Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel (Lk 6: 27-38) continues Luke's account of Jesus' 'Sermon on the Plain'. After the Beatitudes (and Woes) Jesus now tells his disciples: 'love your enemies'. This is the central theme. Jesus warns us of the danger of becoming so entwined with those who wrong us that we condemn and judge them and keep our wounds fresh to justify our need for revenge and vindication. We then mirror our oppressors while justifying ourselves and condemning the other. The reality, though, is that we are all in need of understanding and forgiveness. The world is not divided into black/white, goodies/baddies.

Jesus gives some examples of what he asks of us: returning blessing for a curse, turning the other cheek, not withholding one's shirt from a person who demands one's coat, and so forth. He asks us to respond to injury or unreasonable demand with nothing but generosity and to abandon all claims to recompense. These injuries are typical of what ordinary people suffered at the hands of Roman soldiers, who bullied and plundered with impunity. Jesus teaches us there is no mileage in payback, revenge, holding grudges or feuding.

But Jesus is not asking us to be victims or doormats. In his day a slap on the face was an insult. If you slapped an equal, you used an open hand and slapped the left cheek. For a servant or an inferior you gave their right cheek a backhander. If the receiver then turned the other cheek the striker would have to use an open hand, he would be treating the other as an equal. Alternatively, he would realise he had been outplayed and quit the game. So, a violence is not needed or effective. There is no need to reduce yourself to the oppressor's level. We are to leave behind the world of winners and losers to enter a new world of reconciliation and shared hope.

This strategy makes sense in the context of Jesus' vision of God and his relationship to God. Through Baptism we are children of God so we are to be 'compassionate' as our Father is compassionate. We are invited to see the other through the eyes of God. If we do not judge or condemn others we will avoid being judged and condemned by God. If we forgive we will be forgiven by God. If we are generous in giving we will receive extravagantly generous gifts from God. Our generosity to others creates the space for us to receive God's gift. —*Blessings, Greg*



Calling Our Parish Youth

Are you 20-29yrs old?

We would love to invite you to come and share your stories.

'What interests you?',

'What would you like to do?'

Come along to

Pizza night with Fr Greg

Sunday 27th February at 7pm

Parish Hall

For catering purposes please RSVP to secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

22 Feb: The Chair of St Peter, apostle23 Feb: St Polycarp, bishop, martyr



MASK ARE MANDATORY IN CHURCH AND PAR-ISH CENTRE

VOLUNTEERS FOR PERSONAL ADVOCACY

All you have to do to become a volunteer in the Personal Advocacy ministry is to be a friend to a person with intellectual disability! Sharing your faith with a person with intellectual disability is Faith in Action. If you can spare two hours a week during school terms and you want to know more about becoming a volunteer, please



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

to commence the joyful season of Lent as we anticipate the resurrection of the Lord.

WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2022 7AM, 9AM AND 7PM



The Spirit and the Cross Lenten Booklet \$5 from the piety stall or parish office

Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups, each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis.

The Spirit and the Cross will nourish and nurture prayer each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter.

The daily reflections will only require a few minutes for a person to read, reflect and pray, leading the reader into a deeper reflection on their daily life. As they 'look to Jesus' – in their families, workplaces and the community – they will walk as 'missionary disciples' on the path to Easter, and beyond. Selling fast—don't forget to pick up a copy today.

Parish Flower Ministry

Hands., more Hands needed

We need people who like to arrange flowers and have plenty of experience or people who like to arrange flowers but have no formal experience. You are all welcome.



Fresh flowers are crucial element in the celebration of the Church's major feasts and are a visual reminder of the glory of God. As our church is large it is usual to create large "in proportional" arrangements. Even if you are a little interested, leave your name and a contact number with the parish office and we will be in touch with you. Please call 9276 8500 or email secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au Please note: In line with the Archdiocese requirement, you will need to be double-vaccinated. - Flower Ministry



world day of prayer 2022

Friday 4 March 2022 10.30am followed by lunch Uniting Church 79 Camboon Road, Noranda

> 'For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not harm you, For I know the plans I have,

plans to give you hope and a future.' Jer 29:11 Come join in hearing the stories of women who feel excluded, listen to the fear of a child refugee and learn to see the context of a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-faith society in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (EWNI). This day is an invitation to place our trust in God through prayer for and with all who suffer, live the uncertainties of our time and the opposing views on how to respond to the moment.



PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of Mr and Mrs P & D Clift 2 Kelby Close, Morley. Ph: 0408 465 307

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Florence Wong, Fr. Thomas Manissery, Carmelo Cardinale (Italy);

Deceased: Ashley Silver, Delfina Margarida da Cruz;

Anniversaries: Lydia, Sang Pam, John Gonsalves, James and Michael Findlay, Frank (Fernando) Vinciguerra, Giuseppe Spiccia, Robert and Frances Murphy, Ann, K.J. Jacob:

The Sick of the Parish: James Lee and all who are in need of our prayers.

> "My soul, give thanks to the Lord, and never forget his blessings"



eSafetyeducation FREE WEBINARS

These live webinars give parents and carers the knowledge, skills and tools to support their children to have safe online experiences. Term 1 webinar in 2022 offers tips about how to support young people to socialise, learn and have fun online safely. The presentation is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 5 to 12 years old. Course dates 23 Feb, 10, 15 & 23 March and more can be found at https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/



Kindergarten 2023 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.

Enrolments are now being taken for students wishing to commence Kindergarten at Infant Jesus School in 2023. Families with children eligible for Kindergarten in 2023 (born from July 2018 to June 2019) are invited to contact Infant Jesus School (Cheryl) on 9276 1769 or visit the website www.infantjesus.wa.edu.au for information regarding an enrolment pack.

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 9.30am 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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Mission Opportunties Overseas



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Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture.

Are you interested in getting involved in people-centred Human Development as an invited guest and humbly putting your person and your skills at the disposal of your trusted hosts. You will be a stranger in the place and for six months, a Pilgrim learning the wisdom of local ways.

Is one of our assignments your opportunity to Reach Beyond? Find Out More: Phone 0422 742 567

Listening to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor: A Consideration of Laudato Si

When: Thursdays—24 February

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am Cost: Free of Charge

Presenter: Mrs Carol Mitchell (Director – Justice, Ecology and Development Office) Location: Newman Siena Centre (Clune

Lecture Theatre)

Details: www.cfe.org.au, Ph: 9278 0261

THIS WEEKEND —7th Sunday in Ordinary Time—20 February 2022						
Ministry	Sat 6pm	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm		
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	John Tomczak	Marion Wayne	Hari Geigenmuller		
Altar Servers	Aaditya, Abhay and Abigail	Elizabeth and Meldon	Gabrielle, Victoria and Manuel	Tim, Dan and Ruben		
Proclaimers	Sabrina and Clare	Liz and Joanne	Personal Advocacy (Chris A)	Rita and Dorothy		
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Nevellene and Valerie	Noeline and Brian	Anna and Marlene	Maureen and Thuy		
Hospitality	Lynette and Roopa	Angela and Francisca	Jeanette and Patrick	Brenda and Pramila		
Church Cleaning	Team A—Saturday, 19 February @ 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 — 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time—27 February 2022						
<u>Ministry</u>	Sat 6pm	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	Sunday 6pm		
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Chris Lambert	David Pham	Tung Nguyen		
Altar Servers	Elysha; Carmen and Alexis	Madeleine and Frank	Allan and Akash	Dylan; Shaun and Alyssa		
Proclaimers	Sylvia and John	Sjen and Nikita	Marion O and Tony	Alan and Paul		
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	John T and Chris T	John S and Kerryn	Magdalene and Errol	Ivor and Tristan		
Hospitality	John and Emily	Barb and Veronica	Deborah and Haydee	Joanne and Maureen		
Church Cleaning	Team B—Thursday, 24 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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