

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we saw last week, in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is trying to educate his disciples in what it means to be the Messiah. They are not impressed. They prefer the exciting prospects for themselves as associates of the Messiah as conventionally understood. As they walk along the road to Jerusalem, they have been arguing with one another about who will get the plum jobs with all the associated prestige, wealth and power in the kingdom. Disputes about power are totally at odds with what Jesus has been attempting to communicate.

Jesus decides to dramatise his understanding. He takes a child and sets it in front of them all. Then putting his arms around the child, he says: 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me' (v 37). In the ancient world children had no social status. Until adulthood they were nobodies. For someone outside the family to 'welcome' a child would be to turn prevailing values and social customs upside down; it would require putting aside all one's ideas of self-importance and adult status, and simply meeting the child as an equal, as 'child' to child. In so doing the disciples will be welcoming him and the Father who stands behind his entire life and mission. The kingdom of Jesus is a violence and domination free zone. It is based on service and destined to culminate in the supreme 'service' of the cross (10:45).

Jesus also challenges the usual understanding of God. God is not an extra-terrestrial supreme Ruler to whom fear and service are due. The God revealed by Jesus is a God whose primary gesture towards human beings is that of **One of us who serves. One who comes among us in the guise of a child.** Jesus' gesture of hugging the child shows the preciousness of each and every human life without exception in the sight of God. We are all – in our 'littleness' rather than our 'achievements' – hugged by Jesus in the present moment. This challenges us and the Church in every age. We are now witnessing the end of the 'Constantinian Church', where since the Fourth Century, leaders have been accorded honours and tributes more reflective of worldly power than the way of Jesus. The pain of the sexual abuse crisis has accelerated the stripping of status and honour from the Church in a way that is close to that experienced by the disciples of Jesus. Like them, we are all on the way to Jerusalem with Jesus. —*Blessings, Greg*

Dear Parishioners,

I have been overwhelmed by the display of friendship, love and generosity to me over the past week and specifically since Sept. 8. (Carmelites emphasise Profession Day Anniversary rather than Birthdays. However as one of you **put it on a card: 'You had to be born before you could become a Carmelite priest.'**!)



*Good Food, Good Company*

I had cousins and friends from around Perth who were struck, firstly, by the great welcome they received from you. And the second thing they emphasised was that the organisation, precision and working hours put into the celebration by Billie and her team, plus other volunteers, was outstanding. I think they were trying to express how blest I was to live and work in a parish with people who were giving me so much generous love, support and affection.

If I ask myself how I can repay you for **all this, the answer is I can't : but I can continue to pray for you and love you back as I have been trying to do so far.** It is by no means certain that I have grown in wisdom in 80 years, but if pressed, I would venture to suggest that you always place your trust in a benign and loving Lord who will never fail you, and for that reason try to love God incarnate in Jesus with all your heart.—*Fr Tadgh*

#### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED



This weekend, Sr Kathy Kettle will be speaking at the all Masses for Aid to the Church in Need.

Aid to the Church in Need is an International Pontifical Foundation with a mandate to support the suffering and persecuted Catholics and Catholic

communities that started in 1947. It supports over 5,000 projects around the world through spiritual and pastoral charity keeping the faith alive in those places where the Church is oppressed, threatened or simply cannot support itself.

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Some of the projects include: formation of seminarians, basic living help for religious sisters, building and rebuilding churches and transportation so that the priests and religious can reach the faithful, educating catechists and providing mass offerings.

Aid to the Church in Need does not receive Church or Government funding. It does rely on the offerings of benefactors and sale of religious items around the world.

Parishioners can help Aid to the Church in Need by three simple actions: Prayer, Information and Action.

## MORLEY/DIANELLA ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

Again, a big thank you to the many Parishioners who regularly are generous to the needs of the poor and homeless in our community. The members of the Conference appreciate that without your financial assistance, we could not achieve all that we have done in the past.



Unfortunately, a number of our members have become seriously ill and several others cannot now assist due to their heavy work commitments. I strongly encourage other Parishioners to consider becoming new members in our conference, as without this action, unfortunately a reduced level of service will need to be implemented.

I am looking for both Ladies and Gents (couples please also consider, as volunteering together can be rewarding) to help us. Ladies we have only one other as a current member and she would encourage other ladies to join her!

Remember Jesus helped the poor and down trodden during his time on earth and by supporting his example of humility, love and respect, we can strengthen our Catholic faith.

If you can help in any way and want learn more about the Morley/Dianella conference, please ring Lou Daily on 0419 953 507.

### HE WHO SINGS, PRAYS TWICE

Are you a musician or a singer? If so, your parish needs you. We are looking to building our music ministry as four of our choirs have moved on. Have a chat with Linda (0402 120 978). Thank you and God bless you.



### 'You are God's Marvellous Creation' - Safeguarding Story Book

We are fortunate to be able to obtain further supply of these beautiful story books for age 3 to 8. If you missed out last weekend, please collect a copy from the parish office.



### PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of  
Mrs Cecilia Khin Si

12/86 Railway Pde, Bayswater. Ph: 0430 148 090

### PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

**Recently Deceased:** Carmelo Serio;

**Deceased:** Elsie and Nicholas Nunis, Bernard Teo and Giocondo Colantonio;

**Anniversaries:** Peter Anthony McGinn, Peter Graziani, Ines Gianotti, Michaela, Michelena, Joe Scacchia, Raffaella Colangelo, Michael Lewis, Olga Marie Curtis, Peter Chin, Ho Beng Hiang and Delfina Margarita dos Santos;

**The Sick of the Parish:** All the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*"Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me"*

### UNDERSTANDING LITURGY

#### Liturgy - Praying Together

*A key to worshipping as one body is listening to our fellow worshippers and joining our prayer with theirs.*

This week is one of a series of topics on all things liturgical. The church is dynamic and forever moving to serve the needs of the people of God in each century. It is easy to use language for things that have been part of our growing in the faith. Church scholars have seen the need to change some terminology and rituals to help us move and grow more in our faith and resonate with us in modern times. Very often this new language assists us to discover new insights and find deeper meaning for the rituals and actions that we participate in.

The handout is available in the narthex (foyer) of the church after Mass.

## 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

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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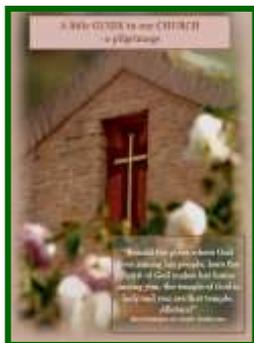
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## STILL AVAILABLE A Little GUIDE to our Church—a pilgrimage



Our parish is so fortunate and grateful to have friends who came together, brainstorming, researching, creating and publishing this beautiful pilgrimage booklet. It is designed to be your guide and it takes you on a walking tour as you read the story of our Church.

The booklet points out to you all the carefully chosen artefacts and sacred items along with an explanation of the purpose behind the design and choice of materials. It is an interesting story told with pride and love. **Don't forget** to pick up your very own copy today. Available at the piety stall and from parish office for just \$5 each to cover printing costs.

### THIS WEEKEND — 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—18/19 September 2021

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Bob Burns	Chris Wray	Marion Wayne	Hari Geigenmuller
Altar Servers	Elysha, Carmen and Alexis	Madeleine and Frank	Crissanto, Cesar and Leah	Denver, Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Clare and Sabrina	Liz and Brian	Personal Advocacy (Chris A)	Fely and Pramila
Ext. Ministers Of Communion	Nevellene and Valerie	Noeline and Bryan	Josephine and Anna	Maureen and Thuy
Hospitality	Ann and Denise	Barb and Veronica	Marion and Zina	Brenda and Pramila
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 18 September @ 9.30am			

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

### NEXT WEEKEND — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—25/26 September 2021

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	John Tenczak	Chris Yapp	Marion Wayne
Altar Servers	Erin, Matthia and Royce	Cyril	Andrei, Jules and Manuel	Alex, Dorothy and Bryant
Proclaimers	John and Sylvia	Joanne and Bernie	Mark and Josephine	Alan and Maureen
Ext. Ministers Of Communion	John T and Chris T	Delia and John S	Marlene and Magdalene	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	John T and Emily	Lyn and Mavis	Deborah and Pauline	Joanne and Maureen
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 24 September @ 10.30am			

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