

# Rejoice!

# Be glad!

Dear brothers and sisters,

The season of Christmas, a high point of the Church's liturgical year. We celebrate the act of God becoming human. God's gracious gift of love, Jesus Christ, is born in Bethlehem for the salvation of the world. The Christmas season is about the beginnings of our salvation in the birth of Christ and his manifestation first to Shepherds, then Magi and then to the whole world. It ends with the manifestation of Jesus' identity at his baptism as 'the beloved of the Father', his mission and the beginning of his public life.

The cause of our Christmas joy and celebration is the birth of the Infant Jesus. Christmas Day is the patronal feast of our parish and school. We give thanks for our wonderful community and all those whose love and care make it a warm and welcoming environment. We give thanks to God for the birth of the Infant Jesus and ask his blessing and protection on all of us. We rejoice, too, in the Blessed Virgin Mary, our model of authentic faith, hope and love.

In some ways this has not been an easy year. We recall all those who have died during this year and pray for their peace. We pray for peace and justice in our world especially in Ukraine and Burma.

I am grateful for our parish team have worked tirelessly to ensure that our parish is well administered and a lively and welcoming home.

At this festive time of the year, we ask God's blessings on you and all your family, on our parish community especially those who are sick and in need.

We all look forward to Fr Ad beginning his presbyteral ministry with us this Christmas.



*Every Christmas blessing and good wish  
to every one of you on this,  
our great feast day,*

*from Frs John, Ad and Greg*

## CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES

*Come and celebrate with us this Christmas!*

Monday 26 December – Feast of St. Stephen &  
Tuesday 27th December—Public Holiday

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

Monday 2 January— Public Holiday

Mass at 8.30am only

Sunday 8 January – 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

SO VERY  
thankful  
INCREDIBLY  
grateful  
UNBELIEVABLY  
blessed

St Paul once wrote, “I thank my God each time I think of you; and every time I pray for you, I pray with joy” (Phil 1:3-4). It is a sentiment I thoroughly share with St Paul when I myself think of you all. Firstly, I would like to thank my brother Carmelites, Frs Greg and John, for welcoming me into the community, and giving me enough freedom and encouragement to grow in the art of caring for the Lord’s flock.

Reflecting on my time here as a deacon, I cannot help but be thankful to you, the parish staff and parishioners, for the countless times I received such great support and care. Clearly the predominant “love language” of the wonderful people of this parish is food, and the fact that I gained a significant amount of weight in my short time here is testament to how much I was the recipient of your love.

My heart-felt gratitude also to the volunteers of the Society of St Vincent de Paul who willingly accepted me as their chaplain, even though it was more out of necessity than any special qualifications I had. I especially enjoyed sharing your comradeship and humour (including even the dad jokes!). To the participants of the Bible Study/Lectio Group, thank you too for allowing me to share with you my love of Scriptures. In particular, your enthusiasm, piercing question, and thirst for knowledge inspired me to better know our God through the Bible. Also, to all those who so generously contributed to the gifts was given to me, thank you! I will endeavour to use these gifts to enhance my priestly ministry.

Finally, as I return to you having been ordained a priest, I hope to continue to serve, love, and support you. I, in my turn, sincerely ask you to be patient with me as I begin to learn what it truly means to be a priest for God and for His people. Please continue to pray for me, and do let me know how best I can be of service to you and your family. Have a grace-filled Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Yours in Christ—**Fr Adalbert Imperial, OCD**

### Parish Religious Education Programme

Classes for children not attending Catholic schools are held in our parish centre Each Wednesday during school term from 4.15pm to 5.20pm. Enrolments for 2023 will be held on Wednesday 1st February, 2023 from 2.30pm-4.30pm or email [prep@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:prep@infantjesusparish.org.au) for an on-line enrolment form. Please note that two years of classes are required before the reception of any of the Sacraments.

### 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 an easy-to-follow program, with all the help you need. Please email Sue at [prep@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:prep@infantjesusparish.org.au)

### Peace, Joy and Safe Travels

Wishing all our parishioners a wonderful Christmas and a safe journey to those who will be travelling over the holidays. Just a gentle reminder from the parish staff that the Parish Centre and parish office **WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS** from **Friday 23rd December** and re-opening on **Monday 30th January 2023**. The answering machine will be attended - please leave a message and we will get back to you.



### NEW TO OUR PARISH? WELCOME!

If you have recently joined our church community, please make yourself known to our hospitality ministers and priests, or complete a **New Parishioner Information Form**, available in the church foyer, and return it to one of the priests or hospitality ministers.



### LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH - REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Support your parish community into the future by leaving a gift to your parish community in your will. This is a way of ensuring that our Christian mission and the pastoral outreach of the many parish ministries continue and grow, both for today’s needs and for those of our children and grandchildren. For more information, please take an information leaflet “*Leaving a Legacy of Love*” from the bench in the foyer or contact Darren at the parish office either by phone 9276 8500 or email [accounts@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:accounts@infantjesusparish.org.au)



## WHY WE GIVE AND HOW OUR MONEY IS USED - THE FIRST COLLECTION

Since the earliest days of the church, the Christian community has accepted the responsibility of supporting those who are charged with taking the Gospel to the world. When Jesus commissioned his Apostles to go out and share the Good News, he said, *"When you travel, don't take a walking stick. Also, don't carry a bag, food, or money. Take for your trip only the clothes you are wearing. When you go into a house, stay there until it is time to leave."* Lk 9:3-4 In other words, they were commissioned to trust in the generosity of the community for their daily needs. And in 1 Timothy 5:18, we hear *"the labourer deserves to be paid."* In giving to the first collection at Mass, we are continuing this responsibility of supporting our priests so they can continue their mission of sharing the Good News in the Morley area.



When the Carmelite friars were invited to take responsibility for the Parish of Infant Jesus in 1955, by the Archbishop of Perth, they accepted financial responsibility for the parish as well. Unlike Diocesan priests, our Discalced Carmelite Order priests receive no financial support from anyone but us—the parishioners of Morley. The money received in the first collection, therefore, needs to cover all their living expenses; food, clothing, cars, petrol, maintenance, household & medical expenses—in other words everything needed for their work and daily life.

With prices rising and the First Collection decreasing in recent years, we need to recall Christ's confidence in the people of his Church - that they will care for his Apostles and Evangelists so that they can focus on carrying out his mission in the world.

In lieu of giving to the First Collection at Mass, you may prefer to give your support by direct deposit by using these details; Account Name: Carmelite BSB: 066 132 Account No: 0080 0015

## In Our Church

**Public Holidays:** Morning Prayer 8am; Mass 8.30am

**Morning Prayer of the Church:** Mon-Fri 6.40am, Sat 8am

**Morning Mass:** Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 6.00pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10 -11am and 5.00 – 5.30pm

**Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:** Wednesday 6.30pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Fri 9.30am -10.30am

**Eucharistic Prayer:** Friday 5.30 - 6.30pm

**Baptisms, Weddings and Sacraments:**

Please contact the Parish Office Ph: 9276 8500  
(leave a message if office is unattended)



## Post Christmas Clean-up? Don't throw it away!

There are many charities who can use your unwanted items:

*Care Bags—supporting children entering emergency care will accept new children's clothing, toys & books.*

*Starting Over Support— housing families escaping violence will accept any clean household items (including electrical appliances in good working order) and linen.*

*Fostering Hope—supporting foster carers and families will accept baby gear in good, clean condition.*

Any donations can be left in the foyer of the church and we will pass them on to the relevant charities.

*Thank you!*

## OUR SPONSORS

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# What's Happening at the Parish?

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)** for children not attending Catholic schools  
Wednesdays weekly 4.30-5.20pm in the parish centre. **Enrolments Wednesday 1 February 2023**

**PLAYGROUP** (0 - 4 years of age) Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.00am in the parish centre

**PERSONAL ADVOCACY MASS** 3rd Sundays of each month 9.30am Mass (Feb-Nov)

**BIBLE STUDY** Thursdays 7.00pm in the parish library

**CENACLE PRAYER GROUP** Mondays after the 9am Mass in the church

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER** Fridays 5.30 - 6.30pm in the church

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** Fridays 9.30 - 10.30am in the church

**INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER GROUP** Thursdays 2.00 - 3.00pm in the chapel

**LECTIO DIVINA GROUP** Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.00am in the library, **seasonal** - please check the church bulletin or the parish office.

**MEDITATION SUPPORT GROUP** Mondays 5.30 - 6.30pm in the Joseph Room, parish centre

**MORNING PRAYER** Monday – Friday 6.40 - 7.00am with silent prayer till 7am Mass in the church  
Saturday 8am followed by silent prayer till 8.30am Mass in the church

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL** Wednesdays 6.30 - 7.00pm in the church (except in Lent)

**ROSARY** Tuesdays – Thursdays after 9am Mass, Saturday after 8.30am Mass, in the church

**SACRED HEART SODALITY** 1st Sundays of the month 7am Mass

**TERESIAN PRAYER** 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month 5.30 - 6.30pm in the church

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** 1st Tuesdays of the month at the 9am Mass, followed by morning tea in the parish centre

**CATENIAN ASSOCIATION** contact Peter Kora—email: [peter@au-revoir-travel.com](mailto:peter@au-revoir-travel.com)

**KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS** 4th Wednesdays every alternate month 7.45-9.45pm in the library

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm in the parish library

**ANOTHER BOOK CLUB** 1st Mondays 6.30 - 8.00pm in the parish library—contact Marion 0412 633 857

**LINE DANCING** Mondays 9.30am - 12.00pm, Tuesdays 10.30 – 12.00pm in the parish hall

**YOGA** Tuesdays 9.00-11.00am in the Joseph Room, parish centre—contact Marion 0412 633 857



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY—CAN YOU HELP?

We have had many requests to re-start our Children's Liturgy at Sunday morning Mass—but we can't do this without people who are willing to help. We need 2 leaders and 2 helpers, minimum, to be able to do this for our parish children. No experience required, just a willing heart. It would be great to re-commence next year! Please contact Billie at the parish office—leave a message if the office is unattended over the break.

