

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's **First Reading** (Mic 5:1-4) suggests Bethlehem is to be the place of the Messiah's birth. It points to what God has done in Christ: salvation coming from what is 'lowest' in human esteem. The messiah will be an unusual ruler- a 'shepherd' who will care for and feed his flock (cf. **Responsorial Psalm**). His rule will bring the 'peace', about which the angels sing to the shepherds (Lk 2:14). The **Second Reading** (Heb 10:5-10) stresses the superiority of Christ's offering of himself to the sacrificial ritual of the old covenant. What God wants from worshippers is not the sacrifice of animals but a commitment to do God's will. The life of Jesus, from Bethlehem to Calvary is a continuous gift of obedience offered for the salvation of the world.

In the **Gospel** (Luke 1:39-45) we have the meeting between Mary and her cousin, Elizabeth. The two pregnant women share their remarkable experiences. As their two stories come together, faith overflows in new insight, knowledge and celebration. Faith is first of all a journey during which we find signs that confirm what we believe. This is how Elizabeth's pregnancy functions for Mary. The conception of a child to parents of advanced years confirms Mary's faith that with God's Spirit replacing the role of male parent she is to become the mother of the messiah.

Mary's greeting to Elizabeth would have been 'Shalom' (peace, health, security and wellbeing). Mary brings the 'peace' of the messianic age. As soon as she utters this greeting, Elizabeth experiences the infant John within her womb leaping with joy. The Baptist is already exercising his role of pointing to the presence of the messiah. Hence Elizabeth confirms what Mary has believed: that she is indeed pregnant with the infant messiah whose role and destiny Gabriel had announced. She now has found the 'sign' that confirms her faith.

Elizabeth's proclaims that Mary is 'blessed' because of her faith: 'Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' Her faith was the channel through which salvation flowed into the world. Advent now comes into focus with the faith of Mary. Mary, the first Christian, is the faith prototype for all Christians. Such people of faith open up the world to God's creative and liberating power.

Advent prepares the way for us to celebrate the glorious mystery of Christmas. Every blessing to you and your family at this time from me, Fathers John and Tadgh and our wonderful parish staff and volunteers:

***SHALOM, A BLESSED CHRISTMAS, A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

***Blessings, Greg***

## *Come and Celebrate Christmas at 99!*

### **Friday 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE**

Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Christmas Midnight Mass at 12.00am

*Carols 30 minutes before each Mass*

### **Saturday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY**

Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian)

*Carols 30 minutes before each Mass*

**NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

### **Sunday 26 December – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) & 6pm



### **Monday 27 December (Public Holiday)**

Mass at 8.30am

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December (Public Holiday)**

Mass at 8.30am

### **Saturday 1 January –**

**Solemnity Mary Mother of God**

Mass at 8.30am and

**Vigil for Epiphany Sunday**—Mass at 6pm

### **Sunday 2 January – The Epiphany of the Lord**

Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am,  
11.30am (Italian) & 6pm



#### **PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS**

Please consider car-pooling or parking further away from the church (perhaps at the school) so that visitors, the elderly and the infirm are able to park without stress this

Christmas.

**Please do not park in the emergency bays at the front of the church** and be considerate to our neighbours.

We hope to make everyone, regular worshippers or have come because of our letterbox drop invitation, welcome when they are here for Christmas Mass. So share the joy of this very special season and welcome all with your warmest smile!



#### **Christmas Raffle**

**This weekend 18/19 December at all Masses**

Two HUGE hampers filled with delicious goodies to be won— everything you need for Christmas Entertaining: Christmas treats, chocolates, confectionery, sweet and savoury biscuits and snacks, and cool and/or hot drinks. First prize valued over \$300 and Second prize over \$100. Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Come and get your tickets!



The Parish Office and Parish Centre will be CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS from 24 December 2021-30 January 2022

Office reopens MONDAY 31 JANUARY 2022



Dear Parishioners,  
A big thank you to all who generously contributed to the SVDP Christmas Appeal that was held on the weekend of the 4/5<sup>th</sup> December. The total amount given was \$2,542.95 and will greatly help with the many

hampers that have been prepared and now being given to the poor and disadvantaged in our community. Your gift will certainly assist towards making this Christmas a better time for many. Lou Daily, President



### DON'T THROW THAT AWAY!

#### UNWANTED SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

All are useful and can be dropped off to the parish office or left at the Church foyer—pens, pencils, textas, permanent markers, scissor, files, folders and stationery. What we cannot use, we will pass on to where it is needed.

Looking for last minute Christmas Gifts—

A GLOBAL GIFT is a gift that delivers twice the joy, and doubles the impact.

Through the Global Gifts website, you can purchase digital Christmas cards for your family and friends, with the proceeds going towards supporting the world's most vulnerable people.

This Christmas, please consider buying a gift that changes lives. A Global Gift can provide life-changing essentials like clean water, nutritious food and an education to those doing it tough this year. Visit [www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au) to browse our range of Global Gifts today or call 1800 024 413.



### PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of Mr & Mrs D Nathanielsz

18 Cardwell Ave, Noranda. Ph: 9276 5048

### PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

**Recently Deceased:** Joel Nicomedes Go;

**Deceased:** Bill & Nettie Beukelaar, Paul Christopher Dunning;

**Anniversaries:** Thomas Foley, Vera Tighe, Gracy Ramunni, Basil Martella, Carmela Spiccia, Anna & Vasco Pieraccini, Nicola Scioli, Angela Scioli, Joe Furfaro, Morabito Diego, Antonio Panizza, Norma Ryan;

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

*"Lord, let me see you face and we shall be saved."*

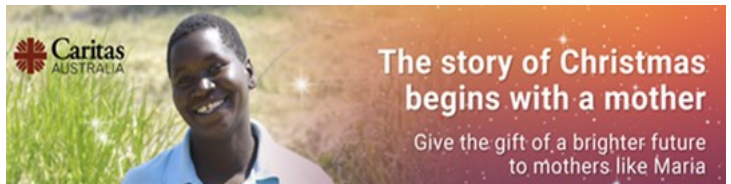


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**New Year, New Connections...**a new group starting at Infant Jesus Parish from February 2022 with monthly activities on Saturdays 9.30-10.30am and Sundays 1-2pm. Cost \$5-10pp. Expressions of Interest flyers are available in the foyer. For more information contact: info@co-connect.org.au or phone & text to 0435 628 802.



The story of Christmas begins with a mother

Give the gift of a brighter future to mothers like Maria

Thanks to the generosity of people like you, Maria was able to undergo training on sustainable farming, literacy and numeracy, gender awareness, hygiene and sanitation. With her new skills, Maria is now able to produce enough food to feed her family, earn a sustainable income, and has even become a leader in her community. **When you support a mother like Maria, it has the power to uplift her entire family.** Visit [www.caritas.org.au/donate/christmas-appeal](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/christmas-appeal) or call 1800 024 413 to support vulnerable families doing it tough this year.

### 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

### Parish Bank Account Details

#### First Collection EFT Details

**Account Name:** Carmelite  
**BSB:** 066 132      **Account Number:** 0080 0015  
**Reference:** Your name

#### Second Collection EFT Details

**Account Name:** Infant Jesus Parish Morley  
**BSB:** 086 006      **Account Number:** 66860 6029  
**Reference:** PG-Your name

### Our Parish Team

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Greg Burke - pp@infantjesusparish.org.au  
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**Web:** www.infantjesusparish.org.au



## Expressions of Interest for Enrolments at Infant Jesus School

The family is the first and most important influence in the development of religious faith in the child. Parents who enrol children at our school are asking us to share with them the responsibility of bringing up their children as Christians under the guidance of the teachings of the Catholic Church. The school supports parents in this important role. Infant Jesus School welcomes expressions of interest for enrolments in all year levels from Pre-Kindergarten to Year Six. Please contact Infant Jesus School (Cheryl) on 9276 1769 or visit the website [www.infantjesus.wa.edu.au](http://www.infantjesus.wa.edu.au) for information regarding an enrolment pack. #ExpectGreatThings

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR BUSINESS REPRESENTED HERE?**

**YOU CAN!**

**PHONE DARREN ON 9276 8500**



**CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE**  
Donate the cash that's in your containers to our parish

**Our parish joined Containers for Change . We are doing our part to make a difference in our communities and to our environment. Please use our scheme ID number C10437245 when you return your containers and we will receive the refunds directly into the parish account. For your convenience we have made a little card with our scheme number for your next return. The cards are available in the church foyer. We would love for your support!**

### Accommodation required

The West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO) is looking for accommodation to provide for vulnerable persons seeking asylum in Perth.

If you have a property to lease or a room to rent, please contact: Grace Kurniawan 9220 5950

### THIS WEEKEND—4th Sunday of Advent—18/19 December 2021

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	John Tomczak	Marion Wayne	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Naethan and Megan	Cyril	Andrei; Jules and Manuel	Alex; Dorothy and Bryant
Proclaimers	John and Sylvia	Sjen and Nikita	Mark and Josephine	Fely and Pramila
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	John T and Chris T	Delia and John S	Magdalene and Errol	Thuy and Ivor
Hospitality	John T and Emily	Lyn and Mavis	Deborah and Pauline	Joanne and Maureen
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 17 December @ 10.30am			

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

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