



O COME LET US *Adore* HIM

If you were to give just a cursory glance at a collection of 'religious' Christmas cards, or even the local nativity scene, you would undoubtedly see a varied assortment of shepherds, wise men, livestock and angels gathered around the holy family in a timber structure of some sort. Even the most casual reading of Luke's account of the birth of Christ would reveal that most of the nativity figurines are missing! Our retelling of the birth of Christ tends to be an amalgamation of the Luke and Matthew versions with a bit of creative tradition thrown in for good measure.

The Luke account of the nativity carries a very specific theology that runs throughout the rest of that gospel. It is a theology that places the outcast and downtrodden at the centre of Jesus' mission. In this account, Jesus is born outside the town because there is no room for Joseph and Mary within the safety of the inn. Like those he will minister to later in life, Jesus is born 'on the edge' – even outside the boundaries. Rather than the impressive 'Wise Men' of the Matthew infancy account, the witnesses to Jesus' birth in the Luke account are lowly shepherds.

Unlike the somewhat romantic notion we may have of shepherds, in Jesus' time they were regarded as little better than thieves and cut-throats. All they could be trusted to do was tend sheep outside of townships and away from 'civilised' society. They held one of the lowest positions in Jewish society. The gospel writer's choice of these witnesses to the birth of Jesus is a very deliberate one that clearly announces the purpose and direction of Jesus' mission. - Greg Sunter

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"God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Fr. Tadgh, Fr. John and I would like to welcome you all and to thank, sincerely, those who have sent us gifts, cards and greetings over the past days. Such generosity of heart is always most evident at this time of the year and helps to create the feeling of joy which surrounds us at the Christmas liturgies. No wonder Christmas is the favourite time of year for children and for most adults!

May the love, peace and joy of the season fill your hearts and your homes as you celebrate together.

- Fr. Sunny



**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
THANKSGIVING NEW YEAR'S EVE
MASS AND ADORATION**

Come and join your parish family and see in the New Year in a very special way.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
11.30PM - MIDNIGHT
MASS OF
THANKSGIVING: MIDNIGHT

Following the Mass, there will be fellowship offered in the parish centre. **Please bring a plate to share, thank you!**



DON'T THROW THEM AWAY!

As the school year comes to a close, please do not throw away your unwanted pencils and pens. Instead, drop them off to the foyer of the church or the parish office, where they will be put to good use. Thank you so much to those who have already donated.



Please travel safely

With so many families heading off to other parts for the holidays, we pray for their safe travel and ask Our Lord to watch over them until they return to us.

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTERS FOR 2015

Thank you to all our dedicated and faithful cleaning team members for keeping our church looking so clean and welcoming over the past year. If you were not able to make the morning tea last week, please collect a copy of your roster from the cupboard where the vacuum cleaners are stored, next time you are rostered on for cleaning.

"For we are labourers together with God..."
1 Cor. 3:9

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The PREP year has come to an end and it has been a very productive and enjoyable year. Thank you to the children who all have been wonderful with their good behaviour and work attitudes. To parents, grandparents and guardians, you are fantastic for your commitment to bringing the children along each week. To our Catechist teachers who dedication and huge commitment to the children in passing on your love of God, are very much appreciated by us all. I pray that baby Jesus bless each of you with a Christmas filled with His love, peace and joy in all your families. I look forward to seeing you again next year when classes start on **Wednesday 11 February at 4:15pm.**

PREP ENROLMENT DAY, 2015

Families who wish to enrol their children for the Parish Religious Programme classes for 2015 are required to please attend the enrolment day at ONE of the below times:

WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2015

2:30pm - 3.30pm OR 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Classes are for children attending non-catholic schools whose families wish them to receive religious instruction and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptism and any other Sacraments certificates. For any enquiries, please contact Sue Goodwin on 9276 8500 or email to ijprep@gmail.com

CAN YOU HELP?

We need helps in the parish kitchen following the THANKSGIVING NEW YEAR'S MASS. If you could help, please contact Annette on 9276 5048.



MISSION PARTNERS MORLEY

RESTORE, our fledgling housing project has taken off. Funds raised were used to gladly cement dirt floors, supply a window, a door and re-roofing. These people live in dilapidated, one and two roomed Indian village huts. Some huts have only a tarpaulin, woven coconut leaves or scraps of timber as roofs with windows covered with cardboard or anything else people can find. Some huts have no doors or windows! Together with a Perth school principal, my family fund, and Mission Partner parishioners, we have together been able to restore over forty huts, for the poorest of the poor. Most importantly self respect and hope for the future are gained by thankful recipients. Thank you all for your empathy and generosity to date. Before and after restoration photos are displayed in the church porch along with donation envelopes. These can be placed in weekend mass collection bags. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**"As long as you did it to one of the least of these,
my brethren, you did it to me" Matthew 25:40"**

- Maggie Box. Email: Margaretbox7@bigpond.com. Phone: 9272 8263

What's happening at Morley Parish?

For more information about anything on these pages, contact the office after the 19th of January on 9276 8500

FOR THE YOUNGER ONES:

Baptisms are held every first and third Sunday of the month at 12.45pm

Playgroup is held in the parish hall every Tuesday morning from 9.15am to 11.00am. Time for parents and babies or children to socialize and play.

Children's Liturgy is held each Sunday at the 9.30am Mass during school terms. Children from 3—8 years share in the Liturgy of the Word and simple activities in the parish centre, under the guidance of adult Leaders.

After school Religion classes: The Parish Religious Education Programme runs in the parish centre each Wednesday from 4.30pm — 5.20pm during school terms. Children are accepted from Pre-primary age onwards. See enrolment information on the opposite page.

Altar Servers Group: Children who have made their First Communion may choose to be trained as Altar Servers and serve at the weekend Masses. This group has regular formation and fun days.

TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS:

Youth Masses are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the 6pm Mass. Young people 15+ are welcomed in the choir or as musicians, to help with power point projection and presentation or to be trained to proclaim the Word or administer Communion at these Masses.

Youth Group: For Year7s to 12s - Meet monthly, please contact the Youth Co-ordinator, Emma Passmore at morley24-7@hotmail.com

PRAYER:

Exposition each Friday, 9.30—10.30am and 7.30—8.30pm in the Church

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Wednesdays, 7.15pm—7.45pm in the Church

Holy Hour for Vocations every 4th Sunday, 2-3pm in the Church

Rosary: Mon — Fri after 9am Mass, Sat after 8.30am Mass in the Church

Meditation: Groups meet Mon 7—8pm and Wed 9.30am - 10.30am in the Parish Centre

Teresian Prayer Group: 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6.30pm— 7.30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Church

Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Group: Thursdays, 2—3pm in the Parish Centre (1st Thursday of the Month in the Church)

Sacred Heart Sodality: 1st Sunday of the month at the 7.30am Mass, with prayers after the Mass

OTHER:

St. Vincent de Paul meet Tuesdays weekly at 7pm in the parish library

Bereavement Group hold their Mass and morning tea on the first Wednesday of each month at the 9am Mass

Catholic Women's League meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9.45am—12noon, parish library.

Knights of the Southern Cross meet 4th Wednesday monthly at 7.45pm in the parish library

Craft Group Ladies meet Wednesdays 9.30am—11.30am in the parish library

Friendship Group for men and women each Thursday 9.30am—11am, in the parish library

Tai Chi in the parish hall, Wednesdays 9.30am—11am

Line Dancing in the parish hall Thursdays 9.30am—11.30am and Tuesdays 1pm—2pm from February

Choir: all our choirs welcome new members

Keeping in Touch Group (visiting the elderly and lonely): Contact the parish office on 9276 8500 after the 19th January

Communion to the Sick and Homebound: Contact the parish office on 9276 8500 after the 19th January

Weddings: Contact the parish office on 9276 8500 after the 19th January

Friends of the Columbarium (help keep our Columbarium beautiful): Contact the parish office.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups or would like to volunteer in some way at the parish please contact the parish office on 9276 8500 after the 19th January. All are welcome.



The Greatest Gift

Nearly everyone can think of the present that was unexpectedly delightful, or a gift we dared to wish for but did not expect. Often these are memories from childhood, when the capacity for surprise is exponentially greater than it is in our adult years. Even so, I count among my most prized possessions two crosses—one from a college senior after the death of my father, another from a priest friend who helped me navigate a stormy period as an adult.

Years later I realize the crosses remain precious because they are reminders that I was loved and cared for by two people who could tap into the deep well of God's love and extend it to a momentarily lost soul. I also realize I have many such symbols—my wedding ring, the picture my daughter drew for Mother's Day, and the medal that grateful students gave to me. If we look we find signs of love all around us.

On Christmas, God gave us the gift of himself—not just a sign of his love, but love incarnate. Not only was God willing to become flesh as Jesus Christ, but this same Christ gives his life for love of us. It is our greatest gift. Our challenge is to make sure we treasure this gift and share it with others. - Mary Katharine Deeley "Daybreaks - Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas"

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

John 3:16

LINE DANCING NEWS

Tuesday Class will recommence on Tuesday 20 January 2015. **Thursday class** will recommence on Thursday 22 January 2015.



Parish Office and Parish Centre Christmas Closure

The Parish Centre will be closed to all groups from Wednesday, 24 December 2013 until Monday, 19 January 2015. The parish office will close over the same period.



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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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

CAN YOU HELP?

St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital needs Volunteer

Extraordinary Ministers to

distribute Holy Communion to our Catholic patients. We are looking for someone to help midweek; Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. If you are a trained Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and you have a couple of hours to spare on a Tuesday or Thursday, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Kerrie James 9370 9640 or kerrie.james@sjog.org.au



POSITION VACANT

Cathedral groundsperson - a full-time position is available for a groundsperson at St Mary's Cathedral. The person will work with the Cathedral Supervisor and gardener to maintain the Cathedral, the grounds and Cathedral House. The position will also involve assisting with the preparation and running of events at the Cathedral. The successful applicant will need to be able to work after hours and on weekends from time to time. A flexible attitude, maintenance skills and the ability to perform the physical aspects of the job are key requirements. Immediate start available. Email your resumé to Tony Meyrick at tmeyrick@perthcatholic.org.au. **Further info:** 08 9223 1344.

"Come and See" ... An Invitation to young women and men

Theme: Evolution of Religious Life. What questions or contribution can you make to this conversation? What has the journey looked like ... where to now? What will it look like in the future?

WHEN: Tuesday 20th January 2015, 6pm starting with light meal, session from 6.45pm to 9pm

WHERE: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth

RSVP: by 16 January to Sr Alma Cabassi: 0419 044 136, alma.cabassi@sosj.org.au, Sr Leonie Mayne: 0437 120 337, leonie.mayne@sosj.org.au