

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today in the First Reading (Is 7:10-14) King Ahaz receives an oracle at a time of great political/military threat to the Kingdom of Judah. He refuses and so Isaiah responds by describing the sign that God nonetheless will give: a young girl will bear a child whose name will be Emmanuel – 'God is with us'. The child and his name are a sign that in dark times God is with us, his People.

Our Gospel gives us Matthew's version of the birth of Jesus. He begins with the situation of Jesus' mother Mary. While we are told that her pregnancy has come about 'through the Holy Spirit' no one else in the story, including Joseph, knows this. Mary's situation is precarious- she is liable to stoning, the penalty laid down for adultery. Joseph, a righteous person, is required by the Law to divorce Mary. He wants to do so in a way that will spare her public shame. Joseph models observance of the Law while giving priority to forgiveness, mercy and compassion: the 'weightier matters of the Law' (Matt 23:23).

The angel turns everything around for Joseph. Mary's pregnancy has not come about through infidelity but through Mary's fidelity to God's Holy Spirit. The child she is to bear is to carry the name and role of Josue – the great 'saviour' figure of Israel. Jesus' saving role will not be military conquest but of rescuing the people from sin, freeing them from all that stands in the way of a life-giving relationship with God.

The child's name 'Emmanuel' is not a personal name but points to his mission, in him God will be 'with his people'. People will experience this divine saving presence in their encounters with Jesus throughout his earthly life. After his resurrection, he will continue to be with his Church in its communal life (Matt 18:19-20) and world-wide mission to the end of time (28:19-20). Mary's situation and Herod's violence show God's saving power is present in our world of shame and violence and sin freeing us and bringing us hope. Mary and Joseph are our blessed models of fruitful obedience to God in difficult times.

Christmas Greetings

We have a wonderful parish. Thank you for your love, support and commitment throughout this year. As we celebrate the birth of Christ we pray for you and your family. Every good wish and blessing from Frs John, Adalbert, and myself and the wonderful parish team. It is a blessing for us to know, love and serve God in serving you.—*Blessings, Greg*



CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES

*Come and celebrate
with us this Christmas!*

Saturday 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE

Vigil Mass at 6.00pm
Christmas Midnight Mass at 12.00am
Carols 30 minutes before each Mass

Sunday 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

Monday 26 December – Feast of St. Stephen

Mass at 8.30am only (public holiday)

Friday 30th December – The Holy Family

Masses at 7.00am & 9.00am

Sunday 1 January – Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 6.00pm (Saturday evening)
Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) & 6pm

Sunday 8 January – The Epiphany of the Lord

Masses at 6.00pm (Saturday evening)
Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) & 6pm

Monday 9 January – The Baptism of the Lord

Masses at 7.00am & 9.00am

ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE THIS WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe has asked all parishes in Perth to hold a special appeal this weekend for the relief of the Ukrainian people as winter deepens, and with no sign of an end to the war. The collections will support the work of Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine, which focuses on the evacuation of people from frontline territories; food packages for people in need and shelters for internally displaced persons. We are asked to support generously and through this appeal, the Catholic community in Australia can continue to demonstrate its concern for the innocent victims of this aggression. We will be holding a retiring collection at all Masses this weekend.

To donate after this weekend, please put your donation in an envelope marked Advent Appeal for Ukraine and place the envelope in the first or second collection bag. Thank you.



**PRESENTATION OF OUR PARISH GIFT TO
FR. ADALBERT IMPERIAL, OCD
Saturday morning Mass 24th December at 8.30am**

Please join us to celebrate the Mass with our newly ordained Fr. Adalbert and to share in the presentation of our parish gifts to him to mark the occasion of his ordination.



After the Mass, the celebrations will continue in the parish centre with a morning tea. If you are attending the morning tea, please bring a plate of finger food to share. Your plates may be dropped to the parish kitchen before Mass.



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

to prepare our Church for our Christmas celebrations with our family, friends and visitors. **Please let the parish office 9276 8500 know if you can help - many thanks!**



The parish office and parish centre will be closed to all groups from Friday 23rd December to Monday 30th January 2023. Any phone messages and emails will be attended to as soon as possible. For emergency, please contact the priest directly. Thank you.

St Vincent de Paul Society—Thank You

Thank you to all the Parishioners of Infant Jesus Parish as \$2,558.00 was the total given towards the SVDP Morley/Dianella conference annual Christmas Appeal.



In these difficult times, it was a remarkable figure and all members and our needy clients thank you all and trust the blessings of our newly born saviour are shared over you all.



PILGRIM STATUE

This week at the home of
Doug and Annette Nathanielsz—Ph: 9276 5048

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Richard Sawian, Preben Marcussen,

Deceased: Ashley Silver, Clare and Norman Boswell, Charlotte and Elder Boswell, Glen McGuinness, Bill and Netty Beukelaar;

Anniversaries: Bibiana Scully, Norma Ryan, Thomas Foley, and Gracy Ramunni;

The Sick of the Parish: Joe Versace and all who are in need of our prayers.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."



**POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER
INTENTIONS**

**Month of December
Volunteer
Not-for-Profit Organizations**

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

**Christmas Message from
Archbishop Timothy Costelloe**

To read the Archbishop's Christmas message, please visit the Archdiocesan website. For your convenience, limited printed copies are available on the bulletin stand.

Latest copy of **Record Magazine** is now available

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

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Infant Jesus School welcomes expressions of interest for enrolments

in all year levels from Pre-Kindergarten to Year Six.
Please contact Infant Jesus School (Lucy) on 9276 1769 or visit www.infantjesus.wa.edu.au for information regarding an enrolment pack.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION ON MODERN SLAVERY

Thank you to all those in the parish who supported Catholic Mission's Christmas Reflection on Modern Slavery last weekend. The CathNews link to the article about this Concert event is <https://cathnews.com/2022/12/12/music-stirs-up-modern-slavery-reflection/> and the link to the keynote address is <https://cathnews.com/2022/12/12/music-stirs-up-modern-slavery-reflection/>
An inspiring video of this Christmas concert will be available shortly. Please contact director.cm@perthcatholic.org for further information.



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Presider or an assistant lights the fourth candle, which can be named the Angel Gabriel Candle for those messengers who bring God's Word into our world.

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the prophet Isaiah when he proclaimed 'The maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means God is with us.' (First Reading)

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you come among us now in your Word and Sacrament to give us the strength to live according to the Good News you revealed. (Second Reading)

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you will come in glory in the fullness of time because you are the Christ the one who has saved his people from their sins. (Gospel)

R. Come, Lord Jesus.



- ◆ Always keep your valuables out of sight or in the boot.
- ◆ Never leave your valuables unattended in your car. Consider taking them with you.
- ◆ Always LOCK your vehicle.

NEXT WEEKEND — 4th Sunday of Advent — 18 December 2022

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Chris Wray	Marion Wayne	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Ethan; Carmen and Alexis	Cyril	Crissanto and Cesar	Denver; Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Chris A and Sylvia	Joanne and Marie	Josephine and Aleena	Eloise and Alishia
Extr. Ministers of Communion	Chris T and Tracy	Josie and Carl	Annette and Josephine	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Roopa and Lynette	Barb and Veronica	Deborah and Haydee	Joanne and Maureen
Church Cleaning	BUSY BEE—Friday 23 December 2022 @ 10am			

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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