



What Child is this?

*Raise, raise a
song on high,
The virgin sings
her lullaby
Joy, joy for
Christ is born,
The babe,
the Son of Mary.*

Christmas Blessings

Happy Christmas and A Blessed New Year,

Christmas is our feast day here at Infant Jesus Parish. This year, as always we have so much for which to be grateful. So it is good to come together and celebrate the birth of the Infant Jesus this Christmas.

Life itself is a gift and we are gifts to one another. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus may his peace and joy dwell with each one of us and in our families. May we always rejoice in his love.

With every blessing and good wishes, from your priests of the Carmelite Community
Frs Greg, Tadgh, John Pallipadan, and John Follent

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Today we are handing out cards seeking your advice for the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. Everyone is being consulted by the bishops so that together we can discern what God is asking of us at this time and in the future. More information inside this bulletin or go online to plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

ALPHA

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of Christian faith. It is for anyone curious to explore in open non-judgemental conversations the big questions of life, faith and meaning. There is no pressure, no follow up and no cost. We had a successful Alpha program in the second half of this year and will start our next on 19 February. If you are interested or if you know anyone who is interested then register now at morleyalpha@gmail.com or contact the Parish Office when it reopens at the end of January 2019.

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

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

The Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 29 December: Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 30 December: Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am and 11.30am (Italian) and 6.00pm

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Tuesday 1 January: Mass at 8.30am (no Vigil Mass)

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday 5 January: Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 6 January: Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) and 6.00pm

Masses after Christmas

Boxing Day (Public Holiday): Tuesday 26 December—Mass at 8.30am

PLEASE NOTE: NO NOVENA ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS—26 DECEMBER AND 2 JANUARY



HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



In October 2020, the Catholic Church of Australia is gathering to make plans and decisions for the future. Your voice is needed to help create the agenda. This is your chance to be part of the planning for the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. What are your experiences of God in your life, your faith and the Church? What do you think God is asking of us in Australia? How can the Catholic Church better reflect and embody the values of a contemporary Australia?

Please fill out the card with your thoughts and place in the box in the church foyer. Alternatively, submit your response online at www.share-the-story.com For further information about the Plenary Council 2020 please see the pin-up board in the church foyer. Feel free to take the Plenary Council flyer or Prayer card home with you.

There is also an opportunity if you would like to attend a one-hour group "Listening and Dialogue" session to share your thoughts in friendly dialogue, and we can help you submit a group response. Our parish will run these sessions in early 2019. Register your interest on the noticeboard list in the church foyer.

Parish Prayer Concerns

Deceased: Hung Nguyen-Le;

Anniversaries: John Nicoletto, Tung Van Le and Peggy Caulifield;

The Sick of the Parish: Joe McAteer, and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*"A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come you nations and adore the Lord."*

PARISH OFFICE AND PARISH CENTRE CLOSED

The parish office and parish centre will be closed from **Friday 25 December and reopen on Tuesday 29th January.**

The phone answering machine will be attended regularly, please leave a message and we will get back to you.



What's Happening at Morley Parish?

For more information, contact the Parish office after 28th 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.

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP): Every Wednesday from 4.15 - 5.20pm during school term.

TEENS

Youth Group: For Years 6 to 12 on Friday evening—please contact the Youth Co-ordinator, Roger on 0434 988 711.

PRAYER:

Exposition: each Friday 9.30 - 10.30am in the Church.

Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 7.00 - 8.00pm.

Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesdays 7pm in the Church.

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

Rosary: Monday - Friday after 9am Mass, Saturday after 8.30am Mass in the Church.

Meditation: Wednesday 9.30 - 10.30am in the parish library.

Teresian Prayer Group: 1st and 3rd Mondays 6 - 7pm 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 7.30pm in the parish library.

Catenian Association Morley/Dianella Circle: contact parish office.

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 in the 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: Wednesdays 10.00 - 11am in the parish hall.

Line Dancing: Mondays and Thursdays 9.30 - 11.30am in the parish hall.

Choir: all our choirs welcome new members.

Keeping in Touch Group (visiting the elderly and lonely): contact the parish office on 9276 8500.

Communion to the Sick and Homebound: contact the parish office.

Weddings: contact the parish office.

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

Church Cleaning Groups: once a month, either on Thursday Morning, Friday morning or Saturday morning. Please contact Parish office.

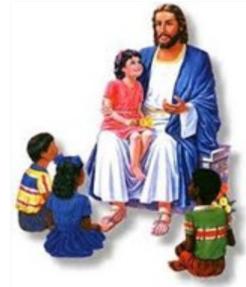
Lectio Divina: meets Mondays weekly 9.30-11.00am.

Columbarium enquiries: by appointment—please phone the parish office.

Yoga: Tuesdays 9 - 10.30am and Thursdays 6 - 7.30pm in Joseph Room—please contact Marion Clare on 0412 633 857.

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 years' 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.



PREP ENROLMENT DAY 2019: Families who wish to enrol their children for the Parish Religious Education Program classes for 2019, to please attend the enrolment day on **Wednesday 6th February from 2.30pm to 5.00pm in the parish centre.** 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.

PREP CLASSES START on Wednesday, 13th February at 4.15pm.

For any enquiries, please contact Sue Goodwin on 9276 8500 or email to prep@infantjesusparish.org.au



NEW TO OUR PARISH? WELCOME!

If you have recently joined our church community, we look forward to welcoming you to our next New Parishioners Morning Tea on Sunday 3rd of February after

9.30am Mass, but in the meantime, please make yourself known to our hospitality ministers and priests, or complete a **New Parishioner Information Form**, available in the church foyer, and return it to one of the priests.

In Our Church

Public Holidays: Morning Prayer 8am, Mass 8.30am

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri 6.40am; Sat 8am

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday Masses: 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd Sunday)

Reconciliation: Saturday 10-11am and 5.00 - 5.30pm.

Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:
Wednesday 7pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday 9.30am - 10.30am

Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Baptisms, Weddings and Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

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