

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 9276 8500 or emailing enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au

Visit of the Relics of St. Therese and her parents

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 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.

Spreading the Word It is important to let our wider community know about the visit. We would like to buy two large vinyl banners to put out on the street so that everyone driving past will see.

The cost would be about \$200.00 each. If you would like to donate one of these banners, your contribution to the visit of the relics would be deeply appreciated.

To read about St Therese and her parents

In conjunction with the visit of the Relics of St Therese and her parents, Fr Tadgh has produced a booklet with the account of the lives of Zelig and Louis Martin, parents of St Therese of Lisieux. The booklet is available for purchase \$8 a copy from church foyer and parish office.

“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 9276 8500.

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.



for babies and toddlers and school aged children with their parents or grandparents commences on Thursday 6th February in the parish hall. **ALL WELCOME**

COLUMBARIUM NEWS

It has been drawn to the attention of the Columbarium Committee that some flower arrangements placed in the small flower holders attached to, or next to, individual plaques are becoming so large that they are impinging on neighbouring plaques.

We invite families to come and remove large arrangements and replace them with a smaller arrangement during the month of February.

From the beginning of March, large arrangements will be removed by the committee and held in the parish office for collection for one month. If not collected after one month, they will be disposed of.

As from next Wednesday, 5th February, members of the Columbarium Committee will be available in the parish centre from 9.30am—11.30am to answer questions or assist with niche reservations. If this day is not convenient for you, an appointment with one of the committee can be made at any time by phoning the parish office on 927685020.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP will resume again on Thursday 6th February after the 9.00am Mass, in the parish library. Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some fellowship.

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Rosemarie Gaske, Rosario Giardina, Dolly Hopley and Brigida Sageber;

Deceased: Deceased members of Le and Tran families;

Anniversaries: Fr. Hilary Doran, OCD, Fr. Jarlath Flynn, OCD, Melvyn Fredericks, Maria and Giuseppe Marrapodi,

The Sick of the Parish: Rachael, Lucas Bendotti, and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*"Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love."*

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

5 February: St. Agatha

6 February: Sts Paul Miki and Companions



PILGRIM STATUE: This week is in the home of Sandra Haney, 2 Richards Place, Noranda. 0412589461

ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO!

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

TO REGISTER: morleyalpha@gmail.com



HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT ALPHA

Would you like to be part of the Alpha Team, have fun and make new friends? There are different roles within the team, so there is sure to be something to suit you.

- ◆ **Setting up team on Tuesday Morning**—Help setting up the tables, chairs, tea and coffee station.
- ◆ **Kitchen Team**—fortnightly helping to prepare, serve and washing up, about 2 hours—5.30pm to 7.30pm.
- ◆ **Laundering**—tablecloths and tea towels.
- ◆ **Donate**—cakes, fruits or biscuits for dessert.

Please contact Billie on 9276 8500 if you like to be part of team.



Congratulations to the children who were baptised in our church recently:

Indiana Asha Douglass, Isabelle Grace and Emerson Gass. Please pray for these little ones and their families.

We also congratulate **Padan Moses**, who was received into the Catholic Church in our parish by Fr. Greg on the 5th January. We warmly welcome Padan into the worldwide Catholic community and ask God's blessing on her and her family who have supported her in her journey of faith.

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

NEXT WEEKEND — 8/9 February

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Bob B	Paul	Sophie	Marion
Altar Servers	Elysha, Carmen, Alexis	Madeleine, Frank	Crissanto, Victoria, Denver	Tim, Dan, Royce, Alyssa
Proclaimers	Chris A and Clare	Sally and Tang	Josephine and Mike	Fely and Rita
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Team B—Chris A, John T. William, Tracy, Chris T.	Team A—Mike, Frank, John S, Anna, Lesley, Yvonne	Team B—Patrick, Annette, Joan, Maureen, Teresa P., Errol	Team A—Ivor, Rita, Marie, Maureen, Luisa/Glenn, Thuy
Hospitality	Rose Chang, Millie Lo.	Angela D—Mungar & Mercia Ramm	Annette Nathanielsz & Lucy Moras	Rennet Taylor & Tessie Baluyot
Church Cleaning	Team C			
PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.				

Is it weird that Catholic's venerate relics?

In April, our parish will host the relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, Zelig and Louis Martin. So what are relics? Relics are physical objects that have a direct association with the saints or with Our Lord. They are usually broken down into three classes: First class relics are the body or fragments of the body of a saint, such as pieces of bone or flesh. Second class relics are something that a saint personally owned, such as a shirt or book (or fragments of those items). Third class relics are those items that a saint touched or that have been touched to a first, second, or another third class relic of a saint. **The word relic means "a fragment" or "remnant of a thing that once was but now is no longer."**

Where did the Catholic tradition of venerating saints' relics come from?

Scripture teaches that God acts through relics, especially in terms of healing. In fact, when surveying what Scripture has to say about sacred relics, **one is left with the idea that healing is what relics "do."** When the corpse of a man was touched to the bones of the prophet Elisha the man came back to life and rose to his feet (2 Kings 13:20-21). **A woman was healed of her hemorrhage simply by touching the hem of Jesus' cloak (Matthew 9:20-22).** The signs and wonders worked by the Apostles were so great that people would line the streets with the sick so that when Peter walked by at least **his shadow might 'touch' them (Acts 5:12-15).** When handkerchiefs or aprons that had been touched to Paul were applied to the sick, the people were healed and evil spirits were driven out of them (Acts 19:11-12). In each of these instances God has brought about a healing using a material object. The vehicle for the healing was the touching of that object. It is very important to note, however, that the cause of the healing is God; the relics are a means through which He acts. In other words, relics are not magic. They do not contain a power that is their own; a power separate from God. **Any good that comes about through a relic is God's doing. But the fact that God chooses to use the relics of saints to work healing and miracles tells us that He wants to draw our attention to the saints as "models and intercessors" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 828).**

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