

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel is from Luke Chapter 15 which has three parables: the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and today's parable of the Lost Son (Lk 15:1-3, 11-32). Jesus tells these stories as a response to the criticism of his welcoming and eating with 'tax collectors (social outcasts) and sinners'. These meals celebrate the mercy and hospitality of God who displays love and forgiveness to an extravagant degree. Today is traditionally called Laetare Sunday: a day of joy and celebration in mid-Lent.

In our parable today the father loses a son who in effect says to him: 'To me you're as good as dead. Give me now what I'm due to inherit when you at last you die.' The young man heads off to a life of luxury but quickly runs through his inheritance and is homeless and reduced to eating pigs' food – the ultimate shame for a Jew. He experiences painful self-knowledge and remorse. But not true conversion. He calculates that though he can't go back as a son he will be clothed and fed as a servant.

Meanwhile the father has been watching for his son's return. Seeing him he is overcome with tender compassion. He runs out to meet him and embraces him. For a middle-aged man of means to run in public or to display extravagant signs of affection to someone who has disgraced his family is bizarre. The father reinstates his lost son into the family and orders a great communal banquet. Why? Because the one who was dead has come back to life; the lost one has been found. The heart of the parable is getting lost and then being found, reinstated and celebrated.

Meanwhile the older brother seethes at the injustice and extravagance of his father wasting precious resources on the wastrel. He, too, publicly disrespects the father by refusing to join the celebration and by complaining to the old man. He burns with self-righteous resentment and anger. Many who are seemingly faithful share the attitude of the older brother. Like the older brother they are forever outside the Lord's banquet.

We are invited to be converted, to share the Lord's joy and come to the feast. In the words of today's Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast (Is 66:10, 11). We imitate Jesus when we welcome social outcasts and sinners. In every Eucharist we come together with all the guests of Jesus to joyfully celebrate the amazing, hope-filled generosity of God. —*Blessings, Greg*

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Palm Sunday 10th April

— Branches? Palms? Bring what you have at hand!

In Matthew's gospel for Palm Sunday he talks about people 'cutting branches from the trees' (Mt 21:8) and in Mark's gospel (Mk 11:8) he talks about 'leafy branches cut from the fields'.



This year the church will not be providing any palms for the services but all are encouraged to 'cut a leafy branch' and bring it along on the day. The branch can be from any leafy plant that is handy.



Whilst palms are our tradition it seems to be the right time to move our minds into what leafy branch is readily available allowing us to symbolically wave our branches to welcome the King.



LISMORE FLOOD APPEAL— there will be a retiring collection this weekend for all who wish to support our brothers and sisters rebuilding their lives in NSW. You can also donate directly to the Lismore appeal at www.lismorediocese.org



Still in need of a Lenten reflection? Download for free a simple reflection calendar to help with spiritual enrichment and reflection and readings to deepen our understanding and experience of Lent, including the Chrism Mass—www.clmfjournal.company.site



Easter Confession — 2nd Rite of Reconciliation Wednesday 6th April at 7pm

Does this sound familiar?—
"I meant to do better" "I didn't intend that to happen"

With God there is always a chance to set things 'right', to begin again, no matter what we have done or what the world has done to us. Grace and forgiveness is always available. God, our Father, awaits us with arms wide open, running to meet us to forgive, welcome and celebrate. (Lk 15:11-32). Don't forget to pick up a copy of the flyer after Mass today.



PRA Y THIS LENT: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays 7.00-7.30pm All welcome.

NOTE: *The Perpetual Novena to Our Lady of Mt Carmel will not be held during Lent. It will be recommenced after Easter.*



Parish Busy Bee for Easter — Saturday 9 April from 9am - 1pm
Many Hands Needed — Do you have an hour or two to spare?



Our parish grounds and centre need to be clean and fresh for our celebrations at Easter. There will be gardening, cleaning and small maintenance jobs to be done. Children are very welcome to come with their parents to help. Morning tea and a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided for all helpers.

It would be nice to see some new faces!



Christian service hours opportunity—High School students are welcome to use this opportunity to complete their Christian service hours. Please call Billie, parish office 9276 5800 to register your interest.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIAION OF ADULTS (RCIA)



At the Cathedral for the Rite of Election on 17 March with Fr Greg, sponsors and RCIA team

Our 4 catechumens and 4 candidates are counting the days to Easter when they will be welcomed as full members of our Catholic Church. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they deepen their relationship with Christ. Catechumens for baptism are: Ya Hwei Tan, Jack Allen, Freda-Maree Walker and Lisa Do. The candidates for confirmation are Jasmin Leggett, Sally-Ann Allen and Marcus Chew.



PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of
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MONSIGNOR HAWES' HERMITAGE RAFFLE

The Hermitage was built by Mons. Hawes as a residence for Chaplain to St. John of God Hospital, Geraldton. The State Government and the Heritage Council spent a considerable sum of money restoring and renovating this building and are now offering it for sale at a beneficial price of \$100,000. The local Monsignor Hawes Committee has raised \$40,000. It is hoped that this raffle after expenses will realise the balance of \$60,000 to secure the purchase of this important site. Please support this **Limited Raffle—only 1000 tickets at \$100 each.**

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PROJECT COMPASSION

From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for All Future Generations. **You can donate through PC donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, or visit lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413**



SECOND COLLECTIONS 1st Jul 2021—28th Feb 2022

Envelope Pledges	\$ 71,026
Envelope Receipts	\$ 66,032
Shortfall	\$ 4,994

Thank you for your continued contributions. If you are 'catching up', you need only use the current week's envelope.

To assist our parish, would you consider having your pledge automatically bank-transferred? Just set & forget!

Call 9276 8500 or
email accounts@infantjesusparish.org.au

COLLECTIONS & WA Government Level 2 measures:

Collections are not to be taken up during the Mass. Please place your offerings of 1st and 2nd Collections in the box near the entrance of the church or consider direct bank deposit into parish accounts. Please see our bank details below.

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PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Anna Romanelli and Louis John de Cellis;

Deceased: Susi Mary Sabai Lin, Peter Meek and Glen McGuinness;

Anniversaries: Paul Cong Dao, Mary Anthony Fernandez, Caterina, Domenico Demarti and Irena Bruske;

The Sick of the Parish: Matthew Phillip, Muriel Baptist, Alan Summersett, and all who are in need of our prayers.

*“My Son, you are with me always
and all I have is yours.”*



Kindergarten 2023 at Infant Jesus School

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.

Enrolments are now also being taken for students wishing to commence **Pre-Kindergarten** at Infant Jesus School in **2022**.

Pre-Kindergarten offers a full day or half day program.

#ExpectGreatThings

THIS WEEKEND—4th Sunday of Lent—27 March 2022

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Chris Yapp	Conan Dewitt
Altar Servers	Erin; Matthia; Royce and Savio	Cyril and Aaron	Allan and Akash	Denver; Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Tang and Mellisa	Sjen and Nikita	Tony and Marion O	Rita and Dorothy
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy and Marie	Mike and Kathleen	Marlene and Magdalene	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Roopa and Volunteer	Mavis and Volunteer	Jeanette and Volunteer	Julie and Eloise
Church Cleaning	Team B—Thursday, 24 March @ 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.

NEXT WEEKEND — 5th Sunday of Lent—3 April 2022

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Paul Wachtel	Naveen Joseph	Hari Geigenmuller
Altar Servers	Elysha; Carmen and Alexis	Elizabeth and Meldon	Crissanto and Cesar	Dylan; Shaun and Alyssa
Proclaimers	Marie and Sabrina	Joanne and Bernie	Josephine and Volunteer	Paul and Maureen
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Nevellene and Valerie	John S and Kerry	Errol and Tanya	Maureen and Thuy
Hospitality	John T and Emily	Angela and Francisca	Deborah and Haydee	Brenda and Pramila
Church Cleaning	Team C— Saturday, 2 April @ 9.30am			

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