

Dear brothers and sisters,

The First Reading (Gen 9:8-15) follows the story of Noah and the great flood. The flood is as if creation went into reverse. Noah, together with his family and a selection of animals, had been preserved, creation was renewed, and the human race given a fresh start. The rainbow normally signals the end of a storm and the re-emergence of sunlight, beauty and hope. But now the rainbow will be a symbol of the renewed agreement (covenant) between Creator and creation. God's intention is to communicate life and blessing, not destruction. In Christian tradition the flood and the rescue of Noah, became a symbol of salvation. It speaks of God's constant disposition to rescue human beings and their world from the consequences of sin.

The Gospel (Mk 1:12-15) presents Jesus after his baptism in the Jordan confronting the evil spiritual power (Satan) personally and then announcing the good news that Satan has been overthrown by his proclaiming and initiating the 'Reign (Kingdom) of God'. Today Jesus has emerged from his baptism empowered by the Spirit, the power of God's love (1:11). The Spirit will be the driving force of his mission. The Spirit begins this mission by 'driving' Jesus into the wilderness, the habitat of wild animals and evil spirits. In this dangerous situation, bereft of human comfort and resources, Jesus personally exposes himself to the onslaught of Satan, before taking up his mission to free people from all that would trap body, mind and soul and so alienate human beings from God and their own true and deepest humanity.

In his Lenten message Pope Francis reminds us that "every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping, and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father."

—*Blessings, Greg*



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. She was forced to flee the armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and her eight-month-old baby.

With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support, and learnt sewing skills to help her earn an income.



Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia," Jamila says.

Please donate to Project Compassion to help mothers like Jamila 'be more' for her family and her community. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes available in the church foyer or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

WELCOME BACK TO 24:7 Morley Youth Group

For all youth in Years 6-12, bring along a gold coin donation, and friends!

Every Friday, 6:30pm-8:30pm at Infant Jesus Primary School hall!

Coming up ~ 26th Feb – Intro to term theme WELCOME BACK TO 24:7

Contact Catherine 0424196585 or Joe 0482687063 for more information. Find us on Instagram@247morley or @youthministry247



COVID SAFE PARISH

Thank you all for your patience and cooperation, especially these past weeks, adhering to COVID safe requirements. From the imposed hand sanitising, to mandatory contact registration, everyone has been such a champion. Thank you! Please continue to support these safety measures, so that together, we can ensure that our worship space and community areas are safe places for our whole community, especially our very elderly and vulnerable community members.



Just a reminder, especially this Lenten season:

- ♦ If you are unwell or have any symptoms of cold or flu, stay at home.
- ♦ Register your contact details: via the SafeWA app or by completing the paper slip in the church foyer/parish centre
- ♦ Upon entering, sterilize your hands using the hand sanitisers provided.
- ♦ Keep a safe 1.5m physical distance.
- ♦ Please follow directions of staff/volunteers.
- ♦ Be patient and be respectful to the people around you.

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR TADGH

Join Fr Tadgh this Lent to read *and discern at Luke's Acts of* Apostle on Thursday at 7pm to 8pm in the parish library.



ENRICHING YOUR SEASON OF LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

- begins **Wednesday 24th February** and continues through Lent. The service will start at 7pm and conclude at 7.30pm.



PLEASE NOTE: The Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Mt Carmel will not be held during Lent. It will be replaced by Stations of the Cross.

Also on Friday afternoon during Lent, "The Way of the Cross" will be held in our Church from 2pm-3pm.

Free ONLINE CARMELITE RETREAT — LENT WITH ST. TERESA OF AVILA



Experience this Lent with St Theresa of Avila, Discalced Carmelite and Doctor of the Church, the great teacher of the spiritual life—guided in particular by her book the *"Interior Castle"*. There will be a text and video for each week through 7 weeks of Lent and Easter to help you to reflect and meditate. Register for free or unsubscribe at any time at retreat-online@karmel.at

LECTION DIVINA GROUP

The Lenten series of Lectio Divina discussion on the following weekend's Gospel readings will commence on **Monday, 22nd February** after the 9am Mass. Papers are available for collection from the Hospitality cupboard. All are very welcome.

Look to Jesus — 52 Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter

Get your copy now from Church piety stall or parish office for \$4.50 per copy. For just a few minutes each day, you are invited to contemplate a verse from the Scripture reading of the day followed by a quote from Pope Francis and a simple prayer.



2021 LENTEN MARRIAGE CHALLENGE — pick up the free calendar from the foyer. Lent is a time to renew our commitment to our faith and for married couples that means a commitment to the vocational calling God has set before us too.

LENT REFLECTION JOURNAL 2021 – CENTRE FOR LIFE, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY A limited-run of A5 journals featuring daily Mass readings, quotes from saints, spaces to write, & reflections from faith leaders is available for \$15 (inc. GST) plus postage from www.CLMFjournal.ecwid.com or email: lifeservices.clmf@perthcatholic.org.au

INFANT JESUS PLAYGROUP



Infant Jesus Playgroup started last Thursday 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. 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 Lucy on 0411 362 080. See you there!!

YOGA CLASSES with Marion Wayne

Begins again for 2021 on Tuesday 2nd March 9am

Joseph Room

All welcome—BYO yoga mat & water bottle

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

An Ecumenical Day of Prayer with a focus on the needs of Vanuatu



Date: Friday, 5th March
Time: 10.30am—11.30am followed by lunch
Place: St Martins Anglican Parish, Bramwell Way, Noranda
Speaker: Rev. Jan Boyle
Cost: Gold coin donation

All welcome.

Please support this opportunity to join our Christian sisters and brothers in prayer.

Expression of Interest—BIBLES

NRSV Catholic Prayer Bible

or the Christian Community Bible

Anyone interested in purchasing one of the bibles which Fr Greg mentioned in the bulletin two weeks ago please contact the parish office on 9276 8500 to express your interest. We hope to get the best price through a bulk order. Thank you.



In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 6.30pm (Suspended during Lent and replaced by Stations of the Cross at 7pm)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.—Ph: 9276 8500

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Garden FUNraiser – Mother's Day fair

Keep up to date with everything that is happening by liking our FB page "Garden FUNraiser"

Thank you to everyone who has contributed by donating all sorts of items, it is so much appreciated.

We are still collecting: fabric, any kind, but especially floral/garden themed; natural hessian pieces (clean) or jute string; larger pots; ceramic or décor pots, soaps, old metal buckets, basins, wheelbarrows etc; hand creams, bath products etc, to include in Mother's Day gift packs, Milo or coffee tin lids.

Cuttings cut off date: It is now too late to plant any more cuttings – there won't be time for them to establish strong roots before the day. However, we still appreciate your help in potting established plants or some flower seedlings so that we have some lovely potted colour on the day. It is time to plant ageratum, alyssum, cineraria, cyclamen, forget-me-not, French marigold, Iceland poppy, lobelia, lupin, pansy, phlox, primula, stock and wallflower, chives, oregano, marjoram, parsley, coriander.

Thank you so much to all our happy potters who have been keeping us informed about their progress – it truly is wonderful that so many are happily helping at home.



PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of

Mrs Cecilia Khin Si

12/86 Railway Pde, Bayswater.

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CALENDAR OF SAINTS

22 Feb: The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

23 Feb: St Polycarp

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently deceased: Glorian Noreen Watts, Antonio Caravella;

Deceased: Anne & Sean Stapleton, Delfina Margarida Dos Santos, all Holy Souls;

Anniversaries: Mathews Alus, Giuseppe Spiccia, Mary, Charles & Allan Richards, John Gonsalves, Robert & Frances Murphy, Clyde Antony Rodrigues;

The Sick of the Parish: Alan Summersett, Sharon Rosielle and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory."

NEXT WEEKEND — 28th February 2021—2nd Sunday of Lent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Eamon Delaney	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Erin; Matthia and Royce	Cyril	Gabrielle and Victoria	Dylan; Shaun and Alyssa
Proclaimers	Chris A and Marian	Sally and Tang	Tony and Marion O	Alan and Maureen
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Chris T and Tracy	Delia and John S	Annette N and Josephine	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Ann and Denise	Lyn and Mavis	Deborah and Pauline	Rennet and Fely T
Church Cleaning	Team B — Thursday, 25 February @ 9.45am			

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

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