunday Mass collection.

<u>Your Bible Questions Answered:</u> "Sometimes at Mass, when praying for a deceased person, the priest says, 'Grant that he/she who was united with Your Son in a death like His, may also be one with Him in His Resurrection.' What does this mean? I don't know anyone who was crucified." For the **answer**, to ask **your own Bible question**, and for the February issue of "**At Home With Your Bible**," visit <u>www.thebiblicalfoundation.org.au</u>

In Our Church

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am 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 & 4th Sundays) Reconciliation: Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm. Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 7.15pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

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

Calendar of Saints

17 February:The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order21 February:St. Peter Damian, Cardinal-Bishop (1072AD)22 February:THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." (1 Peter 1:3a).

MAKE READING FUN.

PRIMARY ENGLISH LESSONS begin again this year in the JOSEPH ROOM in the parish centre. PARENT INTERVIEWS and PLACEMENT TESTS are on a SATURDAY throughout the term beginning Ist FEBRUARY.

Emphasis is on.... NAPLAN BASED LESSONS..... treating - speed reading, writing, spelling, word building, comprehension and grammar . EXCELLENT RESULTS. Two lesson options are available - INDIVIDUAL and SMALL GROUPS.

MAKE READING FUN is an outreach of MISSION PARTNERS MORELY when teachers/aides donate their time to helping Aussie kids with catch-up lessons. In turn, donated lesson fees educate underprivileged Mission kids and families in Myanmar and India - touching hearts and changing lives. Any parent, teacher or promoter wishing to also join the MAKE READING FUN project is encouraged to apply to Maggie

TOGETHER LET'S MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE !

Enquiries: Maggie Box. 9272 8263 email: margaretbox7@icloud.com



Welcome to Infant Jesus Playgroup

IJ Playgroup holds play sessions for Children 6 months to Kindy age every Tuesday at 9.30am at the Parish Centre. It is an opportunity for mums or

dads to catch up over a cuppa and make new friends, and the children to have some fun For more information, please contact the Parish office on 9276 8500 Parents must stay with their children.

Our Parish Team

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