

Dear Parishioners,

I would sincerely like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way to the huge effort that went into the garage sale fundraiser this weekend. It was a mighty effort on the part of the parish staff, who have been the main organisers of the sale, and also a handful of dedicated volunteers who have worked continuously over the past few months. Much praise is due to them, but their efforts would have been in vain if not for the generosity of those who donated goods, cleaned and sorted items at home, helped to lift and carry and then turned up on the day to provide the necessary manpower. I pray that all this effort leads to a good financial result for our parish and I will let you know the total raised next weekend.

Fr. John has left for his well-deserved break at home in Kerala. Please pray for him, as he will pray for us while he is away.

Lastly, on behalf of the Friars, I would like to offer our humble thanks for the gifts, kind words and love poured out on us at the Thanksgiving Mass and celebration last weekend. Once again the generosity, which is at the heart of this community, shone through. It is a gift to dwell amongst such a kind-hearted people. **—Fr. Sunny**

To all my generous and kind friends at Infant Jesus Church, many thanks indeed for the surfeit of greetings, gifts, thoughts and prayers I received from you to mark my Golden Jubilee as a priest. While thanking God for having negotiated this milestone, my thanks and prayers are for you in the second place! The Lord will reward you. **—Fr Tadgh**

Thank
you

HOLY HOUR FOR THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Next Sunday, 24 April 2-3 pm

We continue to pray, in this Year of Mercy, for our priests, religious and those who are being called to this life by the Father. Please join us next Sunday for one hour of prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today is the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The purpose of this day is to publically fulfil the Lord's instruction to "pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, religious life, and other forms of consecrated service. **—Rev Jean-Noel Marie, Vocation Office**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016 CONFIRMATION

Please mark these important dates in your calendar:

Parent Night Meeting—Monday, 2nd May at 7pm

Parent & Child Workshop—Monday, 23rd May at 7pm

Confirmation Retreat and Episcopal Visitation—Friday, 10th of June 9am

Confirmation Masses—Saturday 11th of June 12:30pm & 3pm

Further details of these events will be announced closer to the dates. **—Faith Rico, Sacramental Co-ordinator**



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR'S FUNDRAISING

The Little sisters of the poor will be selling tickets to their 'Food Fair' at all Masses next weekend 23rd and 24th of April. The food fair is to be held on Sunday, 15th of May from 10am to 4pm. The proceed will go towards rebuilding the aged-care home. Please see the back of the bulletin for more information.

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on The Joy of Love

The Vatican on Friday published Pope Francis' eagerly-awaited Apostolic Exhortation on the family, drawing together almost three years of consultations with Catholics in countries around the world.



The lengthy document, entitled 'Amoris Laetitia', or The Joy of Love, affirms the Church's teaching that stable families are the building blocks of a healthy society and a place where children learn to love, respect and interact with others.

At the same time the text warns against idealizing the many challenges facing family life, urging Catholics to care for, rather than condemning, all those whose lives do not reflect the teaching of the Church.

In particular the document focuses on the need for "personal and pastoral discernment" for individuals, recognizing that "neither the Synod, nor this Exhortation could be expected to provide a new set of general rules, canonical in nature and applicable to all cases".

The text of the official summary of the Apostolic Exhortation 'Amoris Laetitia' or The Joy of Love can be found on our website at www.infantjesusparish.org.au

THANK YOU SO MUCH EVERYONE!

Our heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people involved in making IJ Parish's giant garage sale a success! Many of you started months before, sorting and packing the donated goods, and showing amazing dedication to return week after week. Last week, we saw so many college students and parishioners come in to help move the bounty of boxes from the sea container to the parish hall, and unpacked, sorted and displayed the sale items. You have all been a such a great help! Thanks also to all the people who dropped off the delicious morning teas and lunches during the week and helped in the kitchen to keep our volunteers' energy up and refreshed. You have been wonderful! **Last, but certainly not least**, to Joanne Byrde and the section team leaders; thank you so much for all your tireless and committed hard work in coordinating and making the event a success for our parish! May God bless you all! **—from all the staff in the parish office**

THANK YOU
VERY MUCH



Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Fr Tiziano Bogoni and Concetta Di Rossi;

Deceased: Yvonne Miranda, Rodney McGuinness, Jean-Claude Conier, Terry Everett;

Anniversaries: Dora Pegrum, Thomas Miranda, James and Mary Lundy,

The Sick of the Parish: Rosemary Gaske, Beverley Silver, Wally Bamford, Hung Nguyen, Priscilla Grainger, Bernard Spears, Ossie Gonsalves and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*"I sought the Lord and He answered me;
From all my terrors He set me free"*



PILGRIM STATUE: This week is in the home of Mrs F Savy
36a Lingfield Way, Morley
Ph: 9275 3288

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

21 April: St Anselm, Theologian (1109AD)

23 April: St George, Martyr (303AD) and St Adalbert, Monk (710AD)

The Little White Book—six-minute daily reflections on the weekday Gospels of Easter.
Cost \$4.00 from piety stall and parish office.



YOUTH GROUP

Infant Jesus Parish's Youth Group is now moving to Friday nights. We meet every Friday from 6 - 8pm for all young people from Year 6 to 12. Meetings take place in the parish hall, and occasionally we go out for social events. Dinner is provided from 6 to 6.30pm.

VERITAS Youth Festival on April 22-24th at Santa Maria College

We are planning to go on the Friday night April 22nd, as it is an open youth event. We will meet at the parish at 6pm for lifts. Night concludes at 9:30pm.

LASER TAG at Lazer Blaze Malaga on Friday 6th May from 7:30 - 10:30pm. Please meet at parish at 7pm sharp for lifts. Please contact Roger, 0434 988 711 or Emma on 0419 094 433 for more information.

Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Europe – 4th Sept to 28th Sept 2016

With the encouragement of Pope Francis to take a pilgrimage in the Year of Mercy, we invite you to join us.

Countries: Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Poland; 25 Days; \$6,890.00

Includes return airfares, accommodation in four star hotels, daily breakfast and dinner, entrance fees at places mentioned in the itinerary and tips for guides and driver.

For more detailed information and a copy of the itinerary, please feel free to contact Judy David Mobile: 0423 167 583; Email: J.david494@gmail.com or Fr Emil Ph: 0408 447 062. Please see poster and flyer in the foyer.

Entertainment Books Fundraiser by Personal Advocacy Service (PAS)

We are pleased to offer the new Entertainment Book and Digital Membership again this year to help raise much-needed funds. PAS receives 20% of the purchase price for each membership/book sold. For only \$65 you'll receive over \$20,000 worth of valuable offers from restaurants, arts, attractions, hotels, travel shopping and much, much more! Books will be available from early May. Please contact Michelle Gunning or Tricia Wright on 9275 5388 or email admin@paswa.org.au for more information or to order your copy. Otherwise you can pick up an order form from the parish foyer. If you order and pay for your book before early May 2016 you will receive bonus coupons that you can use straight away.



Personal Advocacy Service enables people with intellectual disabilities to lead full and valued lives. The key strategy of Personal Advocacy is "advocacy" through friendships. The advocacy support is provided through community volunteers, each of whom is linked one-on-one with an individual with an intellectual disability. Each individual is able to participate in community life *at their own pace and within safe boundaries in small Parish groups.*

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 7.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 9.30 - 10.30am and 7.30 - 8.30pm

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:

Please contact the Parish Office.

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