

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today's Scripture readings are quite political. In today's **First Reading** (Is 45:1, 4-6) Cyrus of Persia, a non-Israelite ruler is portrayed as God's chosen instrument for the liberation of Israel from exile in Babylon. The positive portrayal of Cyrus paves the way for today's Gospel.

In the **Gospel** (Matt 22:15-21) the hot political issue regarding paying tax to the Roman Emperor is put to Jesus. Jesus has entered Jerusalem as its messianic king when he is confronted by people who, under the overall control of the Romans, wield authority in the city. They perceive the political threat posed by Jesus to their hold upon the people and so seek to bring him down. So, they want to portray him as dangerous to the Romans. If he supports the payment of the highly unpopular poll tax, he will lose standing with the people. If he rejects payment, he runs the risk of being identified with terrorist groups in rebellion against Rome, and so being shown as a significant threat to peace and wellbeing.

Jesus calls for them to produce a coin with Caesar's image on it thereby showing up his opponents as people who carry around the offensive coinage, something he doesn't do. They are revealed as collaborators whereas his own position is not disclosed. Jesus then takes possession of the religious and moral high ground by setting responsibility to the civil power (which he does not deny) within the higher framework of obedience to God. The Christian sense that believers have responsibility before God in both realms has its origins here. Politics were an inescapable part of Jesus' life and, indeed, of our own lives today.

After the Referendum

In his most recent Letter from Rome, Archbishop Tim Costelloe wrote to us: "there will be some who are rejoicing and some who are lamenting. Because of this, I want to remind us all that as Catholics we are called to be creators of communion, not of dissension and disharmony. I hope that we can all work together to ensure that our indigenous sisters and brothers are supported, welcomed and valued in our communities. How can we be "a sign of the unity of all humanity" if we fail in this challenge?"

I have already received one suggestion in line with what the Archbishop suggests from a parishioner. I welcome any further suggestions. We'll take time to discern what we can do locally.

—*Blessings, Greg*



CHURCH CLOSED FOR NEW CARPET INSTALLATION

Just a reminder, that the church's new carpet installation will commence on this Monday 23rd October and is expected to be finished by noon on Saturday 28th October. From this Monday, our morning masses 7am and 9am, and Saturday 8.30am will be celebrated in the parish hall. We will return to the Church for the vigil Mass on Saturday evening (which will be a family mass for our school children.)

Please note, any scheduled activities in the parish hall this week are cancelled, but groups that meet in the Library and Joseph Room can continue as usual. The parish office is also operating as normal. We hope to minimise any disruptions at this time and we thank you for your understanding.

you!
IT'S HERE



PARISH YOUTH MASS
Don't forget **THIS Sunday 22nd October** is our Parish Youth Mass at 6pm, followed by a shared fellowship in the parish centre. This will be the last Youth Mass for this year.
ALL WELCOME



The Solemnity of All Saints
Wednesday 1st November
Masses at 7.00am and 9am (Whole School Mass)

The Solemnity of All Souls
Thursday 2nd November
7am, 9am and 7pm Masses



At the 7pm evening Mass on All Souls Day, there will be an opportunity for you to place a candle on the altar in memory of your loved ones. After this Mass, there will be a short blessing of the columbarium niches.

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



SECOND COLLECTIONS 1st Quarter 2023/24

Envelope Pledges	\$ 26,520
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(If 'catching-up', please use current week's envelope only.)

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Thank you for your continued commitment. God bless!

2023 CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL



THANK YOU for your prayers & generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal. Donation envelopes are still available on the pews, and you can place your donation in the collection bag. You are helping our medical missionaries provide life-saving healthcare to the vulnerable in East Timor & throughout the world. If you missed the opportunity last week, go online at www.catholicmission.org.au/timor to make a donation. Email Francis Leong at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au If you'd like to know about what's involved in volunteering through Catholic Mission.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Children

IMPORTANT DATES:

Parent Night: This Monday 23rd Oct at 7pm

Commitment Masses: Sat 28th Oct at 6pm OR

Sun 29th Oct at 9.30am OR 6pm

Retreat: Thursday 2nd Nov at 9am

Any enquiries to Theresa

asacramental@infantjesusparish.org.au



PREPARE FOR ADVENT

Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with *The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023*—containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2023) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2024). The booklets are available now from the piety stall and parish office for \$5 a copy.



2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

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at the Piety Stall and Parish Office for \$8 each



PILGRIM STATUE

Private devotion this week.

Please place your name on the list in the foyer if you wish to have the Pilgrim Statue at your home.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Fr Justin Belitz, OFM, Agnes Carlson, Cynthia Pereira and Anne Brinkworth,

Deceased: Bill and Nettie Beukelaar,

Anniversaries: Fr Francis Moylan, OCD, Donald Stewart, Molly Spears, Vincent Chin and Mario Alessandrini;

The Sick of the Parish: Rudolph Ludgwick and all who are in need of our prayers.

"In the Lord's own house shall I dwell, for ever and ever."



Our busy bees are getting organised for our Christmas fair next month. We need many helping-hands to make it happen. The list is in the church foyer this weekend and we would love you to put your name down and give us a hand. Thank you..

COLLECTION POINT

Other items needed are:

- Fabric pieces and Christmas wrapping papers;
- Any mulberries and loquats fruits from your garden for jam.

We would also love:

- people to make pickles or pickled vegetables, giardinieri etc. If you can help with this, please contact Angela at the parish office.

**Hopefully, you already have your "Collection Point" flier from the pews and have it on your fridge, to remind you of what we are needing for our fundraising. If not, please take one home today.

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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Torchlight Procession around Lake Monger
In honour of Our Lady of Lourdes
Friday 27th October 2023 starting at 7.00 pm
With Rosary and Hymns

Congregating at the gazebo near Powis St, down from the carpark end of Dodd St. **THIS INVITATION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE.** We especially invite families, those of Rosary Confraternities and Legionaries.

The paths are wheelchair and stroller accessible. For those unable to walk (approximately one and half hours) there will be an area at the starting point to gather and participate in the rosary. Please bring a chair to sit on in the gazebo. Please bring torches as no naked flames are allowed. Contact: Secretary, Christyne Williams—0410 269 518

The Perth Tamil Catholic Community will be celebrating a special evening on Friday, 27 October 2023 at Sts John and Paul Catholic Church. The evening will start at 7pm with Rosary in Tamil followed by Mass celebration in Tamil and fellowship in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join and please pass on this information to other Tamil speaking friends you might know in the community. Thank You.

Queer Stories of Faith - Join us for a morning where we will uplift and celebrate the lives of LGBT Christians, Jews, and Muslims. All are welcome. 4th Nov at 9 AM in Vic Park. <https://events.humanitix.com/queerfaith>

THIS WEEKEND — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time—22 October 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter	Chris W	Marion	Chris L
Altar Servers	Aaditya, Abhay, Matthia and Lachlan	Cyril and Aaron	Victoria, Manuel and Ruben	Dylan, Alyssa, Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	John and Sylvia	Clare and Liz	Barbara and Sr Chitra	Dorothy and Nathan
Extr. Ministers of Communion	John T and Chris T	Andrew and Margaret	Sr Justin and Roma	Ivor and Emily
Hospitality	Ann and Donna-Marie	Mavis and Catrina	Roma and Jovana	Joanne and Melissa
Church Cleaning	Team A—Saturday 28 October @9.30am			

NEXT WEEKEND — 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—29 October 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Marion Wayne	Conan	David Ward
Altar Servers	Ethan; Meldon; Meghan and Lachlan	Elizabeth and Peter	Crissanto; Cesar and Ruben	Tim; Dan and Larissa
Proclaimers	Donna-Marie and Teresa	Joanne and Marie	Rod and Beblin	Maureen and Claire
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy and Marie	Michael and John	Marilyn and Christina	Maureen and Tristan
Hospitality	Marisol and Rose	Barb and Veronica	Deb and Loretta	Julie and Eloise
Church Cleaning	Team B—Thursday, 2 November 2023 @ 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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