

Dear Parishioners,

The prodigal son (Lk 15: 1-32) is familiar to us. Its central theme is the character of God in the face of human moral failure. In the parable the father, a middle-aged man with a large household, runs out to welcome home, with affection, a son who has coldly demanded his share of the family fortune and then gone on to ruin and disgrace the family. A grand celebration follows. Jesus tells this story as a defence against the criticism he was receiving for his welcome of 'tax collectors (social outcasts) and sinners' and his 'eating with them'. The lost son being 'found' or 're-found' by God is nothing other than a reflection on earth of a much greater celebration going on in heaven (v. 7; v.10; vv. 23-24; v. 32). The issue at stake is not so much sin and its forgiveness but the loss and recovery of human beings, who are precious in God's sight.

The whole mission of Jesus is to reclaim human lives for God and to show people how much God values them by publicly celebrating that recovery. The 'foolishness' of the prodigal father images in some way the supreme 'foolishness' of God's love displayed, for that same purpose, in the Cross (cf. 1 Cor 1:21-25). The "good" older brother reacts angrily to his father's reinstatement of his brother to his status as son. This shows the difficulty we have in coming to terms with such a merciful vision of God. Conversion is not just a matter of turning from overt acts of sin. It also means confronting our own anger and resentment at God's unbounded generosity. The parable is an invitation to own our own limitations and tendency to make mistakes so that we can move from judgement to compassion, forgiveness and celebration. Whether we identify with the younger son or the elder son we really need to take to heart the response of the father.

One of the marks of our time is the collapse of trust in institutions. Through the internet anyone can post anything as if they were an authority. So, there are any number of conspiracy theories and wacky ideas on social media. This also applies to the area of religion. There are a number of well-funded and unprecedented campaigns against Pope Francis. It seems to be an attempt to discredit the Pope.

There is no substitute for actually reading what Pope Francis says or writes. You can follow him at <http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html> A reliable source of news with a variety of views about the Vatican and associated religious topics is Il Sismografo <http://ilsismografo.blogspot.com/>

Blessings, *Greg*



## Winter weeds ....they've got to go!

The garden area around the Church and Parish Centre is infested with winter weeds. We need volunteers to help remove the weeds, rake over the wood chips and allow our spring flowers to bloom in all their glory.

If you can help, please put your name on the list in the foyer.

Gloves and morning tea provided.

BYO weeding tools and bucket.

**PARISH  
WEEDING DAY  
FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER**

**9am — 11am**

(or whatever time you can spare)

See you soon!

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### ENROLMENT MASSES

Families who wish to enrol their child for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Infant Jesus Parish this year are required to attend one of the following Masses:

- **Saturday 21 September at 6:00 PM OR**
- **Sunday 22 September at 9:30 AM OR at 6:00 PM**



**First  
Reconciliation**

Please arrive promptly and register your attendance in the church foyer. For enquiries, please email Faith Rico at [sacramental@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:sacramental@infantjesusparish.org.au)

## ALPHA DAY AWAY ....

Next Saturday, 21 September, our Alpha group is going for a day away. Please pray for all our guests and Alpha team that this day will be a life-changing experience for them and that they will have a real experience of the love of Christ.

Your prayers are a vital part of the Alpha journey for those of our guests who are exploring life's deeper questions.



## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Sunday 22 September 2-3pm



Jesus is pleased to have your company for this hour and will help you cultivate a listening heart and lead you in your prayers for those whom God is calling and has called to serve his flock as priests and religious.

## UNDERSTANDING THE LITURGY

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself." Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation.

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**24:7 Morley Youth Group for  
ALL YOUTH YEARS 6-12  
YOU ARE INVITED!  
COME JOIN IN THE FUN  
AND FELLOWSHIP**

If you are in Years 6-12, you are invited to come and join us. We meet every Friday 6pm—8pm in the parish hall —Gold Coin donation. For more info call Roger 0434 988 711.

## Parish Prayer Concerns

**Recently deceased:** Patricia Doherty, Santo Femia, John Armstrong, Giovanni Ferraro, Primo Patroni, Cecilia Tan, Ivy Bogensperger;

**Deceased:** Raymond Wood, Tan Duy Nguyen, Gerald Yeo, Michael Lewis;

**Anniversaries:** Ho Beng Hiang, Rocco Lemme, Olga Marie Curtis, Natale Gianotti, Ines Gianotti;

**The Sick of the Parish:** Margaret Tindale, Joselyn D'Silva, Jack Reardon, Loretta Hicks, Lesley Peters, Priscilla Grainger, Lucas Bendotti and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*"Blest be the Lord for he has heard my prayer."*

Thank  
you



*Sincere thanks to all parishioners and friends who made my birthday last Sunday 8th September a memorable one. I also marked my anniversary of becoming officially a Carmelite on that day. I really appreciated your good wishes, prayers, gifts and support, especially lunch from Friendship Group. Blessings, Fr Tadgh*



**Care Bags -**  
**Because Children In Care Matter**  
**THANK YOU to all who have donated CARE BAGS.**

**It is not too late to bring in items.** The parish office will still receive any brand-new children's clothing (size 1-16), soft toys, backpacks small comfort items (hair bands, colouring books, card games etc) which children who are taken into protective care will need. Care Bags is run by a 100% volunteer effort and purely on donations from generous supporters. See the poster in the church foyer (under News) if you wished to make up a complete back pack of your own for a child in need.



**PILGRIM STATUE:** The Pilgrim Statue will be in the home of Mrs F Savy, 36a Lingfield Way, Morley. Ph: 9275 3288

## CALENDAR OF SAINTS

**16 Sep:** Sts Cornelius and Cyprian  
**20 Sep:** Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions  
**21 Sep:** St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

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**THURSDAYS 9.30AM-11AM**

Infant Jesus Playgroup welcomes all little children aged 0-4 years to a morning of fun indoor activities, rhyme and story time.

BYO your own children's morning tea. Tea and coffee are provided for parents. (Please note there will be no playgroup during the school holidays).

Please join us soon - Tanya 0414 540 722

## NEXT WEEKEND — 21/22 September—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Eamon Delaney	Chris Lambert	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	David; Mathia; Aaditya and Abhay	Cyril and Marcus	Conan; Ruben; Leandra and Gabrielle	Tim; Dan and Rouce
Proclaimers	Chris T and Thelma	Sally and Tang	Mark and Charles	Fely and Rita
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Team B—Chris A; William; John T; Chris T and Tracy	Team B—Brian; Noeline; Kerry; Kathleen; Cheryl and Delia	Team C—Evelyn; Linda; Denise; Marlene; Josephine and Aileen	Team A—Ivor; Rita; Marie; Maureen; Luisa or Glenn and Thuy
Hospitality	Roopa and John T	Rose and Mavis	Marlene and Deborah	Rennet and Tessie
Church Cleaning	Team C — Saturday, 21 September @ 9.30am			

**PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.**

## 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 6.30 - 7.30pm

**Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:** Please contact the Parish Office.

## Our Parish Team

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