

Dear sisters and brothers,

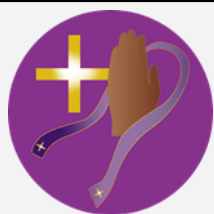
The **First Reading** for the First Sunday of Advent this year (Is 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8) expresses a longing for the salvation that is yet to be fully accomplished. God who is responsible for Israel's very being is like a potter who can refashion the clay when needed, so God can refashion Israel's fortunes (cf. Jer 18:1-6).

The **Second Reading** (1Cor, 1:3-9) describes the time of 'waiting' for the Lord's coming. The Spirit is active assuring believers of God's abiding love which is creative in the variety of gifts that build up the community and equip it for mission (1 Cor 12-14). Despite his physical absence, we who believe enjoy 'communion' with the risen Lord. This communion presently may involve sharing Christ's sufferings, but as God is faithful, it will ultimately become a sharing of his glory beyond our imagining (cf. Rom 8:17).

The **Gospel**, (Mk 13:33-37) features an extended image: a householder who goes on his travels instructs his servants but especially the one charged to watch the door to stay awake and be watchful. The master expects to be welcomed whenever he returns. Everyone else may sleep but this servant watching the door must stay awake at night, always on the lookout for the master's coming. We are called to be 'gatekeepers' alert for the coming of the Lord. The rest of the world may 'sleep' but we are 'children of light and of the day' (1 Thess 5:5), our lives illuminated by the risen Lord and enriched by the hope of his final coming.

In Advent we pray that we may be prepared to joyfully meet Christ, our Lord, whenever and however he comes so that we may be share eternal life with him and all the saints.

— *Blessings, Greg*



Prepare the Way for the Lord 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent

**THIS Wednesday 6 December
at 7pm**

Join us for an hour for this quietly reflective celebration of healing and reconciliation as part of your preparation for Christmas. The word of God is proclaimed 3 times as in Lectio Divina. In the quiet, allow His words to speak to you. The priest will be in full view of all present. Your confession is kept brief in the communal environment, return to your seat for prayer. Don't go home yet! Stay to rejoice and give thanks together as a community as we return to live our new life.

Please note: This is a communal rite, confession to be kept brief, allowing all present the time to access the sacrament. If you feel you will need more time with the priest, please attend the 1st Rite held on Saturdays 10am - 11am or 5pm - 5.30pm.



**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.

STILL AVAILABLE...

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



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**



LETTERBOX DROP FOR CHRISTMAS AT INFANT JESUS

Invite your neighbours from the Morley parish area to come and join us for our Christmas liturgies. Please take some fliers and deliver them to the houses in your area (only if you live within the Morley parish boundaries).

The fliers are in the foyer on the bench beneath the "News" board. Please mark off the streets you will deliver to so that we don't get multiple invites being delivered. This is such a simple way to show our neighbours hospitality and enable them to share the Good News of Christmas.



PILGRIM STATUE
Annette & Doug Nathanielsz
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PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Fr John Landy, OCD, Norm Jacobsen, Loo Thye Ng, Antonio Catalano, Jennifer Bowley, Gaetano Del Borrello and Jennifer D'Rozario ;

Deceased: Harvey Wachtel, Maria Angela Abreu, Alessandro & Rita Zuccarino, Antony La Spada;

Anniversaries: Norma Ryan, Antonio Dichiera, John Stitt, Alfredo and Elvira De Filippi, Nazzareno Catalano and Charlie Miranda;

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

"From generation to generation we will praise you."



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP DECEMBER MEMORIAL MASS Tuesday, 5 December 2023 at 9am

All welcome to join us at this Mass to pray for our deceased family members and friends.



Whole School Mass Wednesday 6th December at 9am



POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS—Dec 2023 For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Carmelite Retreat Online for Advent "Rooted in Divine Joy" with St Teresa of the Andes

Each Friday in your email in box you'll receive: a meditation on the Gospel and quotes from the Saint, practical suggestions to enrich your prayer, a brief video from our Carmelite friars and advent calendar with prayer starters for each day. Register for free at www.retreat-online.karmel.at

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophets of old. The Prophet Isaiah proclaimed to the people that we are the work of God's hands; we are the clay and he is the potter (First Reading).

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, we believe you come among us now. St Paul declares that the Spirit will keep us steady until the last day (Second Reading).

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you will come again in glory. You ask us to 'stay awake!' (Gospel).

R. Come, Lord Jesus.



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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Web: www.infantjesusparish.org.au

Refugee Family Sponsorship

An Information Session on Refugee Family Sponsorship will be held on Wednesday, 6 December 23 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm at St Mary's Cathedral Parish Centre.

Please register by contacting wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au

GOD'S WORD 2024

DAILY REFLECTIONS LITURGICAL DIARY



God's Word 2024 is available now from Gatto Christian Shop for \$21.95 a copy, or we can get them for you. Please contact parish office to order your copy.

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

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

PRAYER CARDS FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND are available now in the church foyer as we pray for 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".

THIS WEEKEND — 1st Sunday of Advent—Year B—03 December 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	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			

NEXT WEEKEND — 2nd Sunday of Advent— Year B—10 December 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomeczak	Chris Wray	Chris Yapp	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Erin; Abigail; Royce and Savio	Aaron and Frank	Crissanto; Cesar and Leah	Tim; Dan and Larissa
Proclaimers	John and Tang	Valerie and Nevellene	Barbar and Josephine	Eloise and Dorothy
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Chris A; Sejin; Teresa and Betty	Carl; Josie; Kathleen and Kerryn	Marlen; Linda; Tanya and Sr Justin	Maureen; Thuy; Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Denise and John T	Angela and Selina	Roma and Sr Chitra	Anne and Pramila
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 15 December 2023 @ 10.30am			

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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