

# JOY

*To the world*

THE LORD HAS COME

*let earth receive*

HER KING!



*Happy Christmas to all!*

Today we celebrate the joy of God becoming human (the Incarnation). I will share some thoughts with you on the readings from midnight mass (Is 9:1-6, Ps 96, Titus 2:11-14 and Lk 2:1-14). We live today in a world where violence, war and the lack of human respect are all around us. Isaiah portrayed his own times during the exile as people walking in darkness and dwelling in a land of gloom, people who suffered under the rod of an overseer, people who ceased to matter. Similarly, there was little of prosperity or joy while Mary and Joseph trudged along the 90 miles that separated Nazareth from Bethlehem. The census that put them on the road symbolizes the people's subjugation to a pagan empire. That there is no room at the inn symbolises rejection even by the Lord's own.

Jesus was born in desperate circumstances. His parents, like the 100 million people today forced to be on the move amid ever-present difficulties and danger, travelling hopefully trusting, in the kindness of strangers. Mary and Joseph and the child they were about to receive into the world are icons of God. The Creator did not exercise overwhelming power by intervening in human situations, but through divine love becoming flesh and blood he invites people to respond to his love with generous, open hearts. God acted in this way to bring joy to the needy.

Who did notice and respond? The most unlikely characters, shepherds. Shepherds were men of shady reputation, unwashed and outside the religious laws. They took the angels' message to heart. They left their 99 (more or less) sheep and hastened to Bethlehem to see "what the Lord has made known to us." Then the shepherds became the first evangelists, "glorifying God and making known the message."

For Christians, the Incarnation is the high point of creation, the most concrete expression of divine love and our clearest image of what God is like. The joy of Christmas is that God loves us enough to share our human life. God has become vulnerable to us, never imposing but graciously inviting us to a fruitful communion possible only because God enters into human life in all its complexity. All of this is to invite us to become more like God, to embody his love and bring joy to the vulnerable and needy of our time.

*Every joy and blessing of Christmas be with you always,  
Frs Greg, John and Adalbert*



Whether you are visiting, looking for a place to be with God or a parishioner here at Infant Jesus Morley, we are delighted to have you here with us this Christmas.

We invite you to come often and linger a while - the church is open everyday till 12.30pm if you wish to spend time with God privately or with the community (our regular Church services can be found on Pg 3); the parish centre is a hive of activity throughout the year (see the back page for the many groups that meet here); our parish staff and volunteers are always happy to assist with any enquiries during office hours or at church services.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES

*Please continue celebrating with us everything Christmas and the New Year*

**Tuesday 26 December – Feast of St. Stephen**  
Mass at 8.30am only (Boxing Day public holiday)

**Sunday 31 December – The Holy Family**  
Vigil Mass at 6.00pm (Saturday 30 December evening)  
Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) & 6pm

**Monday 1 January – Mary, Mother of God**  
Mass at 8.30am only (New Year public holiday)

**Sunday 7 January – The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Mass at 6.00pm (Saturday 6 January evening)  
Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) & 6pm

**Monday 8 January – The Baptism of the Lord**  
Masses at 7.00am & 9.00am



**The Parish Office and Parish Centre  
WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS  
from 24 December 2023 to 28 January 2024  
Office reopens Monday 29 January 2024**

The answering machine and the parish email will be attended to during the break - please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

**Wishing one and all the blessings of Christmas today and into the New Year!**



### **NEW TO OUR PARISH? WELCOME!**

If you have recently joined our church community, please make yourself known to our hospitality ministers and priests, or complete a **New Parishioner Information Form**, available in the church foyer, and return it to one of the priests, hospitality ministers or the collection bags.

### **Parish Religious Education Programme**

Classes for children not attending Catholic schools are held in our parish centre Each Wednesday during school term from 4.15pm to 5.20pm. Enrolments for 2024 will be held on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 from 2.30pm-4.30pm** or email [prep@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:prep@infantjesusparish.org.au) for an on-line enrolment form. Please note that two years of classes are required before the reception of any of the Sacraments.



**Let the little children come to me....**

**Helpers needed** - do you have time on Wednesday afternoons during school term time to bring the Good News to our parish children who do not attend Catholic schools? You would be working with a wonderful committed team and using an easy-to-follow program, with all the help you need. Please email Sue at [prep@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:prep@infantjesusparish.org.au)

### **Peace, Joy and Safe Travels**

Wishing all our parishioners and visitors a wonderful Christmas and a safe journey to those who will be travelling over the holidays.

**Begin the New Year 2024  
on 31 December at the  
Schoenstatt Shrine Mt Richon**

**11.00 pm Adoration**  
**11.45 pm Christmas carols**  
**12.00 am Bells ring in the New Year**  
**Holy Mass**  
**Fellowship**

**Welcome to the Shrine!**



**WORK IN PROGRESS** ...In April this year, the parish started the wheels rolling to replace the worn carpet in our spiritual home and also provide access to the sanctuary for our brothers and sisters with a disability to fully participate in the Mass/other celebrations. In eight months, through the tremendous effort by all in the parish and support from the wider community, we raised the necessary \$120,000 ... and more! The first phase of rolling out the red carpet is evident and we hope to have our church carpet fully completed in early February 2024.

### **LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH - REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL**



Support your parish community into the future by leaving a gift to your parish community in your will. This is a way of ensuring that our Christian mission and the pastoral outreach of the many parish ministries continue and grow, both for today's needs and for those of our children and grandchildren. For more information, please take an information leaflet "Leaving a Legacy of Love" from the bench in the foyer or contact Darren at the parish office either by phone 9276 8500 or email [accounts@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:accounts@infantjesusparish.org.au)

## WHY WE GIVE AND HOW OUR MONEY IS USED - THE FIRST COLLECTION

Since the earliest days of the church, the Christian community has accepted the responsibility of supporting those who are charged with taking the Gospel to the world. When Jesus commissioned his Apostles to go out and share the Good News, he said, *“When you travel, don’t take a walking stick. Also, don’t carry a bag, food, or money. Take for your trip only the clothes you are wearing. When you go into a house, stay there until it is time to leave.”* Lk 9:3-4. In other words, they were commissioned to trust in the generosity of the community for their daily needs. And in 1 Timothy 5:18, we hear *“the labourer deserves to be paid.”* In giving to the first collection at Mass, we are continuing this responsibility of supporting our priests so they can continue their mission of sharing the Good News in the Morley area.



When the Carmelite friars were invited to take responsibility for the Parish of Infant Jesus in 1955 by the Archbishop of Perth, they accepted financial responsibility for the parish as well. Unlike Diocesan priests, our Discalced Carmelite Order priests receive no financial support from anyone but us—the parishioners of Morley. The money received in the first collection, therefore, needs to cover all their living expenses; food, clothing, cars, petrol, maintenance, household & medical expenses — in other words everything needed for their work and daily life.

With prices rising and the First Collection decreasing in recent years, we need to recall Christ’s confidence in the people of his Church — that they will care for his Apostles and Evangelists so that they can focus on carrying out his mission in the world.

In lieu of giving to the First Collection at Mass, you may prefer to give your support by direct deposit by using these details:

Account Name: Carmelite  
BSB: 066 132 Account No: 0080 0015  
Reference: [your name]

## In Our Church ( & more on the back page)

**Public Holidays & Saturdays Morning Prayer 8am; Mass 8.30am**

**Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri 6.40am**

**Morning Mass: Monday-Friday 7am & 9am**

**Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) and 6pm**

♦ **Children’s Liturgy during school terms at Sunday 9.30am Mass for children 3-8 years of age (volunteer helpers needed)**

♦ **Personal Advocacy Mass for People with Intellectual Disabilities at 3rd Sunday 9.30am Mass (February-November)**

♦ **Youth Mass 4th Sunday 6pm Mass**

**Reconciliation: Saturday 10-11am and 5.00-5.30pm**

**Baptisms, Weddings, Sacraments and Hall Bookings:**

Please contact the Parish Office Ph: 9276 8500

Email: [secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au)

(leave a message if office is unattended)



## Post Christmas Clean-up? Don’t throw it away!

There are many charities who can use your unwanted items:

**CARE BAGS** — supporting children entering emergency care will accept new children’s clothing, toys & books.

**STARTING OVER SUPPORT** — housing families escaping violence will accept any clean household items (including electrical appliances in good working order) and linen.

**ENVELOPE WITH STAMPS** — for the Sisters of St Joseph

Any donations can be left in the foyer of the church and we will pass them on to the relevant charities. *Thank you!*

**CANS AND BOTTLES** - Our parish has joined Containers for Change . Please use our scheme ID number C10437245 when you return your containers and we will receive the refunds directly into the parish account. Little cards with our scheme number cards are available in the church foyer. We would love your support!

## OUR SPONSORS

**T & T Garden and Home**  
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*your*  
STORY

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## Meet The Teresian Friars who serve our parish Infant Jesus Morley



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### Our parish team is here to assist with any enquiry

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### A Hive of Activity in the Parish All Year Long

**All are welcome to join any of the groups running in the Parish listed below  
or to just drop in to say hello and have a cuppa.**

Many groups and individuals meet in our Church and Parish Centre during the week. The Parish Centre houses the Parish Hall, meeting rooms, library, offices and a fully equipped kitchen...and also a gift and card stall you can browse through on Monday-Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm. The Parish also hosts many events throughout the year - we enjoy great camaraderie as we socialise or work towards a common goal.

NAME OF GROUP	MEETING DAY AND TIME	PLACE
<b>♦ STUDY, SUPPORT &amp; SOCIAL GROUPS</b>		
<b>PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM PREP)</b> for children not attending Catholic schools	Wednesdays school terms 4.30-5.20pm <b>Enrolments Wednesday 7 February 2024</b>	Parish Centre
<b>ANOTHER BOOK CLUB (ABC)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month 6.30-8.00pm Marion 0412 633 857	Parish Centre - Library
<b>BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP</b>	1st Tuesdays of the month 9am Mass, followed by morning tea	Church and Parish Centre - Atrium
<b>CRAFT GROUP</b>	Thursday 9.30-11am	Parish Centre - Library
<b>LINE DANCING</b>	Monday 9.30-11.00am; from 5 February	Parish Centre - Hall
<b>PLAYGROUP (0-4 years of age)</b>	Wednesday 9.30-11.00am	Parish Centre - Hall
<b>ST VINCENT DE PAUL</b>	Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm	Parish Centre - Library
<b>TAI CHI</b>	Tuesday 9.45-11.00am; from 6 February	Parish Centre - Hall
<b>THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION</b>	Peter Kora: peter@au-revoir-travel.com	
<b>♦ PRAYING GROUPS</b>		
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b>	Thursday 6.30pm	Parish Centre - Library
<b>CENACLE PRAYER GROUP</b>	Monday after 9am Mass: 9.30-10.15am	Church
<b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER</b>	Friday 5.30-6.30pm	Church
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	Friday 9.30-10.30am	Church
<b>HEALING MASS</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 9.00am Mass	Church
<b>INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER GROUP</b>	Thursday 2.00-3.00pm	Church - Chapel
<b>MEDITATION</b>	Monday group 7pm Friday group 9.30am	Parish Centre - Joseph Rm Parish Centre - Library
<b>NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL</b>	Wednesday 6.30-7.00pm	Church
<b>PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b>	Weekly roster in the church foyer	At home, private devotion
<b>ROSARY</b> after 9am Mass Tuesday-Thursday and after Saturday 8.30am Mass	Tuesday – Thursday 9.30-9.45am Saturday 9.00-9.15am	Church
<b>SACRED HEART SODALITY</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 7.30am Mass	Church
<b>TERESIAN PRAYER</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 5.30-6.30pm	Church
<b>♦ OTHER GROUPS</b> - There are many ways to assist in the Parish, especially in the various Liturgical Ministries, Parish Baptism Group, Sacramental Programme, Cleaning Groups, committees, event volunteering and more. Enquire at the Parish Office - Billie and Theresa would love to hear from you.		