

Dear brothers and sisters,

The **First Reading**, from Ezekiel 18:25-28, makes 2 important points: individual responsibility (no one is punished for wrongdoing they did not commit); conversion turns a person's life completely to the positive outcome that God longs to bring about. The parable in today's Gospel (Matt 21:28-32) depicts how God waits with infinite patience for the final outcome in people's lives. God can put up with an initial 'No' and lots of other 'No's' on the way to a final and lasting 'Yes'. But people who appear religious may never experience the depth of God's mercy and so do not know God as God really is. Conversion gives us the capacity to say 'Yes' with a freedom that overflows into a pattern of life truly reflective of God's grace. A judgmental attitude indicates a lack of any real knowledge of God.

The **Second Reading** from (Phil 2:1-11) is one of the great treasures of the New Testament: a very early 'Christ-Hymn' that Paul quotes in order to remind the community in Philippi that the heart of good community relations is a sharing of the 'mind' (attitude) of Christ's self-emptying love in an 'obedience unto death', even to death on the cross. This is what being 'in a divine state', being 'equal to God', means.

Flowing from this I commend these words from Bishop Vincent Long's Pastoral Letter on the Referendum: "I believe that just as a YES vote to the Referendum in 1967 (which recognised First Nations People as part of the Australian population) was, a heart-felt YES to the Voice is a YES to a better future for Australia. Indeed, a more civilised and gracious response to a history littered with violence is hard to imagine. For despite much progress since European settlement, we must redress the near destruction of our First Peoples' ancient spirituality and culture. The Church was regrettably complicit in this." I doubt if many people have followed the Australian's bishops request to actually read the "Uluru Statement from the Heart". No matter what the outcome of the referendum, I, too, recommend reading it. —*Blessings, Greg*

A Prayer for the Synod

Come, Holy Spirit, soul of the Church: gather into unity and make fruitful the toil, the hope, and the desire of each one involved in the Synod Assembly. Come gentle Breath of God, who in Jesus revives the dwindling flame, and restore vigour to the bruised reed. Come, Creator Spirit, who restores parched bones, gathers the lost, and brings into dialogue languages that do not recognise each other. Come, burning fire of God, who purifies every vain thought, burning and transforming every sadness into the joy of new birth. Come, Beauty of the lowly and the poor, build up the beautiful bride of the Lamb through the tears of those who love peace and hunger for justice. Come, God's Forgiveness, and convert us into your breath that reconciles us for a new fellowship. Come, unapproachable Wisdom, and fill us with your synodal gifts. Come unfailing, Hope of the Church, and stir up dreams and desires according to the heart of God, which to the, to the human eye, seem impossible. *Universal Prayer Intercession*



POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS—October 2023

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Church Cleaning Volunteer Needed

We have one response this week to our call for help. We would love to have one more helper. If you have an hour so, once a month on a **Friday morning** to help with vacuuming and general cleaning, please contact Billie in the parish office on 9276 8500.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Please Note!

Due to an extraordinary short-term lease of the parish centre by the Australian Electoral Commission for the referendum. Parish Centre is closed to **ALL** parish groups and individuals **until Tuesday 17th October**. The parish office will continue to operate Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 12.30pm, but only by phone and email during this period. In an emergency, please contact the priests directly. We apologise for any inconveniences.

Safeguarding Self-Assessment SAAT 2022 Excellence Award



This Sunday at 9.30am Mass, our parish is presented the inaugural Safeguarding Activities Assessment tool (SAAT) Excellence Award by the Archdiocese. This award recognises the exceptional collective efforts of our parish priests and the safeguarding officers in the safeguarding of our parish community. The dedication of the team in completing the SAAT audit each year, and are proactive in identifying areas for improvement is a testimony to their commitment. May their wonderful effort and commitment continue to inspire everyone to strive for a safe church community.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Children

Enrolment for the 1st of Reconciliation will be conducted online. Parents will be sent the link to the online form on **Monday 9th October** and will close on **Monday 16th October at 12 noon**.

Please note your preferred Family Retreat and Reconciliation Day should be booked online via the Eventbrite booking system (link and instructions will be provided within the enrolment form and attachments on this will be provided as well). **The online bookings via Eventbrite is live on Monday 9th October 9.30am and will close on Monday 16th October**. Any enquiries to Theresa at sacramental@infantjesusparish.org.au



Copies of the statement from Australia's Catholic Bishops—'Towards the Referendum' are available from the bulletin stand for your convenience or you can read the article online @ ACBC website

COLLECTION POINT

Even though we can't take donations until the 17th October, please keep these items for us and hold them at home for now if you can: Florists boxes, ribbon and bows,, anything Christmas related, anything pre 1990's (old cameras (digital or not), calculators, tape players, CD players etc are great, working or not), anything second hand (even partly used cleaning products will sell!), non fiction special interest books (hobbies, etc, knitting, sewing, cooking), graphic novels for any age, coffee table books etc.

NO MORE STRAWBERRY BOXES, THANKS! (but if you already have some saved at home, then we will be happy to receive them). Do you need plastic pots for potting plants? Then please let us know, we can drop some to you. Flowers for the fair—if you would be willing to pot some flower seedlings now, so that they will be ready for the fair, we will be happy to refund the cost—just keep your receipt for a refund. **THANKS SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING!**



PILGRIM STATUE

This week at the home of
Mario and Selena—Ph: 0449 988 879

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Anton Huy Dinh, Giuseppe Strangio, Maria Panizza, Nida Herman and Carole Scott;

Deceased: Martin Ng, Peter Meek, Pamela Copeland, Brianna and Carmela Rossi,

Anniversaries: Ho Beng Hiang, Jack Illich, Cedric Kleinman, Mary McKenna, Guiomar Dias and Jhovv Esteba,

The Sick of the Parish: Jon Fosberry and all who are in need of our prayers.

"The earth is the Lord's; and everything in it."

Christmas Fair

SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, 9AM - 3PM

Bring your family and friends along for a day of fun. Free facepainting for the children, sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas, fairy floss, raffles and interesting stalls for you to browse.

Please help us advertise our fair to a wider audience by taking some fliers from the foyer and delivering them to your neighbours—even if you live outside the parish. As this is a fundraiser for our carpet appeal, we are not restricted in where we drop our fliers! Please pass fliers to your family and friends and encourage everyone to come.

If you are spring cleaning, please put aside anything that we can include in our fair; vintage items, second-hand, new and unused items suitable for gifts etc. Due to the closure of the parish centre from 28th Sept until 17th October, we will be unable to receive items between those dates, so if possible, please keep donations at home until the parish centre re-opens.

Please also keep potting for the garden stall—thank you to everyone who has let us know what they are potting. In a few weeks we will put up rosters to invite you to get involved by helping in the set up preparation of at the Christmas Fair on the day itself. Please consider putting your name down to help prepare or to work on one of the stalls on the day. Thanks so much!

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

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**Avon Camino—A Rural Pilgrimage
York—Northam—Goomaling—Toodyay
Saturday 7th October 2023**

Cost: \$70 per person with shared lunch, morning/arvo tea
Depart 7.45am from Infant Jesus Church on Smith St
Limited space, please call Francis Williams for more info on
0404 893 877

Have you thought about becoming a Parish Catechist? An information session hosted by the Catechist Service for anyone interested in training as a Catechist in 2024. will be held on Friday 13 October, 2023, from 10am—12.30pm.. Morning tea provided.

Come and learn about the formation and support you will receive in this important ministry. RSVP by Thurs 5th October. Catholic Education Centre, 50 Ruislip Street, West Leederville. Phone: 08 9380 1722. Email: catechist@cewa.edu.au

"FRIENDS OF SERVITE"

Servite Sisters at 482B, Lennard St Dianella are starting "SERVITE ROSARY GROUP" also called "FRIENDS OF SERVITE". The prayer session will take approximately an hour and will be centered around the Seven Sorrows of Mary with a reflection on how we can relate to Mary in our daily life. The first rosary will be held 22nd October at 3.00pm. This rosary will be on the 4th Sunday of every month at 3.00pm. This will be followed by afternoon tea. For further details please call Sr Chitra on 0406 549 338. We encourage you to come and enjoy this time. Sr Chitra Justin OSM

Intercessory Prayer Workshop - 7 & 8 October

Flame Ministries International with CCR Perth are conducting an Intercessory Prayer Workshop at the L J Goody Bioethics Centre, 39 Jugan St, Mt Hawthorn. Times are Sat 7th, 9:30am - 4:00pm and Sun 8th, 10:30am - 3:00pm. A comprehensive seminar for intercessors and those interested to investigate the intercessory prayer ministry. Please bring a plate for our shared lunch. Attendance is free but a collection will be taken up. Further info from Mariza - 0435 435 013

THIS WEEKEND — 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—01 October 2023

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Chris Wray	David Pham	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Ethan; Meldon; Meghan and Naethan	Elizabeth and Peter	Victoria; Manuel and Leah	Denver; Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Marian F and Valerie	Joanne and Bernie	Tony and Mark	Fely and Maureen
Extr. Ministers of Communion	Tracy and Marie	Brian and Debbie	Marlene and Magdalene	Maureen and Thuy
Hospitality	Denise and John T	Angela and Selina	Sophie and Sr Chitra	Marina and Megan
Church Cleaning	Team B—Thursday, 5 October 2023 @ 9.45am			

NEXT WEEKEND — 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time—08 October 2023

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Chris Lambert	Chris Yapp	David Ward
Altar Servers	Shawn; Josemiguel; Andres and Nathan	Aaron and Frank	Crissanto; Cesar; Ruben and Larissa	Alex; Dorothy; Bryant and Alden
Proclaimers	John and Sylvia	Clare and Marie	Mike and Josephine	Alishia and George
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Nevellene and Valerie	Josie and Carl	Linda and Errol	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Emily and Milly	Mavis and Sally	Marion and Patrick	Rita and Fely
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 14 October 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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