Dear brothers and sisters,

Who is included in God's love and his plan for the human race? Inclusion is a major theme in all today's readings. The Gospel (Matt 15:21-28) tells of Jesus' confrontation with a Canaanite woman whose daughter was tormented by a devil. This admirable woman is ignored, then rudely rebuffed by Jesus who is echoing the religious attitude of the time. But, the woman doesn't take no for an answer. She makes her urgent need very apparent. She also reveals both her wit and her faith by using an image of Jesus to press her case for mercy and the healing of her daughter. Jesus is actually grateful and praises her faith. He grants her request immediately. Matthew wants his readers to know that Jesus' universal mission challenges the social and religious status quo.

The Canaanite woman is one of the great heroes of the Gospel. Jesus allows her to 'educate' him out of the narrow understanding of his mission that his early responses betray. He is not only Messiah for the Jews but also the One in whose 'name the Gentiles will place their hope' (Matt 12:21). Who are the great female prophets and heroes who challenge us today to broaden our minds and hearts?

St Teresa 460 years ago challenged the racism and rejection of any meaningful role for women in church and society. Recently, in Lisbon the Pope said in an address to the young people gathered there: the Church is for everyone, for everyone, for everyone. There are no second-class citizens in the kingdom of God nor in the Church. God's grace and healing is for all people. Catholicism is capacious, sects are narrow and restrictive.

In the First Reading, (Is 56:1, 6-7) Isaiah presents a bold vision where God will actually bring to the 'holy mountain' (the Temple) foreigners, making of the Temple 'a house of prayer for all the peoples' (cf. Mark 11:17). This is a strong challenge to pride and exclusiveness. In the Second Reading, (Rom 11:13-15, 29-32) Paul: argues that God who has worked to include the nations of the world will not fail to act inclusively in favour of the Jewish people, the original chosen people, for God's 'gifts and calling are irrevocable'.

Back Home

I have now returned after a marvellous break in Europe. It was a great privilege, and I am very grateful for the opportunity. However, it is good to be home once more.

—Greg



PARISH FEAST DAY - DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH 31 years since 29th August 1992 ALL are INVITED to CELEBRATE



Saturday 26th August at 6pm - dinner

Sunday 27th August: 7.30am - breakfast, 9.30am - morning tea, 11.30am - lunch and 6pm - dinner with our Parish Youth

We will begin our celebrations for the Feast Day around the altar at all weekend Masses and continue the festivities in the parish hall with a shared parish family meal. We ask that if you are coming, please write your details on the sign-up sheet in the foyer - it will greatly help with setting up arrangements. As it is a shared meal, **do bring some** <u>savoury</u> <u>food</u> to share. Our parish will provide tea/coffee and juice plus a celebratory cake. We look forward to seeing you at the celebrations.



Don't forget Sunday 27th August is also our Parish Youth Mass at 6pm All welcome to join our parish youth at the Dedication of the Church Mass and in celebrating our Parish Feast Day over dinner

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST FOR CHILDREN 2023

Commitment Masses this weekend: 9 August (Saturday) at 6.00pm and 20 August (Sunday) at 9.30am and 6.00pm

Parent & Child Workshop: This Monday 21 August at 7.00pm

Children's Retreat: 1 September (Friday) at the Parish Centre First Communion Masses: 9 September (Saturday) at 11.00am and 2.00pm Enquiries: sacramental@infantjesusparish.org.au



Do you like to sing? Our new Saturday choir is looking for more singers to joining in the singing. The new choir will start next

Saturday 19th August at 6pm Mass. If you are interested, please come to church at 5.30pm for a short rehearsal. All enquiries to Billie on 9276 8500 in the parish office.

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

- 21 Aug: St Pius X, pope
- 22 Aug: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 24 Aug: St Bartholomew, apostle



Thank You to all who bought lucky numbers at last weekend's Masses and congratulations to the lucky winners: Red Prize - Linda D'Cruz, Green - Teresa P, Yellow - Betty Wong, Blue - Mike. We will update the total Quiz Nite fundraising raised after 15th September. Thank you once again for your support!

THE ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET

Collection point & ways to help

Please grab a flier from the pews or the bulletin stands and take it home to put on the fridge to remind you of what we need when you are talking to family and friends. There are lots of ways to help, from empty boxes to unwanted gifts and everything in between! Thank you so much.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Agnes Joseph, Tindara Casella and Luigi Ferrelli;

Deceased: Ashley Silver, Angela Ornella Del Casale, Salvatore (Sam) Bonarrigo;

Anniversaries: Edward Seymour, Richard Kopec, Joseph Eaton, Sebastiano Del Casale and Natale Gianotti;

The Sick of the Parish: Barbara and Flavio Finos and all who are in need of our prayers.

"Shout with joy to God, all the earth."

2023 marks the 70th anniversary of the commencement of Dr John Billings' research in finding a natural, reliable method of Fertility Awareness for couples. During Natural Fertility Awareness Week, in August, a special, **free webinar in recognition of Dr John Billings' work**, entitled *"Understanding Couple Fertility: the Male Perspective"* will be held on Monday 21st August 2023 at 7.30pm AEST. For more details and registration - <u>https://</u> <u>www.eventbrite.com.au/e/understanding-couple-fertility-themale-perspective-webinar-tickets-678382479257?</u> <u>aff=oddtdtcreator</u>

<u>Can you help</u>? One of our parishioners is collecting Coles and Woolworths collectible cards for a local primary school. Please drop them off at the parish office if you have some.

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

It's more than just a Quiz Night --It is an opportunity to CATCH UP with family and friends and have a FUN NIGHT with LOTS OF GAMES AND helping us achieve our Red Carpet Target of \$120,000





FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023 Doors open from 6.30pm for 7pm start Infant Jesus Parish Centre

Tickets: \$25.00pp

or book your tickets at eventbrite



or contact Parish office 9276 8500 or secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au

- Fun and games for everyone, not just Quiz lovers!
- Bring gold coins for fun games & to buy an answer or two!
- Table of 8 or let us know and we will join you with another small group.
- BYO nibbles and drinks.
- Finger food and soft drink available for purchase.
- ♦ Tea, coffee & water provided.
- Door prize, silent auction & more...



PILGRIM STATUE

Private devotion this week If you would like our Lady to visit your home, please write your name down on the list in the church foyer.

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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Sunday 9.45am Procession followed by 10.00am Mass Speakers: Archbishop T Costelloe, Br Jerome Mary, Fr Pavel Herda, Fr Robert Nixon, Fr Elias Kilzi

Topics - see foyer board for details. Retreat is free of charge. Refreshment and water will be provided.

For more information, contact 08 949 51204 or gspk@iinet.net.au

ST CHARLES Vocations Sunday Morning Tea **SEMINARY** Sunday, 10th September

> with Mass at 9.30am followed by morning tea and chat

Young men, aged 17yrs and above, are you tired of trying to change the world all by yourself. Come along and have a chat, get a glimpse into the life of a seminarian - is this the life God is calling you? RSVP by 7th September - phone: 9279 1310 email: <u>stcharlesseminary@perthcatholic.org.au</u>

CREATION AND OUR WORLD OF COLOUR Rock and Stone, in their vibrant colours, rock and stone are radiant bearers of Earth's unfolding story. **Thursday 24 August, 9am to 3pm, Nano Nagle Centre, Reserve Street, Claremont.** Presenter, Shelley M Barlow rndm. *Further info;* <u>www.nanonaglecentre.org.au</u> or 08 9385 0684.

Catholic Youth UNITE—25th August Notre Dame Drill Hall, Mouat St, Fremantle Inviting all youth to join CYM and experience the energy and joy of World Youth Day in Perth! Featuring special guest Fr Rob Galea, DJ, Live Music, testimonials from our WYD pilgrims, food trucks and expo stands. This is an all ages event, a celebration for young people that will ignite your heart. Further information can be found online at www.unite.cym.au

25 Aug - 27 Aug INNER HEALING RETREAT Friday **25 August 8.30am to Sunday 27 August 5pm, Vincentian Retreat Centre, 625 Nettleton Road, Karrakup.** Free of charge. For registration, please provide the following, date of retreat, adult full name, contact details, child full name and age, via email <u>vrcperth@gmail.com</u> or phone 08 9525 6539.

25 Aug - 27 Aug THE DESERT FATHERS - THE EARLIEST CHRISTIAN MONKS This weekend will offer an introduction to the amazing world of the Desert Fathers. *Further info* and bookings <u>www.newnorcia.com.au</u>

31 Aug PERTH LAUNCH OF THE 2023-24 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT - LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE A new engagement with Aboriginal and Torress Straits Islander People at Newman Siena Centre 9.45am for a 10am start.

Details can be obtained from www. jedo@perthcatholic.org.au | email: admin.jedo@perthcatholic.org.au

NEXT WEEKEND — The Dedication of our Church—27 August 2023				
Ministry	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Marion Wayne	David Pham	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay; Matthia and Lachlan	Aaron and Frank	Crissanto; Cesar; Leah and Larissa	Dylan; Alyssa; Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	Valerie and Marian F	Shirley and Liz	Josephine and Leah	Dorothy and Megan
Extr. Ministers of Communion	John T and Chris T	Andrew and Margaret	Sr Justin and Roma	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Denise and John T	Angela and Selina	Sophie and Sr Chitra	Joanne and Melissa
Church Cleaning	Team A—Saturday, 2 September 2023 @ 9.30am			

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

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