

Dear brothers and sisters,

Both the First Reading (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12) and Gospel today (Matt 14: 44-46) ask us: “in your deepest centre what do you really want?” and, “how much are you willing to pay for it?” Solomon can ask God for anything at all. Yet, unlike both ancient and modern rulers, he doesn't ask for more wealth, power, or victory over his enemies but for a listening and discerning heart so he can be a wise and good king.

In today's first parable a man accidentally finds buried treasure and in the second a jeweller finds a fabulous pearl. Neither of them can just take possession straight away. They need to get the money. So, they sell all they have to obtain what they desire above all else. They are both delighted by the deal.

The parables are not about what one 'ought' to do; they simply describe what happens in the life of people who have caught a glimpse of the highest good. So, an athlete will steer clear of extra portions of cheesecake and will train to the limit for a gold medal. We give up lots of things to get something we really want.

For Jesus his goal is to bring the kingdom of divine love and peace to people in our world. While not yet completely within our grasp, the kingdom even now brings us joy, freedom, and hope. To gain the prize of life in the kingdom it is necessary for us to have listening and discerning hearts. Christian life brings freedom from being absorbed and immersed in the attractions, pleasures and concerns of this world when we are 'captured' by a sense of God's love and God's future for us that puts these things in their place. The treasure of God's love grasped in faith is the one thing necessary which works our transformation.

The Second Reading, (Rom 8:28-30) conveys Paul's belief that we are caught up in the unfolding divine plan that is already under way. The goal of this plan is that we become images of the risen Christ who is the true image of God. In the end not only will Christ be the unique Son of God, but also the 'eldest' of many brothers and sisters in the one family of God. The pearl of great price.

—Blessings, Greg

You are invited

Thanksgiving Mass—Friday 14 August at 7pm in the Church



Fr Greg has two milestones coming up in August; the 50th Anniversary of his profession as a Carmelite on August 15th and his 70th birthday on August 20th. You are invited to join your community at this joyful celebration of the Eucharist to thank God for the gifts of Fr Greg's life and service.



Due to the Phase 4 Covid regulations, numbers will be limited, so you will need to register your attendance at this Mass. You can do this by using the Eventbrite app or go to www.eventbrite.com.au and search ***“Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Greg”*** or by contacting the parish office.

Please, if you register and then find you are unable to attend, please contact the office—we would like to give as many people as possible the opportunity to share in this special celebration.

After Mass Celebration (REGISTER SEPARATELY)

After the Mass, a light supper will be served. Due to the smaller capacity of the parish centre, numbers for this celebration will be more restricted. You must reserve a place (separately from the Mass celebration). If you wish to attend; and again, if you reserve a place at the supper and then find you are unable to attend, please contact the parish office to withdraw your reservation. To register for supper, please go to Eventbrite app or go to www.eventbrite.com.au and search ***for “After Mass Celebration with Fr Greg”***.



Celebration Morning Tea (REGISTER SEPARATELY)

For those who wish to share in the celebrations but are unable to attend on the Friday evening, and also to allow more people the opportunity to celebrate with Fr Greg, there will be a Devonshire tea held after the 8.30am Mass for the Assumption on the 15th August. Make your booking via the Eventbrite app, or go to www.eventbrite.com.au and search for ***“Celebration Morning Tea with Fr Greg”***. Again, if you reserve a place at the morning tea and are then unable to attend, please contact the office to withdraw your reservation.



PLEASE NOTE: If you miss out on reserving a place at the Mass or the supper or morning tea, please contact the office to put your name on a “wait list”, in case others cancel their reservation.

INFANT JESUS PLAYGROUP



Great news!! The Infant Jesus Playgroup recommenced last Thursday in the Parish Hall.

Children aged 0-4 years are welcome on Thursdays from 9.30-11am. All children must be accompanied by their parent/carer. 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 child'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!!

ALPHA PROGRAM



Our parish Alpha program, interrupted by the COVID19 lockdown, has recommenced and last Tuesday, was our first night of "Alpha Take 2".

With our Holy Spirit day only a couple of weeks away, please pray for all our guests and team as we continue the journey toward a deeper understanding of faith.

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

Due to ill health, one of our cleaning teams is urgently in need of help. We need at least 5 people per team and at the moment one of our teams has only TWO people, which makes it very difficult. If you are available on a Thursday morning for an hour ONCE A MONTH ONLY from 10.00am, please contact the parish office on 9276 8500.



SACRAMENT PROGRAM SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

CHILDREN'S RETREAT & PRACTICE—FRIDAY 21 AUGUST, 9:00 AM AT THE PARISH CENTRE

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION:

- Saturday, September 5th at 3:00 pm OR
- Saturday, September 12th at 3:00 pm OR
- Saturday, September 19th at 3:00 pm.



If we want our Masses to continue...

then please put your hand up to clean the pews after Sunday Masses. Under the Covid-19 regulations, we are required to regularly clean the areas being used.

After Mass, offer your help to wipe down seats and pew backs. Gloves and cleaning materials are provided. Thank you.



PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Elaine Phillips, Aubrey Damans, Gary Albuquerque, Rudy Fairman;

Deceased: Peter The, Joseph Tam, Lorenzo Tiem Dunog, Ane Thiem Nguyen, Lawrence Ferguson, Teresa & Linda Harvey, Joachin, Agatha & Joseph Chua, Bob Fosberry, Melvyn Fosberry and Peter Meek;

Anniversaries: Mike Faloconer, Laure Leembruggen, Joe Byrne, Paula & Alphonso Montero, Regina Manuel, Richard Fosberry, Robert Bruske;

The Sick of the Parish: Indigo Chin, Sharon Rosielle Beryl & Georgia Neale and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant."

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

29 Jul: St Martha

31 Jul: St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

1 Aug: St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor



PILGRIM STATUE—This week in the home of Mrs Jackie Sbrocco, 51 Fitzgerald Road, Morley. Phone: 9276 4885

Please put your name on the roster in the foyer if you would like to host the statue in your home.



For the Year of Matthew, we have new books by Fr Tadgh: "Message of Matthew" and "Message of Mark"

These new books now available near the piety stall for a donation of \$8.00. Also available, *The Gospel of John*.

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR TADGH

Come and join us on Thursdays from 7pm to 8pm in the parish library. We are currently at Gospel of Luke. No registration needed. All welcome.



HELP NEEDED

Catholic Outreach is looking for a retiree to assist a family getting their children to school in Morley. Need to have a current Working With Children Card. If you could help, please contact Marietta Russo 9422 7920.

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PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

If you have donated through the project compassion boxes or envelopes, you may collect your receipts from the sacristy after Mass.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR PARISH BULLETIN TO THE STAND AT THE END OF MASS

In accordance with WA government COVID-19 directives, parish bulletins or any other printed materials may not be re-used.

Pope's Missionary Prayer Intention for July

During this COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis reminds us that *"The family ought to be protected. It faces many dangers: the fast pace of life, stress... Sometimes, parents forget to play with their children. We need to encourage families and stay at their side, helping them to discover ways that allow them to overcome all of these difficulties. Let us pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance."*



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