

Dear Parishioners,

We are now in Ordinary Time Year A, when on Sundays we read the Gospel according to Matthew. So, it is striking that today's Gospel is from John (Jn1: 29-34).

In today's First Reading (Is 49:3, 5-6). The 'Servant' describes his calling and the dual role that he has received from God. Not only is he to restore and gather the survivors from exile in Babylon but Israel is to receive a new mission as 'the light of the nations'. Amid the bitterness and loss associated with exile there are those who have experienced God's faithfulness and liberating power in captivity. These return with their new mission: to be the instrument of salvation for the entire world. Similarly Jesus' mission is to be not only Messiah of Israel but also Saviour of the world.

Paul is the first proponent of that worldwide mission. In the Second Reading, from 1 Cor 1:1-3, we hear his introductory greeting to the Christian community of Corinth. Paul calls them 'the church of God that is in Corinth, those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints.' They are not simply part of the world-wide church, but they are the church ('the gathered people') of God in Corinth. In a city famous for immorality, they are to be a 'light for the nations.' They are not removed from the wider world in which they live. But are called to live a consecrated life that will mark them out as God's holy people, the Temple in which God dwells (1 Cor 3:16-17). As it is for us today.

In John's Gospel John the Baptist is the witness first mentioned in the Prologue (1:1-18; esp. vv 6-7, 15). Today he makes clear his own status regarding Jesus. John's water immersion is a simple rite of conversion. While Jesus, upon whom John has seen the Spirit come down and rest, will 'baptise with the Holy Spirit'. On the cross Jesus imparts the Holy Spirit to the Church as it comes to birth in the persons of his Mother and the Beloved Disciple. He is the Paschal lamb offered to God bringing salvation for all. The risen Lord later stands among the disciples and breathes on them saying "Receive the Holy Spirit, whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven" (Jn20:22-23). Only at the close of the Gospel do we grasp why John pointed out Jesus, as 'the lamb, that takes away the sin of the world' (1:29; cf. v 36). Jesus fulfils Isaiah's prophecy bringing salvation for the entire world. - Fr. Greg

Bushfire Crisis—Special Collection—Australia Day Weekend 25th/26th January



"The Bishops are aware of the huge amount being done around the nation, led by governments and first responders. Many local faith communities, including Catholic parishes and organizations, as well as ecumenical and inter-religious coalitions are also making a big contribution. While the bishops typically respond to challenges at a parish or diocesan level, the scale of this crisis requires a national response from the whole Church to complement and co-ordinate what is happening locally" -ACBC statement, January 7, 2020

The Australian Bishop's Council have called on all Australian parishes to take up a collection on the Australia Day weekend in support of those who have suffered the effects of the current bushfire crisis.

Please come prepared to help next weekend.

If you would like to read the Bishops statement regarding the crisis, please collect a copy from the foyer as you leave

ATTENTION TO ALL PARISHIONERS—CHANGE TO WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT WEEK

We are upgrading our Church's audio system. Work will be undertaken from Monday 20th January to Thursday 23rd of January. For the safety of parishioners, the church will be closed during this period.

Morning Prayer of the Church and morning Masses (7am and 9am) from Monday 20th January to Thursday 23rd of January will be held in the parish hall.



Alpha @ Morley Who will you invite?

Take home a postcard from the pews today and pass it to anyone you think needs to meet Jesus in a very real way.

Alpha is for everyone, but especially those who have never experienced the love of God or who have never had a real conversion of heart through an encounter with Christ.

We all know someone like this—maybe it is ourselves.

Invite someone today!

Starts Tuesday 18th February 2020

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

WELCOME BACK!

We hope all our families have been having a lovely break over the Christmas period.

Children's liturgy commences on Sunday, February 9th at the 9am Mass. Children aged 3-8 are encouraged to join in when the priest invites them up to process over to the parish Hall for their own liturgy of the Word.



Playgroup for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers and parents commences in the parish hall on Thursday February 6th.



PILGRIM STATUE: This week is in the home of Mr & Mrs P & D Clift; 2 Kelby Close, Morley.
Ph: 6142 7161

Your Parish needs your help.

The beginning of a new year is a time of renewal and regrowth. It is time for us to renew our parish ministries. We need more people to commit to a ministry in the parish.

There are a number of ministries which urgently need new people to commit to a term of service- hospitality, Eucharistic ministers, proclaimers, choirs, Children's Liturgy, Personal Advocacy Mass helpers—the list goes on.

What is God calling you to do in 2020? What are your gifts? How can they be used in the work of sharing the Good News?



In coming weeks we will give you the opportunity to share your gifts by joining one of our teams.

“Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will”

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Giuseppe Geompoalo (Italy);

Deceased: Hung Nguyen Le;

Anniversaries: Audiey Roaa, Patricia Yeung, Giuseppina & Vincenzo Caccamo, Ghen Fone Kin, Leonie Findlay, Antonio Della Gatta;

The Sick of the Parish: Rachael;

*“Here I am Lord,
I come to do your will.”*

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

21 Jan: St Agnes, virgin, martyr

24 Jan: St Francis de Sales, bishop, Doctor

25 Jan: The Conversion of St Paul, apostle

“Bring the little children to me, do not stop them.”

Are you commencing or completing your primary teacher training or childcare certificate and you would love the chance to get some classroom experience? Do you feel like God is drawing you towards nurturing his little ones?



This year we urgently need new catechists. Please consider becoming part of our Parish Religious Education programme and sharing the faith with primary aged children who attend non-Catholic schools in our area. Classes are held on Wednesday afternoons from 4.15 –5.20pm in our parish centre. No experience or special knowledge is required, just a desire to serve God in this very important ministry. A complete program is provided by the Archdiocesan Catechist Service.

Please call Sue Goodwin, PREP Co-ordinator, to find out all you need to know. prep@infantjesusparish.org.au or phone the parish office on 92768500.

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

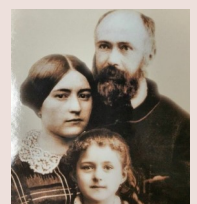
START YOUR NEW YEAR WITH A COMMITMENT TO DAILY PRAYER

Discovering Prayer—A 30 day prayer journey of encountering God, and love. For anyone who is seeking to understand what it would be like to have God in their life. Available from Piety stall for \$3.20 per copy.

2020: April 25 - 27

Visit of the Relics of St. Therese and her parents

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 Zelig Martin, at Infant Jesus Church in 2020. More details in the coming months.



Creating a Spirit of Welcome

The visit of the relics, we know from experience, will be a very significant event for people from around the Archdiocese and so we are expecting, once again, large crowds. We need you to help us create a spirit of true hospitality and welcome for our guests.

Please volunteer to be part of our Relics Visit Team. There is a registration form in the foyer, we ask you to sign up today to help with tasks large and small.

NEXT WEEKEND —25/26 January —

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Chris Wray	Sophie Menezes	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	David, Mathia, Aaditya, Abhay	Alex, Dorothy, Bryant	Conan, Ruben, Leandra, Gabrielle	Cyril
Proclaimers	Marie and Mellisa	Joanne and Sjen	Pat and Barry	Michael and Margaret
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Team B—Chris A; William; John T; Chris T and Tracy	Team B—Brian, Noeline, Kerry, Kathleen, Cheryl, Roma	Team C—Evelyn, Linda, Denise, Marlene, Josephine, Aileen	Team A—Ivor; Rita; Marie; Maurren; Luisa or Glenn and Thuy
Hospitality	Ann Brooker & Janice Haylett	Barb Cavanagh & Veronica Uberuaga	Deborah Laidler & Pauline Stacey	Joanne Byrde and Fely Palermo
Church Cleaning	Team A			
PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.				

Adult Faith Formation Course in Lent at IJ
 ‘The Fullness of Joy: How to pursue Virtue in our Daily lives’

ON: Thursdays, 27 Feb – 12 March. **FROM:** 7:00pm – 8:30pm (3 sessions)

WITH: Mr Derek Boylen – Director of Centre for Life, Marriage and Family Office.

AT: Morley Parish - 47 Wellington Road, Morley

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$15



Our Catholic faith gives us a great road map for becoming the best version of ourselves. More specifically, it indicates the virtues of prudence, justice, temperance, courage, and faith, hope, and charity as means through which we can achieve this. The Catechism tells us that the virtues allow people not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of themselves. This series of talks explores what virtues are, the habits and dispositions that lead to a virtuous life and practical steps for making positive change.

HOW TO REGISTER: You may register by putting your name on the registration sheet on the foyer A-frame, or by calling the parish office on 92768500 or emailing enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au

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