Dear sisters and brothers,

Today is the last Sunday of the Church's Year with the feast of Christ the King. This feast puts all earthly politics and concerns into perspective. The **First Reading** (Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17) is a denunciation of earthly rulers who neglect those in their care while living luxuriously themselves. The 'reign of God' is made real in our caring for the most vulnerable and marginalised. Today's final verse, in the NRSV translation, sums it up 'I shall feed them with justice'. Both the First Reading and the Gospel (Matt 25:31-46) use the image of a shepherd protecting and caring for his sheep.

Today's **Gospel** is the third parable we have heard on consecutive Sundays dealing with how we should live while awaiting the return of the Lord. We have already been told to 'be prepared' then to 'be generous' and now we hear that the ultimate meaning of our lives will depend on our practical care and compassion for the needy. There is no need to wait for the Second Coming; every time we encounter someone in need we stand before Christ-our Liberator, our Judge and our King.

Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all who had the great idea of the Christmas fair and brought it to its magnificent conclusion, those who cooked or who donated the many wonderful gifts and for those who got everything prepared and who were on hand to help throughout the day. Over the weekend we raised \$16, 451.21! This brings the total of money raised for our roll out the red- carpet appeal over the last 6 months to (drum roll...) over \$132,000.00. This is a fantastic result, beyond our wildest hopes and dreams. Thank you to all who put so much time, skill and effort into this appeal. The carpet will be finished in the New Year along with the sanctuary being made disabled accessible.

Holy Communion

We have decided to resume the option of communion under both kinds from next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent. Because of hygiene concerns in the face of the present COVID wave this will be by intinction not by drinking from the cup. **Please note:** we remind you that those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue that we will distribute communion in this way after everyone else has received. The need for this has been reinforced by the concerns of a parishioner with a compromised immune system. I am sure you understand the need for everyone to do the right thing to protect the health of all our parishioners. — **Blessings, Greg**

Total to-date \$132,370.64

UPDATE ON OUR 'ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET' APPEAL

WE DID IT, IJ!

Our Christmas Fair last weekend raised an amazing total of \$16,451.21. Together with donation envelopes and bank transfers received since our last update, we can excitedly tell you that we have exceeded our fundraising target of \$120,000.00. To date we raised an incredible total of \$132,370.64. This is truly an incredible achievement, reached in only six months, and we couldn't have done it without YOU! We are blessed to have such a fantastic community! Thank You, IJ!



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RAFFLE RESULTS FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Christmas Cheers—1st Prize to Dawn J (Orange E67), 2nd Prize—Rose (Green A02)
Waiting For Santa—1st Prize to Peter (Purple C41), 2nd Prize—Melpi (Purple C57)

ADVENT STALL THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES

AVAILABLE NOW from the Piety Stall or Parish Office

- Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections: *The Sign \$5 per copy;*
- Lions Christmas Cakes: Only available small 1kg for \$13 each;
- 2024 Columban Calendar: \$8 each;
- St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Card, a pack of 5 for \$3 each;

Holy statues and more...



2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent Wednesday 6th December at 7pm Infant Jesus Church

Prepare yourself for the Christmas season by joining your parish family for this communal Rite of Reconciliation as we come together to listen and reflect on the Word of God; to express our sorrow for the times we have failed and to praise our God, whose

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY **CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023**

The 2023 St Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Christmas Appeal will again be held this year in our parish. The appeal is to ask for donations so

that emergency assistance can be provided to needy people within the Morley/Dianella area. Often, these people, who are of all ages, in varying circumstances, with differing health problems, including children and the elderly, are in need of help because after spending limited money on increased rent and utility bills, do not have enough money left over to buy enough food.

In the past, the parishioners of the Infant Jesus Parish have been very generous with their donations. It is hoped that your generosity will again continue, so that we can keep helping those who are less fortunate and in need of the basics.

At the conclusion of each mass on the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd of December, 2023, our Vinnies members will be stationed in the foyer at the rear of the church to collect your donations. Envelopes will be provided in the pews of the church for those who wish to donate by credit/debit transfer. The completed envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets or mailed direct to the Vinnies Head Office in Canning Vale.

Remember, that with your assistance, we can help needy individuals and families to have a better Christmas by putting some extra food on the table and showing them that there are many caring people in our communities. Thank you and have a wonderful and safe Christmas. - Gus Formato, President Morley/Dianella Conference

PRAYER CARDS FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND are

available now in the church foyer as we pray the stability of the entire Middle East. As Pope Francis said in his recent Angelus address encouraging prayer and fasting for the Holy Land, "Prayer is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism and war".



PILGRIM STATUE

Annette & Doug Nathanielsz Ph: 0448 876 304

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Jennifer Bowley, John Watts and Cecilia Khin Si, Carlos Jargue;

Deceased: All the holy souls, Anna, Casimiro, Anton, Lucia, Angel, Matha, Theresa, Fr Francis Ly, Ane and Joana and Peter Meek;

Anniversaries: Giuseppe and Maria Marrapodi, Irene Owen, Giuseppe Marrapodi, Diego Morabito and Pamela Copeland;

The Sick of the Parish: Rudolph Ludgwick, Danilo Jargue, Sr Teresa Examen and all who are in need of our prayers.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield."

Holy Hour of Grace Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Friday 8th December 10am - 11am in the Church followed by morning tea in the

Parish Hall

All are invited to an hour of Grace in honour of this great Feast day. ALL WELCOME

Please note: our exposition of the blessed sacrament at 9.30am will be cancelled on the day.

ST JOHN PAUL II DAY PILGRIMAGE 6 Kurrajong BLVD, Banksia Grove

Friday 8 December with Fr Vinh Dong & Deacon Jason Yeap, Cost: \$55 per person (morning tea, picnic lunch, tea/coffee) Depart IJ Church at 8.45am.

Please call: Francis Williams for booking: 0404 893 877

A parishioner is looking for a 2 bedroom unit to rent in Morley/Dianella/Noranda. If you could help, please call Jean 9276 5152.

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**

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SERVICE OF SOLIDARITY WITH GAZA AND THE HOLY LAND

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us come together in love, prayer and support. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all as we share messages of hope. The Australian Catholic Bishops have said:

'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.'

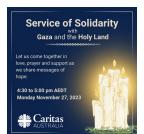
Please join us:

Monday 27 November—4:30 to 5:00 pm AEDT Everyone is welcome.

Please register in advance for this webinar: https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.





OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH, GIRRAWHEEN Presents A reflection moment on the Life of St Peter

St Peter, along with his brother Andrew, were the first disciples chosen by Jesus to follow him. Meet Peter from those early days, and explore his relationship with Jesus, from all that he says and does and through his highs and lows. Reflect and pray about your own challenges alongside the life of Peter. Registration closes on Sunday 26 November



Date	Thursday 30 November 2023
Time	9:30am to 12:30pm (half day only)
Venue	Our Lady of Mercy Parish
Morning Tea	Provided
Cost	A GOLD COIN DONATION
Presenter	Stephen Harris Catechist Service CEWA
Contact	Jenny Watts on 0413 452 806

THIS WEEKEND — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—26 November 2023							
Ministry	Sat 6pm	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	Sunday 6pm			
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Hari Geigenmuller	Marion Wayne	Chris Yapp	David Ward			
Altar Servers	Ethan; Meldon and Lachlan	Cyril and Aaron	Andrei; Jules and Kim	Denver; Marcus and Noah			
Proclaimers	Sabrina and Megan	Bernie and Liz	Rod and Beblin	Maureen and Claire			
Extr. Ministers of Communion	Chris T and Tracy	Andrew and Margaret	Anna and Magdalene	Maureen and Emily			
Hospitality	Ann and Donna-Marie	Mavis and Catrina	Roma and Jovana	Joanne and Melissa			
Church Cleaning	Team B—Thursday, 30 November 2023 @ 9.45am						

NEXT WEEKEND — 1st Sunday of Advent— Year B—03 December 2023							
<u>Ministry</u>	Sat 6pm	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	Sunday 6pm			
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Chris Lambert	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Tung Nguyen			
Altar Servers	Josemiguel; Andres and Nathan	Elizabeth and Peter	Victoria; Manuel and Ruben	Alex; Dorothy; Bryant and Alden			
Proclaimers	Meghan and Naethan	Marie and Rita	Tony and Mark	Marion W and Fely			
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Emily, Marie, Nev and Val	John, Michael, Debbie and Biran	Anna, Errol, Roma and Aileen	Maureen, Thuy, Ivor and Tristan			
Hospitality	Marisol and Rose	Barb and Veronica	Deb and Loretta	Rita and Fely			
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 9 December 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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