

Dear friends,

KEEPING OUR PARISH GOING - NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE

We are living through extraordinary times. Most of us have never experienced the suspension of public Masses or parish gatherings. I know for many of you this is a cause for sorrow and deprivation.

However we do need to be realistic and accept that the Covid-19 crisis may last for months. Its impact will touch every household. Despite these challenges, we should not lose heart. Our buildings are closed but the Church is alive and open. We need to make this an opportunity to deepen our prayer, our relationship with God and our concern for one another. The life of the Church continues in our prayer and mutual support.

The work of our parish goes on, even if in different forms. We are responding in the following ways:

- We continue to support parishioners by celebrating funerals and visiting the sick. When asked we take Communion and anoint sick people at home.
- We keep in touch with our parish community through the Parish webpage, Facebook and email. And of course we are available by phone.
- Unfortunately, we have had to stand down our staff and close the parish office.
- We have also postponed all major maintenance and refurbishment projects.
- Our columbarium committee continues to arrange and attend internments as necessary.
- Some of our staff continue to work voluntarily to complete necessary daily duties, such as paying accounts, attending emails, publishing the bulletin, maintaining the website, gardening, cleaning and general maintenance.

Perth Archdiocese is helping. Archbishop Costelloe has suspended the 2020 Archdiocesan Assessment which supports the works of the Archdiocese. This will limit our expenditure, though raising revenue is our responsibility. At the moment, with no public masses or collections we have had a significant reduction in our income. A number of parishioners have told me that they want to continue to financially support the parish during this extraordinary time.

These are uncertain times, the financial effects of which are becoming obvious to us all. I appreciate whatever financial support parishioners can provide. However, I understand that those in financial difficulties will need to review, or even cease their level of support.

Our principal source of income is from our planned giving contributors. With no public masses this is now unavailable to us. Many of you already contribute by direct debit or direct bank transfer. If you do not I ask you to consider contributing in this way to our parish finances. It is an easy and effective way to support us at this time.

The details on these options are here:

- ◆ Direct Bank Transfer *Infant Jesus Parish Morley—BSB: 086 006 Account No: 66860 6029*
- ◆ Direct Debit *Please complete the Direct Debit Application Form which you will find on the Parish Webpage at www.infantjesusparish.org.au, under 'Contact us'—Parish Forms—Planned Giving— complete the Direct Debit Form and return the completed form to accounts@infantjesusparish.org.au*

Thank you for your desire to support your parish. I am deeply grateful. It means the work of the parish will continue throughout the duration of this crisis. Thank you for your commitment to the parish.

Every day when we celebrate the Eucharist we gratefully pray for you and your families. Nor do we forget those who are isolated and alone and all those affected by the Covid19 virus throughout the world.

Every blessing and good wish, Fr Greg

CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Our Church and parish office are closed until further notice in accordance with the recent directives from the government. However, we are continuing to provide support and information to you at this unprecedented time through our online networks: webpage at <http://www.infantjesusparish.org.au/> and Facebook at [infantjesusparishmorley](https://www.facebook.com/infantjesusparishmorley). Please stay in touch with us! You can still leave a phone message on 9276 8500 or email secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You can also speak to any of the priests directly by making the appropriate option when phoning the office number.



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Child Protection and Family Support Update

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, please be reassured that the Department of Communities, Child Protection and Family Support division continues to respond to child protection concerns, 24 hours-a-day, seven days-per-week.

At a time where children may be less visible within our community, it is important for us all to remain vigilant and report any concerns we may have for the more vulnerable members of our community to the appropriate authority.

- ⇒ Should you have concerns for the wellbeing of a child, please contact the Central Intake Team on 1800 273 889 or email cpduty@cpfs.wa.gov.au.
- ⇒ To report a concern out of business hours, please contact our Crisis Care Unit on 9223 1111 or Country free call 1800 199 008.
- ⇒ Should you have concerns that are life threatening, please call 000."



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The devotion to the Divine Mercy was actively promoted by Pope John Paul II. On April 30, 2000, the Canonization of Faustina Kowalska, to whom the image of the Divine Mercy was revealed, took place and the Sunday after Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy (Dominica II Paschae seu de divina misericordia) in the General Roman Calendar.

On April 22, 2001, which was one year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message in the resurrection context of Easter:

"Jesus said to St. Faustyna one day: 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy'. Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity."

THANK YOU

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2020. Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives. **COVID-19** means that churches are temporarily closed for parish Masses. During this time may we ask that **cash** donations in Project Compassion boxes or envelopes be sent to us by cheque or credit card instead. Please **either** mail to: Caritas Australia, 40A Mary Street, HIGHGATE WA 6003. (Please do not send **cash** in the mail. Also, include your completed box top or envelope if you need a tax receipt.) **or:** visit

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion to make your donation online. **or:** by phone 08 9422 7925. This is Caritas' Highgate WA office. Calls are forwarded to Deacon Paul Reid, during COVID-19 office closure.

or: 1800 024 413 This is Caritas' National Office. **Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2020 appeal.** www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion 1800 024 413



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"Mass at Home" Parish Facebook group

If you are on Facebook and would like another way of keeping in touch with your community and sharing your experiences of practicing your faith at home, or wish to explore on-line faith opportunities, please join our Facebook group.

The Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Following the directive from the Archbishop, the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation (First Rite) scheduled on our Church for every Saturday are temporarily suspended until further notice. However please contact Frs Greg, Tadgh and John for individual requests for the Sacrament.

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