

Dear brothers and sisters,

In the same way that the Jews have the Law of Moses - the Torah - that shapes their life, so the Sermon on the Mount shapes and characterises the life of the Christian community. Jesus addresses his disciples in the presence of “all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics and paralytics”; a great crowd over a wide area (4:24-25). ‘Seeing the crowds’ (5:1a), Jesus ascends the mountain and sits down and his disciples come to him – as to a Teacher – for instruction.

The Beatitudes are not commandments bluntly instructing the disciples about how they should live. They are rather invitations to adopt certain attitudes and live out particular values in the light of the God revealed by Jesus. Those who choose to live in this way are placing themselves in the best position of all. The biblical sense of ‘blessed those who ...’ lying behind the Beatitudes is basically that of ‘Congratulations!’ – the sort of thing we say to someone who has won the lottery. We are not commending them for being virtuous. We are acknowledging their good fortune and sharing their joy; we’re saying, ‘You’re in a good place!’

The attitudes and situations that Jesus here commends are not a recipe for getting ahead in the world. They point to living in a non-competitive, non-grasping way. To be poor in spirit (as well as being actually poor); to be gentle and unselfish, rather than on the make; to be prepared to weep alongside the unfortunate rather than avoid them; to work for justice and peace; to exercise mercy and be single-minded in pursuit of the good (‘pure in heart’); to be ready to endure persecution and calumny for the sake of the gospel: all these things make one vulnerable here and now, entailing much loss.

The second clause in each beatitude, states the reason for the ‘blessedness’ in each case. All those passives: ‘shall be comforted’, ‘shall be satisfied’, ‘shall have mercy shown to them’, etc., indicate the action of God. To live in this way, according to these values, makes supreme sense if God truly is as Jesus reveals God to be.

Faith in such a God is the context in which living according to the Beatitudes makes sense and is the supreme wisdom. It may well involve vulnerability and loss; in the perspective of faith it is simply hard-headed common sense. That is why those who, following Jesus, adopt this way of life are to be ‘congratulated’; indeed, why they are ‘Blessed’.

—*Blessings, Greg*



An Active Parish: Youth Ministry and Music Ministry

This year we would like to start a parish-based youth ministry. As a parish, we would like to engage the young people of our community to better understand the faith and make it more relevant to their everyday lives. Fr Adalbert is more than happy to hear from you (especially from the young people!) of any ideas you might have for youth-focused events. This may include a “youth” mass every month, times where young people can gather and ask questions about the faith and the Church (with peers), as well as going for a group hike and other physical activities.

Another desire of the parish is to enliven our Sunday Eucharist with music. There are many talented people among our community, and already a handful of people have indicated their willingness to be involved in the music ministry. Again, if you have any suggestions, comments, or would like to lead and/or participate in any way (either by playing an instrument, conducting a choir, organising the PowerPoint, or singing), please contact us—email

Fr Adalbert: ap2@infantjesusparish.org.au
(for both ministries).



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) ENROLMENTS FOR 2023

Last year's families should have received an online enrolment form via email last week. Please complete that ASAP and submit it.

New families who wish to enrol their children in PREP for 2023, can email Sue Goodwin at prep@infantjesusparish.org.au for the online form to be emailed to them or please attend the enrolment day on:

Wednesday 1st February 2.30-4.30pm in the parish centre.

All families are required to complete an enrolment form for each child and pay the annual fee of \$50 for one child or \$65 per family. Please bring a copy of certificates of your child's Baptism and any other Sacraments when you come to enrolment day.

**PREP CLASSES START on
Wednesday, 8th February at 4.15pm**

Please note that it is a requirement of this Archdiocese that all children receive at least 2 years' religious instruction prior to receiving their first Sacrament. Therefore, if you desire your child to receive one or all of these Sacraments, please start them in classes as early as pre-primary or Year 1 level. New families are always welcome.

For any enquiries, please contact Sue Goodwin on 9276 8500 or via the email listed above.

Please note: **WHOLE SCHOOL MASS**
FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY 9AM MASS

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

31 Jan: St John Bosco, priest

02 Feb: The Presentation of the Lord



PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of
Clair Harris—Ph: 9276 9124

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Laurence (Wick) Sorenson,
Alexander Wienczgow;

Deceased: Daisy & Newell Kleinman, Brent Naughton;

Anniversaries: Fr Hilary Doran, OCD; Fr Jarlath Flynn, OCD,
Marion Bracknell; Peter Meek, Vera Tighe, Henry Spears,
Bernard Spears, Sr Gwen Sivwright PBVM;

The Sick of the Parish: Alan Summerset and all who are in
need of our prayers.

*"Your kingdom, O Lord,
is an everlasting kingdom"*

PARISH CENTRE
OPEN

FROM
Monday 30th January
- looking forward to
sharing 2023 with everyone!



Groups starting this coming week:

Monday: Line Dancing at 9.30am
Teresian Prayer at 5.30pm
Christian Meditation at 5.30pm

Tuesday: Line Dancing at 10.30am
Wednesday: Children's Playgroup at 9.30am
Novena at 6.30pm

Thursday: Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Group at 2pm
Bible Study with Fr Adalbert at 6.30pm

Recommencing soon:

ABC - Another Book Club first Monday monthly 6-7.30pm
with Radical Wisdom: A Feminist Mystical Theology Edited by
Beverly J. Lanzetta.

Beverly Lanzetta, Ph.D., is a theologian, contemplative scholar, and
teacher of new traditions of contemplative wisdom.



You are Invited!
Bible Study Group
at Infant Jesus Parish

Thursdays at the Parish Centre, from 6.30pm to 8pm
Commencing—Thursday, 2nd February

Led by Fr Adalbert, the aim of this group is to help you
integrate the Bible into your daily life by discussing the
rich historical, textual, and spiritual meaning of the Gospel passage.
We will meet every Thursday at the Parish Centre, from 6.30pm to
8pm. The first half-hour is spent in a spirit of prayer, where
participants are invited to share experiences of the previous week.
From 7pm, we will then begin our discussion of the following
Sunday's Gospel. You are, therefore, free to come at either 6.30pm
or 7pm. Importantly, we strongly encourage you to ask any
questions. This group operates out of a deep respect for each
person's faith experience and understanding, providing a safe space
for you to explore your faith with like-minded people who are
sincere in their desire to know and love God.

You can contact Fr Adalbert if you want to know more:
ap2 @infantjesusparish.org.au—or just come along.



For Parish Church
Workers (paid/unpaid –
volunteers)

ONLINE Safeguarding Induction Level 1

The date is as follow:

- 02 February 2023 at 10 am
- 13 February 2023 at 2 pm
- 21 February 2023 at 7 pm

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>

EMAIL: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au

PHONE: 9221 7762

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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Web: www.infantjesusparish.org.au

Synodality and the Future of the Catholic Church: A Journey towards Communion, Participation and Mission

ON: Thursdays, 2 and 9 March (2 sessions), 10:00am – 11:30am

WITH: Visiting Scholar - Professor Eamonn Conway

AT: Newman Siena (Clune LT) COST: \$15

What does synodality mean and what is Pope Francis saying when he refers to synodality as “that which God expects of the Church of the third millennium” (2019)? Over two workshops, visiting scholar and editor of The Synodal Pathway: When Rhetoric Meets Reality, Professor Eamonn Conway, will unpack the meaning of synodality for our times. Areas addressed include the culture of listening, the importance of discernment and openness to change.

Employment Opportunities with Catholic Youth Ministry

1. **Media Officer – Fixed Term 12 Months, Full-Time (listed on SEEK)**

2. **Youth Worker – Casual**

Obtain details from <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>

Applications close Tuesday 14 February 2023.



CHILD OF GOD
GETAWAY WEEKEND

DEC 2022 // FRI 02 - SUN 04
Advent Park, Maida Vale

Join the next Getaway Weekend with CYM as we explore what it means to live as a Child of God.

admin@cym.com.au
08 9422 7912

THIS WEEKEND — 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 29 January 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Chris Lambert	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Hari Geigenmuller
Altar Servers	Shawn; Josemiguel; Andres and Nathan	Madeleine and Frank	Allan; Akash and Ruben	Alex; Dorothy; Bryant and Alden
Proclaimers	Marian & Sylvia	Sally & Bernie	Rod & Barbara	Fely & Alan
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Nevellene & Valerie	Mike & Kathleen	Aileen & Joan	Ivor & Tristan
Hospitality	Rose Chang & Milly Lo	Barb & Veronica	Anna & Marlene	Joanne & Maureen
Church Cleaning	Thursday 26 January (Public Holiday) - Team B to arrange cleaning time			

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 in Ordinary Time - 05 February 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Chris Wray	David Pham	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Erin; Matthia; Royce and Savio	Cyril	Victoria; Manuel and Leah	Tim and Dan
Proclaimers	Donna-Marie and Valerie	Liz and Rita	Tony and Marion O	Pramila and Marion W
Extr. Ministers of Communion	Chris A and Teresa	John S and Kerryn	Annette N and Josephine	Maureen and Thuy
Hospitality	Ann and Denise	Mavis and Quinn	Deborah and Haydee	Ancilla and Anne
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 4 February 2023 @ 9.30am			

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