Dear Parishioners,
Rejoice!

The liturgy of today invites us to rejoice as we are aware of how close we are to the salvation that comes to us through the birth of Christ as one of us.

The celebration of the feast of St John of the Cross has moved me to share with you a prayer of his in which he invites us to an awareness that we already share the grace and glory of God.

> Let Your divinity shine on my intellect by giving it divine knowledge, and on my will by imparting to it the divine love and on my memory with the divine possession of glory. Let us so act that by means of this loving activity we may attain to the vision of ourselves in Your beauty in eternal life. Awaken and enlighten us, my Lord, that we might know and love the blessings which You ever propose to us, and that we might understand that You have moved to bestow favours on us and have remembered us.
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> Mine are the heavens and mine is the earth.
> Mine are the nations, the just are mine, and mine the sinners.
> The angels are mine, and the Mother of God, and all things are mine;
> and God Himself is mine and for me,
> because Christ is mine and all for me.
> What do you ask, then, and seek, my soul?
> Yours is all of this, and all is for you.
> Do not engage yourself in something less,
> nor pay heed to the crumbs which fall from your Father's table.
> Go forth and exult in your Glory!
> Hide yourself in it and rejoice,
> and you will obtain the supplications of your heart.
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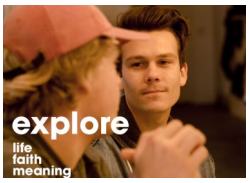
> St John of the Cross, *Sayings of Light and Love*

—Blessings, Greg



Alpha @ Morley

Come and try it! Starts Tuesday 19th February 2019

What is Alpha?
Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith.

Who is it for? YOU! And for anyone who's curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning.
The talks are designed to encourage conversation and exploration of faith in an open, friendly, informal environment.

How does it work? Over 11 weeks, people experience good food, a short talk, discussion and the opportunity to share their thoughts. No pressure, no follow up.

How much does it cost? There is no charge.

alpha.org.au alpha.org/catholic-context ***Register : morleyalpha@gmail.com***

CHRISTMAS 2018 – NEW YEAR 2019 MASSES

Monday 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE
7am Mass – Monday of the 4th week of Advent
9am Mass – Monday of the 4th week of Advent
6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass – Carols from 5.30pm
12.00pm Christmas Midnight Mass – Carols from 11.30pm

Tuesday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY
Christmas Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am & 11.30am (Italian Mass). Carols 30 minutes before each Mass.
NO EVENING MASS

Wednesday 26 December – Boxing Day Public Holiday
8.30am Mass of the Feast of St Stephen, the first martyr

Saturday 29 December – 6pm Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday 30 December
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian Mass) & 6pm

Tuesday 1 January – New Year Public Holiday
8.30am Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

CALLING ALL CHILDREN
TO BE PART OF
THE NATIVITY CELEBRATIONS
AT THE 6PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

We invite all children to come dressed as shepherds, angels, kings or any nativity character as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

LETTERBOX DROP FOR CHRISTMAS

We are called to bring the "Good News" to everyone.

Help invite your neighbours to our Christmas liturgies, where they will hear and experience the Good News brought to us by the birth of Christ by being part of our parish letterbox drop.
Please take some fliers and deliver them to the streets around you, cross off the streets you will deliver to from the lists in the foyer and please do not deliver to streets outside our parish boundaries (only the streets in our parish are listed). This is one easy way to be the missionary disciples we are called to be, and a good excuse to go for a walk!

STILL AVAILABLE FROM
THE PIETY STALL AND PARISH OFFICE
Lions Christmas Cakes - small 1 kg $13 - large 1.5kg $17
2019 Columban Calendar $7 Christmas Cards
Gifts for all ages

WHAT'S HAPPENING

like us on facebook

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Paolo & Nancy Notaro, Isabel Archery, Giovanni Codispoti, Righty Rajeev, Cicily Varghese;

Deceased: Rebecca Yap;

Anniversaries: Ray Durel, Lucia Marinelli, Raffaele Colangelo Senior, William H P Slyth, Bibiana Scully, Paul Dunning, Carmela Spiccia, Maria Tran Thi Hoan, John Nguyen Duc Tuyen, Vasco & Anna Pieraccini;

The Sick of the Parish: Wilma Walker, Mary Joseph, Wally Bamford, Fred Tenaglia, Sharon Rosielle, Lucas Bendotti, Bernard Spears, Edna Ross, Norma Ryan and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"The Lord your God will renew you by his love."

Raffle for Don Bosco Salesians
at all Masses THIS Weekend

Your generous support will provide for food assistance and medical support of undernourished babies and families in Kolkata, India.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS — YOU'VE GOT MAIL

Please help the parish save on postage and collect your letter from the foyer before Christmas. Thank you! ☺

The Parish Office and Parish Centre
WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS
from 25 December 2018 - 28 January 2019

Office reopens TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2019

MISSION PARTNERS MORLEY—SARI FOR WOMEN Your donations will help gift each new recipient, many of them widows, a sari of their choice for the new year. Donation envelopes are in the church foyer and can be placed into the Mass collection bag at any weekend.

STIRRING THE WATERS:
Catholic Women Responding to the Spirit 2019 Colloquium
by the Council for Australian Catholic Women
Friday 22 Feb to Sunday 24 Feb 2019

The colloquium will explore how to create a Church that is: inclusive and synodal; missionary and merciful; prayer and discerning. For more details, please go to https://acbcagora.force.com/events/s/lt-event?id=a430K000000h UKvQAM

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

Please note: There will not be a **Holy Hour for Vocations** this month of December. God bless all who have come and prayed with the group this year.

DON'T THROW THAT AWAY!

STAMPS FROM YOUR CHRISTMAS MAIL can be used by The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart Missionaries in Timor Leste and Peru. **The entire stamped envelope is required, not the individual stamp.** The collection box is located in the church foyer.

UNWANTED SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils, textas, files, folders and stationery are all useful and can be dropped off to the parish office or into the Church foyer. What we cannot use, we will pass on to where it is needed.

ROSARY BEADS: new or used can be dropped off at the parish office for the missions.

PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS

The gates to 45 Wellington Road (next door) will be open for additional parking at the Christmas Eve Vigil, Christmas Day and Boxing Day Masses.

Please consider car-pooling or parking further away from the church (perhaps at the school) so that visitors, the elderly and the infirm are able to park without stress.

Please also do not park in the emergency bays at the front of the church and be considerate to our neighbours.

We hope to make everyone welcome when they come for Christmas Mass—whether they are regular worshippers or have come because of our letterbox drop invitation. So when you are here for Mass this Christmas, do put on your very warmest smile, along with your best dress or suit!

Let us be the joy we proclaim!

Global Gifts from Caritas Australia

You could give a community access to clean, safe water; food to nourish others or empower people to support themselves by choosing a Global Gift from Caritas this Christmas.
Visit www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts

In Our Church

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat 8.00am
Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am , Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms),11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd Sundays)
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm

Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 7.00pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 7.00 - 8.00pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

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ADVENT WREATH PRAYER – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Priest or an Assistant lights the third candle.

Priest: Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet as the one to whom the Spirit of the Lord had been given, the one the Lord had anointed, sent to bring Good News to all. **All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world) and you sent the apostles to proclaim the Gospel to all the world and baptise. **All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. **All: Come, Lord Jesus,**

Priest: **Let us pray:**

0 God, who see how your people Faithfully await the feast of the Lord's nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever,

All: Amen

THIS WEEKEND—15/16 December—3rd Sunday of Advent				
Ministry	**Sat 6pm**	**Sun 7.30am**	**Sun 9.30am**	**Sunday 6pm**
Acolytes	Bob Burns	Paul Wachtel	Eamon Delaney	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Melinda; Mathia; Aaditya and David		Allan; Akash and Victoria	Alex; Dorothy; Marcus and Royce
Proclaimers	John and Chris A	Liz and Brian	Josephine and Charles	Karolina and Michael
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Team A—Lenna; Rosemary; Chris A; John T and Larissa	Team B—Brian; Noeline; Kerryn; Kathleen; Cheryl and Genevieve	Team D—Maureen; Marlene; Darryl; Joan; Patrick and Errol	Team B—Ivor; Rita; Tristan; Teresa; Josephine and Anna
Hospitality	Roopa and John T	Mary and Mavis	Roma and Patrick	Marie M and Maureen
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 21st December @ 10.30am			

NEXT WEEKEND—22/23 December—4th Sunday of Advent				
Ministry	**Sat 6pm**	**Sun 7.30am**	**Sun 9.30am**	**Sunday 6pm**
Acolytes	Brian Vertannes	Eamon Delaney	Chris Yapp	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Marc; Ethan; Peter Tran and Teresa	Bao; Marcus and Cyril	Crissanto; Leandra and Waleska	Alexander; Aimee; Oliver and Shaun
Proclaimers	Chris T and Thelma	Sally and Tang	Sylvia and Mark	Joanne and Anna
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Team B—Chris A; William; John T; Thelma and Tracy	Team C—Tony; Roma; Brian; Debbie; Carl and Josie	Team A—Annette; Jeanette; Peter; Darryl; Tanya and Magdalene	Team A—Ivor; Rita; Marie; Maureen; Luisa or Glenn and Thuy
Hospitality	Tracy and Stella	Mavis and Nancy	Annette and Lucy	Joanne and Fely
Church Cleaning	Team A—Saturday, 29th December @ 9.30am			

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