

Dear brothers and sisters,

Our First Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (2:42-47) giving us an idealised idea of the disciples in the very early days of the Church. The power of the Spirit, so evident in the ministry of Jesus and later at Pentecost, continues in the subsequent life of the church. The early disciples were a community of friends. They shared friendship with the Lord Jesus and because of that they were friends with each other.

The Second Reading from the First Letter of Peter (1:3-9) gives us a sense of a hope held in common: 'You did not see him, yet you loved him' links with today's Gospel for those who 'have not seen yet believe'. In today's Gospel (John 20:19-31) Thomas won't believe in the resurrection unless he can encounter the risen Lord himself without relying on the other disciples' word that 'we have seen the Lord'. He lays down his explicit, highly 'physical' conditions. Eight days later Jesus meets Thomas and invites him to fulfil all his conditions. Before the risen Lord in person Thomas abandons all his requirements and makes the most exalted act of faith contained in John's gospel: 'My Lord and my God!'. At this climactic moment of the gospel, it is Thomas, the doubter, who proclaims the full identity of Jesus. In its encounter with the risen Lord the church also is radically changed, called out of hiding and into mission.

The first 'edition' of John's Gospel (chapters 1-20) ends with Jesus' assurance that a life-giving encounter with the risen Lord is available to us even today. We who receive his mercy are called to be merciful. For Jesus, his acts of mercy freed people, empowering them to live the fullness of their divine potential. Peter summarises it in today's First Reading: "Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons and daughters, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away."

### Archbishop Costelloe's Pastoral Letter of 11 April 2023

Archbishop Tim writes about Pope Francis's hope that we continue to walk together as "a synodal Church (which) is a listening Church, aware that listening is more than hearing. It is a reciprocal listening in which everyone has something to learn". In his letter he explains how three Archdiocesan initiatives the Transition Project, Liturgical Formation and Renewal and a Diocesan Assembly to be held this September fit into the Pope's plan. The Assembly will begin the re-establishment of a Diocesan Pastoral Council. Copies of the letter are available in the entry to the church. —*Blessings, Greg*



## CALLING ALL YOUTH NEXT Sunday 23 April - 6pm Mass followed by a BBQ

When I look around, I see so many young people coming to mass. Unfortunately, we do not yet have a space for young people to come and gather. As part of the parish community's commitment to engage with young people, we have decided to dedicate the **6pm Mass of every third Sunday of the month, starting on Sunday 23 April**, to celebrating the Eucharist with young people and their families. There will be a BBQ after Mass and all are welcome to, well, gather!



My hope is to create a space where people can congregare and get to know other people. I, along with some youth leaders, would like to meet as many young people as possible. In particular, we would like to ask the young people what would be the best way to serve them. We know that young people have different needs depending on their age, and so we would like to know who would be interested in forming a youth group (or multiple youth groups!) and what activities would be engaging. Such activities may include playing sports, hikes, Bible study, Q&A session...the sky's the limit!

Please let me, Fr Adalbert, know if you would like to attend (for catering purposes), or put your name down on the foyer RSVP list and also if you are interested in helping in any way. You can contact me in person or via email at [ap2@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:ap2@infantjesusparish.org.au)

### PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Please remember to return Project Compassion boxes as soon as possible - please place them in the Collection bags during Mass. You can still donate to Project Compassion—online, or via the QR Code. Thank you.



### CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome our recently baptised little ones and pray that God will bless, guide and protect them— Harry

Boland; Mason Rakich; Phoenix Corrie; Maggie Sefton; Oscar Sefton; Antonio Cavallaro; Amayah Okeke and Abbeygail Taylor.

### COMMUNION AT HOME - COORDINATOR NEEDED

**You do not have to be  
a Minister of the Eucharist!**



We need a person who can make the initial contact with people requiring communion at home and assign a minister to visit. It would also involve some record keeping and liaison with the parish office and priests. Please contact Billie at the parish office if you wish to help or need more info on this role.

**WALKING TOGETHER: Catholics with Jews in the Australian Context.** The Australian Catholic Bishops have recently issued this document. Copies are available on the bulletin stands in the foyer. Please take one home to read.

## **ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET!**

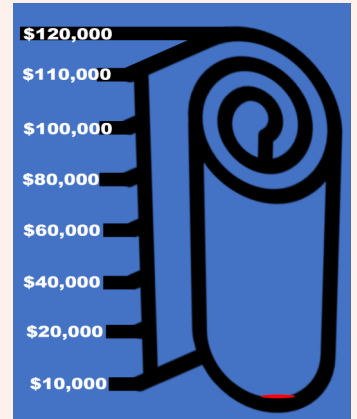
If there is something we can all agree on, it is that the carpet in our church is desperately in need of replacement as it has become a safety issue. We also have an issue with accessibility onto the sanctuary for wheelchair users and those with mobility issues.

After much thought, discussion and a number of quotes, it has been decided to proceed with both projects; replacing the carpet and providing access to the sanctuary. Though final quotes are yet to be accepted, we know that the projects will cost at least \$120,000.

To help meet this considerable cost, we are today launching our parish "Roll out the Red Carpet" fundraising campaign. We hope that all parishioners will get behind this campaign by joining in the planned fundraising activities over the next 12-24 months.

### Several ways you can help

- If possible, consider offering a direct monetary contribution. This could be a once-off amount, or a smaller weekly or monthly contribution using the envelopes provided on the bulletin stands.
- Support our fundraising activities, by donating goods or prizes, buying from stalls or sausage sizzles, etc, encouraging your friends and family to come along with you to our planned fun social and other fundraising events.
- Approaching local businesses or Catholic businesses which may be happy to support our fundraising drives by donating goods for sale or prizes for raffles.
- Pray for us! We have a large target to meet and we will all be working hard to meet it, but asking God's help is very important.



**Help us turn the carpet RED and reach our target!**

**If you have fundraising ideas or would like to join in preparation or organisation of a particular event, we would love to hear from you! Just call and talk to Billie 9276 8500.**

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR **FIRST** FUNDRAISING EVENT

### **MOTHER'S DAY GIFT STALL SATURDAY 6TH & SUNDAY 7TH MAY (after all Masses)**

**Come prepared to buy something lovely for your Mum, Nonna or other wonderful women in your life.**

Beautiful succulent planters, gift boxed plants, hand made plant pot stands and other small timber items, hand made rugs, home made jams and preserves, hand made cakes and biscuits, flowers and more - AND a fabulous raffle!

### **COLLECTION POINT**

Over the months ahead, we will be needing many items which you may have sitting at home unused - or have a friend or contact who could help. Please check in now and again to see what new items are needed.

**We need:** florist's boxes, ceramic pots for plants, gift wrap, ribbon, baskets and presentation boxes, new or unused toiletries, unused gift items suitable for silent auction/raffles, donations from local or family businesses, donations of fresh flowers (Chrysanthemum, etc to be delivered on Saturday 6th May only), succulent cuttings. Donations may be brought to the parish office or arranged by phoning Billie on 9276 8500.

### **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**

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**BSB:** 066 132      **Account Number:** 0080 0015

**Reference:** Your name

#### **Second Collection EFT Details**

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### **Our Parish Team**

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## PARISH ACTIVITIES UPDATE

We are excited to announce we will be restarting the following programs after Covid suspension

- ◆ **Name Tag Sunday**—Sunday 7th May at 9.30am Mass (Every 1st Sunday of the month). Get to know the names of the familiar faces in the Mass, have a chat and say hello.
- ◆ **Sunday Children's Liturgy**—Sunday 7th May at 9.30am (every Sundays at 9.30 Mass, except 3rd Sunday). The little children are invited to join a short organised activity learning about Jesus in a safe and fun environment.
- ◆ **Healing Mass**— Wednesday 10th May at 9am Mass. (every 2nd Wednesday of the month)



### PILGRIM STATUE

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

### PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

**Recently Deceased:** Eugenia (Sjen) Chrimes-Kluck, Joe Versace, Fr Francisco Mascarenhas (Goa) and Pauline Thomson;

**Deceased:** Ashley Silver and Quyet Trung Do;

**Anniversaries:** Fr Terence Cahill, OCD, Rodney McGuinness, Helen Wilson, Luigi Di Fava, Thomas Tighe, Michael Mascarenhas, Walter Manuel, Ado Clozza;

**The Sick of the Parish:** Pat del Paggio and all who are in need of our prayers.

*"Praise the Lord all you nations; for great is his love toward us."*

## NEW GROUPS

- ◆ **TAI CHI** Tuesday 2nd May at 9.45am in the in the parish hall. Please bring a small water bottle and wear a supporting lace-up shoes. Enquiries to Billie on 9276 8500 in the parish office.
- ◆ **CRAFT GROUP FOR UFO** (un-finished objects) Thursday 9.30-11am - enjoy a morning working on your craft, knitting, crochet, other projects in the company of others and have a cuppa and biscuit on the house.

### GROUPS RESUMING after the Easter break

- ◆ **INFANT JESUS PLAYGROUP** Children aged 0-4 years are welcome on Wednesday from 9.30-11am in the parish hall. All children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian. Please bring your own children's morning tea. If able, we always love a gold coin donation to help with the costs of water, electricity, tea and coffee. For further details, feel free to contact Lucy on 0411 362 080. See you there!!
- ◆ **YOGA CLASSES with Marion Wayne** Tuesdays at 9am in Joseph Room. BYO yoga mat & water bottle. All welcome—small fee applies.
- ◆ **MEDITATION SESSIONS - MONDAY OR WEDNESDAY** Directed half hour meditation sessions are held every Monday evening in the St Joseph's Room in the Parish Centre at 7pm or Wednesday at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome.

### THIS WEEKEND — 2nd Sunday of Easter—16 April 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Paul Wachtel	Marion Wayne	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay; Abigail and Lachlan	Elizabeth; Peter and Aaron	Allan; Akash and Ruben	Denver; Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Sabrina and Megan	Marie and Rita	Personal Advocacy— Chris A	Anna and Alisha
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy and Marie	Josie and Carl	Annette D'O and Roma	Maureen and Thuy
Hospitality	Denise and Emily	Angela and Francisca	Roma and Patrick	Brenda and Pramila
Church Cleaning	Team B @ Thursday 20 April at 9.45am			

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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