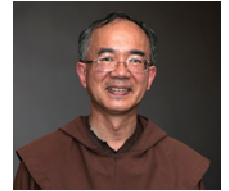


Dear Parishioners,

On Tuesday, 20 December, Pope Francis appointed Fr. Greg Homeming, OCD, as Bishop of Lismore diocese in NSW. Many of you know Fr. Greg and I am sure you join all the Carmelite friars and sisters in congratulating him on his appointment. It is a great honour to be offered the office of Bishop, yet also a great responsibility and I am sure that Fr. Greg would be grateful for your prayers as he becomes initiated into the demands of his new role and in the years to come.



I must sincerely thank all those who gave so generously to our appeal for new sacred vessels. The appeal has raised \$25,195.00, which is a wonderful result. This means we can afford to fulfil our wish-list of essential needs, as well as refurbish some other items which are becoming quite worn and shabby. We have begun to purchase items, some of which have been blessed and are in use; others items are on order, or are being purchased for us from overseas, so it may be a while before we have everything. In the meantime, I will be writing personally to all the donors to thank them for their contribution. You are a blessing to us all.

Finally, I would also like to thank the nine people who have nominated for the Parish Pastoral Council. I am most pleased to accept all nine nominations: Tristan Kolay (re-nominating), Melissa Trusso (re-nominating), Tessie Baluyot, Joanne Byrde, Josephine McManus, Harijanto Geigenmuller, Reywin Rico, Tanya Davis and Angela Youens. The new Council will be formally commissioned in January.

May the Joy of Christmas fill your homes and may God's blessing be on you and your family in the coming year.  
—Fr. Sunny



### Saint Raphael

Kalinowski

(Apprenticed to Saint-  
hood in Siberia)

The dramatic story of  
St. Raphael, by Fr.

Tadhg, is now available from the piety stall and Parish centre, price \$19.95. St Raphael is only the second male Carmelite Saint after St. John of the Cross.

#### Christmas Closure for Parish Office and Parish Centre

The Parish Centre will be closed to all groups from Friday, 23 December 2016 until Monday, 23 January 2017. The parish office will close over the same period.

### Mary, Mother of God

**New Year's Eve Mass of Thanksgiving, Saturday 31st December  
and New Year's Day, Sunday 1st January**



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

**New Year's Eve: Saturday, 31st December, (Mary, Mother of God)**

6.30pm—Vigil Mass

11.30pm Adoration

12 Midnight Mass of Thanksgiving. Following the Mass, there will be fellowship offered in the parish centre. Please bring a plate to share and stay to help tidy up.

Thank you!

**New Year's Day: Sunday, 1st January (Mary, Mother of God)**

Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) and 6pm.

**Feast of the Holy Family—Friday 30th January at 9am.**

Devotion to the Holy Family is one that develops naturally out of love for Jesus and his family. Come and celebrate in the best way possible, by sharing in the Holy Eucharist. Stay and spend some time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.



#### **WELCOME, LITTLE CHILDREN.**

**Please welcome the following children, recently baptised into our church:** Ruby Brigitte Geyer, Roman Oliver Ali, Elizabeth Canisia Jia Ying Lee, Alyssa Jade Monaco, Anakin Sutton, Noa Marie Kolay, Xavier Flynn Fardig, Lourdes Victoria Machura, Logan Angeleski, Connor James Ellis, Julian Jesus Juan, Amaya Anniek Magnaterra, Xian Christoff Vicente, Eli Mutai Khaemba, Zac Terry Berryman, Ella Rose Pruiti, Luca Vincenzo Staker-Mitchell, Lily June Vernon, Ivy Anne Batchelor, Isabella Marcias, Lacey Bella Ryan, Michaela May Wiles, Felicia Mungar, Alexander Antonio Lamelza, Malakai Malae Teniseli and Seth Neevram Narciso. **May Jesus, who loves all children, bless the precious little ones with His love and grace always. Congratulations!**

**CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS** to the followings couples on the occasion of their recent marriage: Karolina Wolinskii and Marco Romeo, Carmelina Guerrero and Renato Bova, Tony Kim Zaffino and Phoebe Lee, Cristina Belladonna and Anthony Terranova, Joshua Vears and Rebecca Buchanan, Benjamin Laffrey and Kristin McVea.  
**May their lives together be long and their homes be places of love and faith.**



# What's happening at Morley Parish?

For more information about anything on these pages, contact the office after the 23rd of January on 9276 8500

## FOR THE YOUNGER ONES:

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

**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.

**Altar Servers Group:** Children who have made their First Communion may choose to be trained as Altar Servers and serve at the weekend Masses.

## TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS:

**Youth Group:** For Year 6 to 12 - please contact the Youth Co-ordinator, Roger on 0434 988 711.

## 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 9.30 - 10.30am in the Parish Centre.

**Teresian Prayer Group:** 1st and 3rd Mondays, 6.30 - 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 9.30 - 11am, in the parish library.

**Tai Chi** in the parish hall, Wednesdays 9.30 - 11am.

**Line Dancing** in the parish hall Mondays and Thursdays 9.30 - 11.30am and Tuesdays 1 - 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 23rd January.

**Communion to the Sick and Homebound:** Contact the parish office on 9276 8500 after the 23rd January.

**Weddings:** Contact the parish office on 9276 8500 after the 23rd January.

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

## INFANT JESUS PARISH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!

Next time you are on FB, search Infant Jesus Morley and check out our new page (please like us too!). We will use this page to promote parish events, to invite people and to spread the news about our fantastic community. You can also find us on the FB link on our webpage.

