

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today and for the next two Sundays our Gospel readings are from John not Matthew. They were chosen to help prepare those who are to be baptised at Easter. In today's Gospel (Jn 4:5-42) Jesus meets and talks with a strong Samaritan woman who comes to draw water from a well at a time when women were not to be seen in public. Jesus thus breaks strong ethnic (Jews v Samaritans) and social (a man talking in public to a woman not of his family) barriers to bring the Good News to non-Jews. Jesus hereby creates an inclusive People of God.

Most of the narratives of John's Gospel begin with a human need for something (water, wine, healing, bread, sight, or life); Jesus remedies the need. This action is a symbol of a much more profound gift tied to himself: that he is the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, the Resurrection and the Life, etc. Today Jesus asks the woman to provide him with a drink of water. The woman, aware of the social and religious barriers, is surprised at this. Jesus then develops a deeper, symbolic meaning by speaking of 'living water' that he could provide for her if only she knew who he was. 'Living water' suggests a constantly gushing spring but what Jesus is offering is 'water' that gives life – not life in the sense of mere existence but a share in the life of God, the gift of the Spirit. The woman is confused. She does not get it.

In the next scene, Jesus asks her to call her husband. The knowledge of her private life that Jesus then displays leads the woman to recognise him as a prophet. She brings up the question of worship, a matter of hot contention between her people and the Jews. Jesus resolves the issue, speaking of a 'worship' as completely transcending place and animal sacrifice. The hour is coming – 'and now is' when those who worship God as God now wants, do so 'in spirit and in truth' that is through the Spirit by the acceptance of the person of Jesus. That is, not through animal sacrifices but through worship proceeding from a heart that is truly converted by the gift of the Spirit (see 20:22-23) and through acceptance of the revelation of God ('the truth') present in the person of Jesus. When the woman speaks of the Messiah who is to come, Jesus reveals that 'I am he' (compare this with how God gives his name in Exod 3:14).

The woman now becomes a missionary to her own people: 'Come and see a man who told me the story of my life.' The woman begins to attract people to Jesus. One woman's conversation with Jesus foreshadows the world-wide outreach of salvation. Jesus who thirsted for ordinary water imparts to those who believe in him the 'living water' of the Spirit. If we too respond like her, the world's thirst will be quenched.

- Greg.

Create in me
a pure heart, O God,
and renew a
steadfast
spirit within me.
- Psalm 51:10

Easter Confession
— 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
Wednesday 29 March at 7pm
Come and let God
renew your heart

Whenever we come to church, we must prepare our hearts to be as beautiful as we expect this church to be...God too wishes that your soul be not in darkness, but that the light of good works shine in us, so that he who dwells in the heavens will be glorified. Just as you enter this church building, so God wishes to enter into your soul, for he promised: I shall live in them, I shall walk through their hearts.

St Caesarius of Arles

LETTERBOX DROP FOR EASTER

"Into life and light with Jesus Christ"



Let us share the good news of Christ's victory over death and darkness and bring life and light to our neighbours by inviting them to our Easter celebrations, where they will hear the message of triumph, the promise of a new life and the peace that God offers that is the Easter 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 hands and feet of Jesus, as well as getting some fresh air and exercise!



CAKE STALL FOR CARITAS

NEXT WEEKEND - 18/19 March 2023

We will be having a 'Cake' Stall after each Mass on the weekend of 18/19 March. Parishioners are donating their time and talent to offer biscuits, cakes, jams, plants, fruit, spring rolls, chocolates, herbs, etc and you are asked to **bring along some extra cash**, 'choose your own treat' and **make a donation to Caritas.**



Parish Busy Bee for Easter
Saturday 1 April from 9am - 1pm

Many Hands Needed —
Do you have an hour or two to spare?

Even as we prepare our hearts for the great feast of Easter, we need to prepare our parish grounds and centre so that they are clean and fresh for our Easter celebrations as a community and with our many visitors. There will be gardening, cleaning and small maintenance jobs to be done. Children are very welcome to come with their parents to help. Morning tea and lunch will be provided for all helpers.

It would be nice to see some new faces!

Community / Christian service hours opportunity—High School students are welcome to use this opportunity to complete their community service hours. Please call Billie, parish office 9276 5800 to register your interest.



COLUMBARIUM NEWS

Members of the Columbarium Committee will be available in the parish centre on Monday mornings 9.30am-11.30am, or by appointment. Appointments may be made by email: columbarium@infantjesusparish.org.au or contacting the parish office on 9276 8500.

Our current walls are almost fully reserved and a new wall has already been sponsored by the Bezgovich family. We hope to commence building soon. We are offering parishioners the opportunity to sponsor the St John Paul II wall. Sponsors have the option of having a small dedication plaque placed on the wall to recognise their gift. If you would like to know more about wall sponsorship, please contact the committee.

If you have an hour or so to spare fortnightly, help is needed in keeping the columbarium garden tidy. We would love to hear from you. Thank you.

~ Angela Youens, Andrew Davini

Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Matt. 6:21)

My Offering

Name: _____
Address: _____
Amount: _____

APPEAL TO PLANNED GIVERS: MORE DIRECT BANK TRANSFERS NEEDED

Envelope Pledges to 25/02/2023	\$ 73,695
Envelope Receipts to 25/02/2023	\$ 63,086
SHORTFALL	\$ 10,609

110 of our 328 (30%) of planned giving members currently have their pledges directly transferred to our parish bank account. It is a **convenient and safe** method which, importantly, **gives the parish a more dependable cash flow.**

We are appealing to our envelope givers, particularly those that are finding it difficult to be physically present each week, to switch to direct deposits or direct debits. We are aiming for a further 20% of members (54) to switch from envelope-giving by the end of March. **Can you please help us?**

Direct Deposit: BSB: 086-006 A/c: 66860 6029
Ref: PG+envelope number+surname

Direct Debit: pick up a form from the foyer or email accounts@infantjesusparish.org.au



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

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Rita Mustica;

Deceased: Arthur Chemello;

Anniversaries: Gerald Wright, Ross Lewis, Elaine Luscombe and Maria Bianco;

The Sick of the Parish: All who are in need of our prayers.

“Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord.”

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

17 Mar: St Patrick, bishop



**Children's Liturgy at
Sunday 9.30am Mass**
Let the little children come to me....

Do you have time on Sunday Morning, once a month during school term time to bring the Good News to our children? You would be working with a wonderful committed team and using an easy-to-follow program, with all the help you need. Please email Billie - secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSION

The total amount donated by the Morley Parish for the 2022 Appeal was \$5,731.20.

Catholic Mission, on behalf of our missionaries around the world, would like to thank you for your support. Your generosity has made a difference in the lives of many by giving them tangible support, but more importantly by giving them hope. Please email Francis Leong at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au if you are keen to participate in God's mission more fully by helping to promote the work of Catholic Mission and the vision of Pope Francis as a parish volunteer, or by leaving a bequest.



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

Stations of the Cross in Lent (except Ash Wednesday): 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

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**EMERGENCY APPEALS:
TURKEY-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE DISASTER**



CARITAS - We must act **NOW** and help those affected by this catastrophe.

Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

ACN - for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes, providing support via long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria.

www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—11/12 MARCH



Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

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



THIS WEEKEND — 3rd Sunday of Lent—12 March 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Chris Yapp	Hari Geigenmuller
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay; Abigail and Lachlan	Madeleine and Frank	Andrei; Jules and Kim	Dylan; Alyssa; Amy and Meghan
Proclaimers	Donna Marie and Valerie	Rita and Shirley	Mike and Mark	Pramila and Fely
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	John T and Chris T	Brian and Debbie	Aileen and Joan	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	John T and Emily	Barb and Veronica	Anna and Marlene	Joanne and Maureen
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 10 March 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 — 4th Sunday of Lent—19 March 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Paul Wachtel	Marion Wayne	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Shawn; Josemiguel; Andres & Nathan	Cyril	Allan; Akash and Ruben	Denver; Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Tang and Clare	Liz and Marie	PAS and Joanne	Alan and Anna
Extr. Ministers of Communion	Tracy and Marie	Josie and Carl	Annette N and Josephine	Maureen and Thuy
Hospitality	Rose and Milly	Mavis and Quinn	Roma and Patrick	Ancilla and Anne
Church Cleaning	Team A— Saturday, 18 March 2023 @ 9.30am			

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