

# Merry Christmas

A *Saviour*  
has been born  
to you; He is  
*Christ* the  
*Lord!*

Luke 2:11



Dear Parishioners,

Each Christmas we celebrate the birth of the Infant Jesus, to whom Morley Parish is dedicated. Today is our feast! The greatest gift that the birth of Jesus brings us at Christmas is the God who is one of us **in the messiness of life. The mission of Jesus is to be 'God with us' - Emmanuel.**

Jesus was born in a remote province far from the centre of Imperial Rome. Mary and Joseph were not rich, famous or powerful. Socially, economically and politically they were nobodies. People without wealth, fame or power. They are forced to travel from their home only to find there was nothing available in cold, midwinter Bethlehem. So, they put up in a stable where Mary gave birth among the **animals. Jesus' life, and even more his death, continues this pattern of poverty and vulnerability.**

Jesus did not dominate or seek to be served but to serve and offer himself for the life of others. In doing so he reveals in his humanity the non-violent, compassionate heart of God. He brings hope, healing and peace to all who trust him, listen to him, follow him and learn from him.

This year the contrast between the traditional images that go with the Christmas and our present Australian reality is stark. Instead of a white Christmas with snow and rich winter food we are in a very hot summer along with dreadful drought. Catastrophic bushfires have taken lives, destroyed many homes and properties and spread fear, embers and smoke far and wide over towns and cities. Our world is in flames.

Christmas challenges us to identify the sadness and anxieties in our own lives, in our families and communities. These challenges to faith and trust can be met only by a deeper trust in a God whose love is shown in a birth and a death. In the light of the birth of the vulnerable Infant Jesus, the prince of peace, we see God and the world differently. We are set free to believe, hope and love. May your Christmas be a truly happy and blessed time.

May the love, peace and joy of the Infant Jesus be with you and your family always,  
*Frs Greg Burke, Tadgh Tierney, John Follent and John Pallipadan*  
*Of the Morley Carmelite Community*

## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

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

Friday 27 December  
8.30am Mass—Feast of St John, Apostle

Saturday 28 December  
8.30am Mass  
6.00pm Mass—Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday 29 December—Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian Mass) & 6pm

Wednesday 1 January 2020—New Year Public Holiday  
8.30am Mass—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



**PLEASE NOTE: NO NOVENA ON WEDNESDAY EVENING—25 DECEMBER**

### **Alpha @ Morley**

**Come and try it! Starts Tuesday 18th February 2020**



#### **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 12 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**

### WHY DO WE PUT MONEY IN THE BAG AT MASS?



#### **THE FIRST COLLECTION**

supports the Priests in our Parish and sick or elderly priests in the Perth Archdiocese, as well as sick and elderly Carmelites and those training to be Carmelite friars

#### **THE SECOND COLLECTION**

is the main source of income for our parish. It also assists new or poor parishes in Perth Archdiocese.

How you can contribute:

- Direct debit
- Planned giving envelope
- Cash

The Parish Office and Parish Centre

**WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS**

from 24 DEC re-opening on TUES 28 JAN 2020.

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

### **2020: April 25 - 27**

Infant Jesus Parish together with Catholic Mission are preparing to receive the relics of St Therese of Lisieux once again and also those of her parents, Sts Louis and Zelie Martin, at Infant Jesus Church in 2020. More details in the coming months.



#### **LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH REMEMBERING YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

Think about it...your parish community has been there for you and your family during the most important moments in your lives. You want to be there for the Catholics of tomorrow as they start their journey of faith.

By leaving a gift to your Church in your will, you can ensure that the mission and the pastoral outreach of the many parish ministries continue and grow both for today's needs and for those of our children and grandchildren. For more information, please speak to Darren at the parish office.



### **PARISH VOLUNTEERS — YOU'VE GOT MAIL**

Please help the parish save on postage and collect your letter from the foyer.

## 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 2020:** Families who wish to enrol their children in the Parish Religious Education Program classes for 2020, please attend the enrolment day on **Monday 10th February from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the parish centre.** You will be required to complete an enrolment form for each child and pay the annual fee of \$50 for one child or \$60 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, 12th February at 4.15pm.**

For any enquiries, please contact Sue Goodwin on 9276 8500 or email [prep@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:prep@infantjesusparish.org.au)

### 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 or as specified  
 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.

### INFANT JESUS PLAYGROUP

Infant Jesus Playgroup recommences on 6 February, 2020 in the Parish Hall. This is a fantastic opportunity for your little ones to develop their social skills, emotional confidence, physical activity, imagination and creativity at their own pace. It is also a time for parents to not only play and interact with their child, but to develop their own friendship and social network.

Children aged 0-4 years are welcome on Thursdays from 9.30-11am. All children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian. Sessions begin with free play, followed by Morning Tea, outdoor play and concluding with story time and songs. Tea, coffee and biscuits are available for parents. **Please bring your own children's Morning Tea.** If able, we always love a gold coin donation to help with the costs of water, electricity, tea and coffee.

For further details, feel free to contact Tanya Davis on 0414 540 722. See you there!!



Would you like to see your business represented here?  
 Call us on 9276 8500

### 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. 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.



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# *What's Happening at Morley Parish?*

For more information, **contact the parish office on or 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.

**Playgroup:** Thursday 9.30 - 11am.

**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:** Friday 9.30 - 10.30am in the Church.

**Eucharistic Prayer:** Friday 6.30– 7.30pm.

**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:** Thursday 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:

**Baptism Preparation Group:** once a month, Monday evening at 7.00pm in the parish library.

**Catenian Association Morley/Dianella Circle:** please contact parish office.

**Choir:** all our choirs welcome new members. Please contact parish office.

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

**Columbarium enquiries:** please contact parish office.

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

**Friendship Group:** for men and women each Thursday 9.30 - 11am in the parish library.

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

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

**Knights of the Southern Cross:** meet 4th Wednesday monthly at 7.45pm in the parish library.

**Lectio Divina:** meet Monday weekly 9.30-11.00am.

**Line Dancing:** Monday 9.30 - 11.30am in the parish hall.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** meet Tuesday weekly at 7.30pm in the parish library.

**Tai Chi:** Wednesday 10.00 - 11am in the parish hall.

**Weddings:** please contact the parish office.

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