

Dear sisters and brothers,

The Second Sunday of Advent focuses on John the Baptist and his summons to repentance in view of the coming of the Lord. The First Reading (Is 40:1-5, 9-11) helps us appreciate John's cry in the wilderness: "Prepare a way for the Lord". Isaiah understood the return from exile as a new Exodus from Egypt. God will lead his people on the road from slavery in Babylon through the desert to freedom back home.

The Gospel (Mk 1:1-8) is the very beginning of Mark's Gospel. There is no infancy narrative. The story begins with the mission of John the Baptist. John prepares a way for the Lord to come into our world. Further, he points us to Jesus, the Messiah and Son of God (Mk 1:1). The 'way' isn't a road through the desert but a way through human hearts, marked by conversion from sin. John prepares for this new way by washing in the water of the river Jordan. John's clothing and diet recall the prophet Elijah who was expected to return to earth to preach repentance before the coming of the Lord. John does not point to himself, it's not about him. He points us beyond himself to Jesus.

For us too, our ministry and worship is not about us ("lovely service, Father") but points us to Jesus who we encounter in word and sacrament and with whom we are invited to have an abiding relationship (discipleship). Jesus does not baptise simply with water but with the Holy Spirit so that in union with him we can offer our whole lives and all we do to God.

Empowered by the Spirit (Mk 1:10-11), Jesus reclaims people from the captivity of sin, ignorance, disease, poverty or violence and draws us into his own life-giving intimacy with God so that we may know his peace and be bearers of his peace for others.

This 'baptism with the Spirit' is our liberation from the chains of sin and illusion into the fullness of life. Advent is a celebration of hope that finds its meaning not in escapism or superficial optimism. It is the powerful sign of divine love entering the messiness and pain of our own lives and the life of our suffering, broken world.

— *Blessings, Greg*

The Catholic Community of Morley invites you to join our 2023 Christmas Celebration

Sunday 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE

Vigil Mass at 6.00pm (*Family Mass*)
Christmas Midnight Mass at 12.00am
Carols 30 minutes before each Mass

Monday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY

Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (*Italian*)
Carols 30 minutes before each Mass
NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday 26 December – Feast of St. Stephen

Mass at 8.30am only (*public-holiday*)

Sunday 31 December – The Holy Family

Vigil Mass at 6.00pm (*Saturday 30 December*)
7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (*Italian*) & 6.00pm

Monday 1 January – Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 8.30am only (*public holiday*)

Sunday 7 January – The Epiphany of the Lord

Masses at 6.00pm (*Saturday 6 January*)
7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (*Italian*) & 6.00pm

Monday 8 January – The Baptism of the Lord

Masses at 7.00am & 9.00am



LETTERBOX DROP FOR CHRISTMAS

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not overcome it."

Bring the light of Christ to your neighbours by inviting them to our Christmas liturgies, where they will hear the message of hope that is the Christmas story. Be part of our parish letterbox drop and take some fliers to deliver to the streets around you. Please cross off the streets you will deliver to from the list of our parish streets in the foyer. Please do not deliver to streets outside our parish boundaries (only streets in our parish are listed). This is one easy way to be the missionary disciples we are called to be, as well as a good excuse to go for a walk!



2nd Rite of Reconciliation

If you have missed our 2nd Rite of Reconciliation last Wednesday, there is another opportunity for you at St Peter the Apostle Church, 91 Wood St, Inglewood on Wednesday 13th December at 7pm.



The Archbishop has issued a pastoral letter to all Catholics regarding to *Traditionis Custodes*, the changes to the celebration of the traditional Latin Mass. You can read the full statement online at the Archdiocese website. There are limited printed copies available on the bulletin stand.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah who described you as a 'shepherd feeding his flock, gathering the lambs in his arm' (First Reading).



R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you will come again. St Peter reminds us to live holy and saintly lives while we wait and long for the Day of God to come (Second Reading).

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you call us to baptism in the Holy Spirit (Gospel).

R. Come, Lord Jesus.



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PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Norm Jacobsen, Fred Colum, Rudolph Ludgwick and Loo Thye Ng;

Deceased: Rachel and Clair Oorloft, Arthur Chemello and Philomena;

Anniversaries: Charlie Miranda, Maria and Michele Cicchini and Andrew Pow;

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

"Blessed are those who dwell in your house, they are ever praising you."

THIS 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 Tomczak	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	Barbara and Josephine	Eloise and Dorothy
Extr. Ministers of Communion	Chris A; Sejin; Teresa and Betty	Carl; Josie; Kathleen and Kerryn	Marlene; 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			

NEXT WEEKEND — 3rd Sunday of Advent—Year B—17 December 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Marion Wayne	David Ward
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay; Matthia and Mathan	Cyril	Andrei; Jules and Kim	Dylan; Alyssa; Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	Donna-Marie and Teresa	Shirley and Bernie	Mike and Sr Chitra	Alan and Alishia
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Chris T; John T; Nevellene and Valerie	Margaret; Andrew; Michael and John	Marilyn; Annette N; Annette D'O and Patrick	Maureen; Thuy; Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Emily and Milly	Mavis and Sally	Marion O and Patrick	Julie and Eloise
Church Cleaning	Team A			

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

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 5.30 - 6.30pm

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office - 9276 8500 | enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au

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POPE MEETS WITH ABUSE SURVIVORS

Some of the most symbolic moments at the Vatican often take place behind closed doors. That certainly was the case for a group of French sexual abuse survivors who met privately with Pope Francis on November 28 in a small parlor at his Casa Santa Marta residence.

The pope welcomed some 20 adults who had been sexually abused as youngsters by members of the Montfort Brothers of Saint Gabriel, a male Catholic religious order founded in France in the 19th Century and now located in over 30 countries around the world.

The French survivors, some who were abused and even raped over sixty years ago, told the pope about their difficult journey, beginning from the time they were assaulted until finally finding some resolution and healing. But one of them felt that they should also be able to express themselves through music. So, getting up from his chair in a circle at the end of which the pope was seated, a man grabbed a saxophone and began to play a melancholy tango.

It was "Adios muchachos," a song made popular in the late 1920s and early 30s by Carlos Gardel, French-born Argentine singer and songwriter. The lyrics, which were written a couple years earlier by Argentine poet César Vedani, recount a dying man's farewell to his friends. And the abuse survivor who played the tune in front of a visibly moved Pope Francis said he felt the song represented the inner death experience that every victim goes through before being able to experience resurrection.

The pope, who had arrived at the brief encounter with the abuse survivors with the help of his walker, confided to the group that he had a fever. Then, just moments after their meeting ended, the Holy See Press Office announced that Francis was canceling his trip to Dubai for the COP28 climate change conference on the advice of his doctors. It was a trip he was very keen to make in order to raise awareness among world leaders about a crucial issue dear to his heart.

"When we saw the pope, we wondered if Francis wasn't also thinking a little about his own situation," said one of the French abuse survivors the following day. "He looked pale and tired," the man said. "Was he also thinking about the moment when he will have to say goodbye?"

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"PILGRIMS OF HOPE" ADVENT PRAYER COMPANION

Embark on a reflective Advent journey with a free prayer companion. In 2025 the Church celebrates a special Jubilee Year, themed "Pilgrims of Hope." In preparation for this, Pope Francis is calling for a Year of Prayer focusing on the Our Father. You can download a free Advent prayer companion focusing on The Lord's Prayer to start your year of preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Get your copy at <https://clmf.org.au/advent2023/>

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