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*Fr. Sunny, Fr. Tadgh, Fr. John and Fr. John
Wish you and your family all the peace and joy of Christmas,
safe travel over the holiday season
and a New Year full of God's grace and blessings.*

The glory of God and profound peace reaching out to embrace the whole of humanity are dynamically related in the baby in the manger. This is the song of the angels, and it is our privilege to join in that song at this Christmas Mass.

Every baby is a promise of a new future which fills one with hope. But *this* baby is unique. *This* Jewish boy baby is the body language of God. *This* baby is the sonburst of God entering our dark world. *This* baby shows us that God is not impossibly remote but, rather, God is as intimately close as a vulnerable infant.

And *this* baby fulfils all the yearning of the human heart. We want to love to the utmost. We want to be loved to the utmost. *This* baby enables that because he is without any finite boundaries or restraints: He is in-finite love reaching out to us.

Can we grasp all this? Probably not. So, like the little lambs nuzzling up to the manger, we just follow some deep intuition which says: 'I must kneel in adoration, it is good to be here.' We could pause for a moment to pray for the resolve to do our bit to echo the angel's message: 'I bring you good news of great joy to be shared by *all* peoples.'

- Fr. Michael Tate (liturgyhelp.com)



Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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!

EXPOSITION CANCELLED

Due to the Thanksgiving Mass and Adoration on New Year's Eve, there will be no evening Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at **7.30pm on Friday 31 December**



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 your safe and trouble-free adventures and look forward to seeing you all back again soon.

CHISHOLM CARE OPPORTUNITY

If you need to complete community service hours for Catholic high schools in 2016, we have an opportunity for you this January or in the April school holidays, helping with our Giant Garage Sale preparations. Work will involve sorting and packing items (January) and unpacking and setting up for the sale (April). Adult supervision will be provided at all times. Please contact the parish office and leave a message on the answering machine—9276 8500.



We need help in the parish kitchen following the THANKSGIVING NEW YEAR'S MASS. If you are attending the Mass, please offer your help.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

These classes are for the children attending non-catholic schools whose family wish them to receive religious instruction and also to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation. Please note that it is a requirement of this Archdiocese that all children receive at least 2 year's religious instruction prior to receiving their first Sacrament. Therefore, if you desire your child to receive one or all of these Sacraments, please start them in classes as early as pre-primary or year 1 level.



2015 has been a very productive and enjoyable year for us all. Thank you to the children, parents, grandparents, family members, guardians and catechists for your commitment and dedication to coming along each week during the school terms. We pray that baby Jesus will bless all your families with a Christmas filled with His love, peace and joy and we look forward to seeing you next year when classes start, on **Wednesday 10 February at 4:15pm in the parish hall.**

PREP ENROLMENT DAY 2016: Families who wish to enrol their children for the Parish Religious Education Programme classes for 2016 are required to please attend the enrolment day at ONE of the times below. You will be required to complete an enrolment form for each child and pay the annual fee of \$45 for one child and \$50 per family. New families are always welcome but please bring a copy of certificates of your child's Baptism and any other Sacraments when you come to enrolment day:

WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2016

2:30pm - 3.30pm OR 6.00pm - 7.00pm

**Free e-book for your computer or e-reader/tablet/i-phone:
*Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-2***

This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader (or tablet), offers the Gospel for every day of this Liturgical Year C-2 (Sundays Year C, weekdays Year 2), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel.. This Liturgical Year C-2 has now begun and will continue till November of 2016. The e-book contains the Gospel passages not only for this present but for any C-2 Liturgical Year in the future, together with their reflections. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher, the Archbishop of Sydney. *Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-2* may be accessed at the following address:



www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

What's happening at Morley Parish?

For more information about anything on these pages, contact the office after the 18th 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 Program runs in the parish centre each Wednesday from 4.15pm-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 Group: For Year 7 to 12 - 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 and 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

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 Mondays and Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am and Tuesdays 1pm-2.30pm 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 doing any cleaning-out of your cupboards or shed during the Christmas holidays, remember us!

The parish is raising much-needed funds by holding a GIANT garage sale next April, but we are ready to receive your unwanted treasures now:

*General household items *Craft/sewing items *Gardening/tools/sporting equipment *jewellery / handbags/personal care items *novels and children's books *toys/games/puzzles *pet equipment

*ornaments and knick-knacks *framed prints and frames *small occasional furniture

Please drop any items off at the parish centre or into the large carton marked "Garage Sale" in the foyer of the church. *Thanks so much!*

JESUS IS BETTER THAN SANTA!

Santa lives at the North Pole...

JESUS is everywhere.

Santa rides in a sleigh...

JESUS rides on the wind and walks on the water.

Santa comes but once a year...

JESUS is an ever-present help.

Santa fills your stockings with goodies...

JESUS supplies all your needs.

Santa comes down your chimney uninvited...

JESUS stands at your door and knocks, and waits for your answer

You have to wait in line to see Santa...

JESUS is as close as the mention of His name.

Santa lets you sit on his lap...

JESUS lets you rest in His arms.

Santa doesn't know your name...

JESUS knew our name before we were born.

Santa has a belly like a bowl full of jelly...

JESUS has a heart full of love

All Santa can offer is HO HO HO...

JESUS offers health, help and hope.

Santa says "You better not cry"...

JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you."

Santa's little helpers make toys...

JESUS makes new life and mends wounded hearts,

Santa may make you smile but...

JESUS gives you joy that is your strength.

While Santa puts gifts under your tree...

JESUS became our gift by dying on a tree.



Parish Office and Parish Centre Christmas Closure



The Parish Centre will be closed to all groups from Thursday, 24 December 2015 until Monday, 18 January 2016. The parish office will close over the same period.



CHILDREN AND INFANTS MEMORIAL GARDEN

This appeal was launched in November, when members of the

Columbarium Committee spoke at all our Masses about the vision for a special place in the Columbarium where our parish families could place a plaque in memory of a child who has been lost either before or after birth. There is a display in the foyer of the church with an artist's impression of the garden as we hope it will come to be. Please take time to look at the display, take a flier and consider whether your family could help in any way. You can choose to donate a particular item, or just make a donation - even small donations will add up and hopefully bring the vision to life.

Please speak to one of the priests or one of the committee if you have any queries.



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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