

In Fr Greg's absence...

Today we enter into the heart of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. He reinterprets the Torah (Law) of Moses which is a major theme in the Gospel of Matthew.

Our First Reading, (Ecclus 15:15-20), stresses the responsibility for decision that flows from human freedom. It insists upon the necessity to observe the commandments (of the Law) if one is to obtain life. The Responsorial Psalm, (Ps118), reflects in a more personal way the Jewish spirituality of the Torah.

In the Gospel, (Matt 5:17-37), Jesus insists that he has not come to abolish 'the law and the prophets' but to 'fulfil' or complete them. Jesus fulfils the law by interpreting it in the light of the priority Israel's prophets gave to values such as justice, mercy and faith in human relationships (see Matt 23:23). This will entail a 'righteousness' deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees.

There follows six 'case studies' illustrating this deeper righteousness. Four are in this week's Gospel, two in next Sunday's. Jesus cites a ruling from the Torah, appealing to Scripture, and then modifies, radicalises, or extends it in some direction. He cites a prohibition ('Thou shalt not') and then he goes beyond externals to plant the value enshrined in the law deep within the human heart. So, against the prohibition 'You shall not kill ...,' Jesus addresses the anger in the heart that leads to rivalry, insult and violence. Murder is the final extreme. Reconciliation and mutual forgiveness is so important it even takes priority over the duty of worship.

This sense of going to the heart is also explicit in his treatment of sexual behaviour and fidelity in marriage. Jesus insists that problems begin with a person's fundamental attitude. Is the other an object or a fellow human being to be treated as an equal and so with fidelity and respect. When the latter prevails, the prohibition in isolation simply becomes unnecessary.

What draws all these pronouncements of Jesus together is a sense of human life as essentially relational: it flourishes where respect, faithfulness, and consideration prevail. An attitude which we usually call 'love'.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

It always begins in dust and ashes ...



Ash WEDNESDAY
22 FEBRUARY 2023
Masses at
7am, 9am & 7pm

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY - 18 & 19 FEBRUARY

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or call 1800 024 413.



Lent.

a season of renewal

- ◆ a time of preparation and renewal
- ◆ re-establishing your relationship with God
- ◆ a fresh start
- ◆ see God with new eyes
- ◆ new understanding
- ◆ new heart

Some resources to nourish and nurture prayer this coming Lent:
(from the piety stall, parish office, online or in person)

- ◆ **Triumph Lenten Booklet** - short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer -form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. \$9, available now
- ◆ **From Ashes to Hope Lenten Booklet** - written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups, each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis. \$7, on order and available soon.
- ◆ **Lent 2023 with The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes** For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make your Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. It's FREE and you can sign up at: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>
- ◆ **Reflection on Our Way in Lent at the Schoenstatt Centre** - 11 March, 10am-2pm, BYO lunch, at 9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon 6112. Ph: 9399 2349

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

14 Feb: Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop



PILGRIM STATUE

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

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Vivian D’Cruze, Keith Westerhout, Kevin Jones, Domenico Care, James Moggan, Brian Carr and Angelo Spadaccini;

Deceased: Brent Naughton and Arthur Chemello;

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

“Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.”

CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome our recently baptised little ones and pray that God will bless, guide and protect them—
Domenic Cosoleto; Madelyn Foti; Arabella Henderson; Aliyah Rullo; Shanelle Holding; Valentina Manganaro; Patrick Orzel; Iris Xie; Jordon Edwards; Madison Monterosso; Levi Levings; Stacey Limerick; Averly Whitehead; Alessio Falcone; Sophia Scutti; Addison Westerhout and Harrison Kilcoyne.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) started classes last Wednesday. 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. Children need to start classes as early as pre-primary or Year 1 level. New families are always welcome. Contact Sue Goodwin, PREP co-ordinator on 9276 8500 (Tues and Wed) or email rep@infantjesusparish.org.au

PARISH CENTRE OPEN!

Monday: Line Dancing at 9.30am
Teresian Prayer at 5.30pm
Christian Meditation at 7pm (note time change)

Tuesday: Line Dancing at 10.30am

Wednesday: Children’s Playgroup at 9.30am - *contact Lucy 0411 362 080*
Meditation Wednesday Group at 9.30am
Novena at 6.30pm

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

All welcome to join these groups at any point in time.



Infant Jesus Parish will be hosting this year’s
ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- JOIN WITH TAIWAN IN PRAYER
Friday 3rd March 10.30am
Church and Parish Centre
ALL ARE INVITED

Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen’s initiative. It is run under the motto “Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action,” and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.
www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

- ▶ The day will commence with prayer, art and song on the theme “I Have Heard About Your Faith” written by WDP Prayer committee of Taiwan followed by a simple luncheon and cuppa.
- ▶ A short film will be shown and donations will be accepted on behalf of the Bible Society in its Outreach for 2023 towards Taiwan’s Immigrant Brides.
- ▶ If there are any parishioners of Taiwanese descent who would like to be part of this prayer initiative, we would love to hear from you.
- ▶ Also, if anyone is able to assist with cultural decorations and Taiwanese/Asian food for the day, please contact the parish office and Tracy Hardiman.

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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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)? When Rhetoric Meets Reality, Professor Eamonn Conway, will unpack the meaning of synodality for our times. discernment and openness to change.

JEDO Workshop - Respect: How Church Communities Can Confront Violence and Abuse (FREE workshop)

ON: Thursdays, 16 and 23 February (2 sessions), 9:30am – 11:30am
 WITH: Mrs Carol Mitchell (Director – Justice, Ecology and Development Office (JEDO))
 For Further info or to register, please visit www.cfe.org.au, call 9278 0261 / 0425 543 335 or email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au

18 February 2023 – 19 August 2023: Daughters of Mary – Mother & Daughter Group at the Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon

We invite you to join us for a monthly formation as we journey together as mothers and daughters in relationship with Mary towards Christ. With Mary as our mother and educator we hope to be able to grow in her virtues to be daily followers of Christ. Daughter’s age group: 10-14. Time: Every 3rd Saturday of the Month, 3pm-4.30pm including afternoon tea: 18 February, 18 March, 20 May, 17 June, 19 August (optional school holidays activity in April and July). To register, contact Marissa Yang 0448 966 998 | peacefulspirit180@gmail.com or Sr M Luka Junemann 0439 537 843 | srmluka@schoenstatt.org.au.

THIS WEEKEND — 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12 February 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Naveen Joseph	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay; Abigail and Lachlan	Elizabeth; Peter and Aaron	Andrei; Jules and Kim	Dylan; Alyssa; Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	Tang and Clare	Sjen and Nikita	Mike and Mark	Maureen and Suchita
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	John T and Chris T	Brian and Debbie	Anna and Marlene	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Rose and Milly	Angela and Francisca	Anna and Marlene	Rita and Marina
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 10 February 2023 @ 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.

NEXT WEEKEND — 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19 February 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	John Tomczak	Marion Wayne	Hari Geigenmuller
Altar Servers	Shawn; Josemiguel; Andres and Nathan	Madeleine and Frank	Allan; Akash and Ruben	Denver; Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Sabrina and Naethan	Joanne and Marie	Chris A and Aleena	Alan and George
Extr. Ministers of Communion	Tracy and Marie	Josie and Carl	Magdalene and Linda	Maureen and Thuy
Hospitality	Roopa and Marisol	Barb and Veronica	Roma and Patrick	Brenda and Fely
Church Cleaning	Team A—Saturday, 18 February 2023 @ 9.30am			

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