

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today's **First Reading** (Is 11:1–10) is an expression of messianic hope. It centres on the coming of the Messiah, an ideal king who will personally inaugurate the messianic age, out of a deep awareness of God and God's will. He brings true justice to the land focussing on the plight of the poor. His reign brings cosmic harmony and peace that includes the natural and animal world. Christian interpretation often sees prefigured here the role of Jesus as Messiah and Son of God, the one 'in whom the nations will place their hope' (Matt 12:21; see Rom 15:12).

In the **Second Reading** (Rom 15:4–9) Paul addresses Gentile believers in Rome pleading for patience and tolerance with members of the community who were scrupulous in observing Jewish food laws and other rituals. Across differences in culture and background they are to accept one another because through Christ all are included in the community of salvation. (Rom 14:1–23).

The **Gospel** (Matt 3:1-12) presents us with the preaching of John the Baptist. His call 'Prepare a way for the Lord' is the theme of our Advent season. Nonetheless, Jesus, unlike John, wasn't a preacher of end-time doom. What is still relevant is John's summons to conversion of heart. The 'way in the wilderness' begins in the wilderness of the human heart. The biggest obstacle to conversion is complacency – which stems from privileged status ('We have Abraham for our father' or, today, "I am a Roman Catholic").

Jesus came to 'baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire'. This fire is not destruction, but the constructive fire of God's love given through the Holy Spirit (Rom 5:5). If our hearts are truly open to God and God's will we can be converted and able to be grasped within the 'baptism' of God's love. John's baptism with water was a preparation for God's love, the true 'knowledge of the Lord' that Jesus brings.

Synod

The Church's Synodal journey continues with the invitation to read and reflect on the Document on the Continental Stage. The Bishops of Oceania (which includes Australia) will meet in Fiji in the New Year. We have the opportunity to give feedback on the document before Friday, 9 December. I would like to have a meeting on Tuesday 6 December at 10.30am so that we can be part of this process. It is important to have read and reflected on "Enlarge the Space of your Tent" which can be found at: <https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/common/phases/continental-stage/dcs/Documento-Tappa-Continentale-EN.pdf> before the meeting.

—*Blessings, Greg*

2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent **THIS Wednesday 7 December at 7pm**

"The Joy of God is the joy of Forgiveness" Pope Francis

Join us for an hour for this quietly reflective celebration of healing and reconciliation as part of your preparation for Christmas. The word of God is proclaimed 3 times as in Lectio Divina. In the quiet, allow His words to speak to you. The priest will be in full view of all present. Your confession is to be brief in the communal environment and return to your seat for prayer. Don't go home yet! Stay to rejoice and give thanks together as a community as we return to live our new life.

Please note: This is a communal rite, confession to be kept brief, allowing all present the time to access the sacrament. If you feel you will need more time with the priest, please attend the 1st Rite held on Saturdays 10am - 11am or 5pm - 5.30pm.

Piety Stall for Advent & Christmas

Stay after Mass and browse! Advent Reflection booklets still available and also Advent calendars, children's books, activity books and Christmas gifts. We also have Majellan and SVDP Christmas cards for sale.



SVDP Morley/Dianella Conference 2022 Christmas Appeal **this weekend** 3/4 December at all Masses

The annual Christmas appeal to help the poor, disadvantaged and homeless within our community will be held at all Masses this weekend.



In the past, the parishioners of the Infant Jesus Parish have been very generous towards contributing to this important cause. We trust that you can continue to assist.

At the conclusion of each Mass, members of the conference will be in the foyer to collect your donation. If you wish to donate through your credit/debit card, envelopes will be distributed in the pews and can be completed and placed in baskets or posted to the Society in Canning Vale.

Remember with your assistance, we can help a family or individual to have a better Christmas by putting enough food on the table at this important time of the year.

—*Lou Daily, President Morley/Dianella Conference*

Holy Hour of Grace **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary** **Thursday 8th December 12noon - 1pm** **in the Church**



All are invited to an hour of Grace in honour of this great Feast day. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch afterwards. Thank you.

**THE ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD of
REV. ADALBERT F. IMPERIAL, OCD**



Wednesday, 14th December at 4.30pm WST

**PLEASE REGISTER ON THE REPLY SHEET IN
THE FOYER OR PHONE THE PARISH OFFICE**

The ordination Mass will be livestreamed in our parish hall and everyone is welcome to join in celebrating the wonderful gift of our new priest.

Please arrive by 4.15pm and bring a plate to share.

Br. Adalbert's Ordination Gift

If you would like to contribute to an ordination gift for Br. Adalbert place your gift in one of the envelopes available in the foyer and to drop it in the collection bag or to the parish office. Our parish gift will be presented to Br. Adalbert when he returns to begin his priestly ministry among us.

PAID POSITION VACANT: PARISH CLEANER

The parish is in need of a cleaner for 5 hours per week. This is a paid position. Please contact Billie at the parish office on 9276 8500 to apply. Thank you.



Let the little children come to me....

Do you have time on Wednesday afternoons during school term time to bring the Good News to our parish children who do not attend Catholic

schools? You would be working with a wonderful committed team and using a easy-to-follow program, with all the help you need. Please email Sue at prep@infantjesusparish.org.au

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

- 07 Dec:** St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
- 08 Dec:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Christmas Preparations



How you can help -

ALONE FOR CHRISTMAS?

We are looking for an expression of interest if you would like to join our friars for Christmas lunch on 25 December, 1.30pm in the parish hall.

Please register your interest with the parish office 9276 8500 if you are alone, maybe feeling lonely and have no one to share Christmas with, or are unable to prepare your own Christmas meal. Together we will celebrate Christmas with decorations, music, a delicious/festive meal and great conversation. **If you can help in anyway** - with the meal, tidying up etc - please contact Billie 9276 8500.

LETTERBOX DROP FOR CHRISTMAS

"Rejoice and Be Glad"

Bring the light of Christ to your neighbours by inviting them to our Christmas liturgies, where they will hear the message of hope that is the Christmas story. Be part of our parish letterbox drop and take some fliers to deliver to the streets around you. Please cross off the streets you will deliver to from the list of our parish streets in the foyer. Please do not deliver to streets outside our parish boundaries (only streets in our parish are listed). This is one easy way to be the missionary disciples we are called to be, as well as a good excuse to go for a walk!



**Many Helping Hands needed for CHURCH CLEANING
Friday, 23 December at 10am**



to ready our Church for our Christmas celebrations with our family, friends and visitors.

Please let the parish office 92768500 know if you can help - many thanks!



...and to WARMLY WELCOME all to our church

Did you notice a smiling face welcoming you and handing out the bulletins when you entered the Church today? Do you see yourself in that spot?

If you have answered 'YES', then we need you! The Hospitality Ministry is looking for volunteers to help out during the Christmas Services. **Please contact Josephine McManus on 0421 514 011 if you would like to assist.**

In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon - Fri: 7am & 9am, Saturday and Public Holidays: 8.30am

Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5 - 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 - 9276 8500 | enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au

Supporting Our Parish Financially

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

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PILGRIM STATUE

This week at the home of
Hong Le - Ph: 9275 3463

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Martin Ng, Harvey Wachtel, Guiomar Dias, Pat Boyle and Josephine Franin;

Deceased: Simon Muraszko;

Anniversaries: William Henry Pierce Slyth, Alfredo De Filippi, Charles D’Cruze, John Stitt, Conrad Misquitta, Francesca Panaiia, Vincenzo and Rosaria Masciulli, Giovanni Principe, Gerald Wright, Marcus Risinger, Giocondo Colantonio;

The Sick of the Parish: Br Gerry Burke, MSC, Philomena Kumar and all who are in need of our prayers.

“For you, O God, are my rock and my fortress.”

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Presider or an assistant lights the second candle, which can be named the John the Baptist Candle. John the Baptist was the one who prepared the way for the Lord.

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah who calls us to be a signal to the nations and to recognise the Messiah in our midst. (First Reading)

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you come among us now. St Paul reminds us to treat each other as Christ treats us and so give glory to the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. (Second Reading)

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. John the Baptist calls us to 'repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' (Gospel)

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

The Presider reads the Collect Prayer.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

That Catholic Shop - Christmas orders from Aid to the Church in Need’s online store – That Catholic Shop – can still be made all the way up to 19 December! Choose from our broad range of religious gifts and receive free shipping for orders over \$100. Peruse our Christmas range at www.thatcatholicshop.com



You’ve got a lot to give beyond Christmas gifts. In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad.

Palms Australia, training Australians for mission since 1961, will be conducting two four-day training sessions in January. January 7 – 11: At Home Palms’ Neighbours Without Borders program will focus on building communities that are welcoming to all. January 12 – 15: Overseas Completing program will prepare you to meet the need for educators; health professionals; administrators etc. Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

NEXT WEEKEND—3rd Sunday of Advent—11 December 2022

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	John Tomczak	Naveen Joseph	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Naethan; Meghan and Meldon	Elizabeth and Aaron	Andrei; Jules and Kim	Dylan and Alyssa
Proclaimers	Tang and Marian F	Sjen and Nikita	Mike and Mark	Maureen and Alan
Extr. Ministers of Communion	Chris A and John T	Brian and Debbie	Aileen and Joan	Maureen and Thuy
Hospitality	Rose and Milly	Angela and Francisca	Lyn and Marlene	Brenda and Pramila
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 16 December 2022 @ 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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