

# STARTING OUR PARISH YEAR WITH A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

ALL PARISH FAMILIES are invited to  
the parish's Thanksgiving Mass and BBQ Dinner!  
**THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY - 6PM MASS**  
followed by a sausage sizzle on the lawn

**RSVP by Wednesday 17 January for catering purposes**

Every year, our parish hosts an annual volunteers Thanksgiving Mass to thank those who give so much time and energy to the life and mission of our parish. And this year, we have decided to **invite the whole parish community** to come and celebrate together after a **HUGE** effort by **EVERYONE** with our **"Roll out the Carpet"** fundraising appeal. **YOU** have made it possible for us to reach beyond our target of \$120,000.00 (\$132,930.66 is the final total).

We hope that you and your family will be able to join us for the Mass and the simple meal afterwards. Please register your attendance by **Wednesday 17th January**. If you are not able to attend, be assured that you and your family will be in our prayers and will be celebrated with gratitude during Mass.

**RSVP** - please email the number of people attending to Billie at [secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au) or leave a message on the phone on 9276 8500 or put your name (and number of people attending) on the list in the foyer.

Don't forget to bring a chair/picnic rug! Tea, coffee & water will be provided.

## A Word from our Parish Priest:

Fr Harvey was at Madrid airport when he heard his father was very ill. So he has gone to be with him. Please pray for his father and the family at this time. We hope that Fr Harvey will be with us but right now we can't say when.  
Blessings,  
Greg

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Attending Mass together is part of being a Catholic family. *Children's Liturgy of the Word* is for children between the ages of 3-8 years old. The children leave the congregation at the beginning of Mass and move to the parish centre to celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading in an age appropriate way. The children are led through prayers, songs and readings that are adapted to their level of understanding. The children return to the church to rejoin the community and their parents for the Preparation of the Gifts.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is led by **parents or adults** who understand the importance of our parish children receiving the word in a way that can grow their understanding of the faith. The programme used is a set resource and each session is based on the readings of the Sunday. In our parish we aim to have 8 adult volunteers (they may be parents of children in the group) to help run these sessions for the children on a roster basis **during school terms at the Sunday 9.30am Mass**.

We are in need of **6 new volunteers** for 2024 - please consider joining this important ministry for our parish children. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Billie at the parish office [secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au)

## Let Us Pray for One Another

**Recently Deceased:** Alfred John, Alexander Zuccarino, Assunta Di Fulvio, Marija Walter

**Deceased:** Beverley Silver, Ashley Silver, Rudolph Ludgwick, Eric & Kathleen Hartley, Arthur Chemello,

**Anniversaries:** Malcolm Pereira, Vincent D'Rozario, Margart Elizabeth Calowell,

**The Sick of the Parish:** Nigel Reardon and all those who are in need of our prayers.

*"But now Lord, what do I look for;*

## CHURCH CLOSED FOR FINAL INSTALLATION OF NEW CARPET 29 January-2 February

Continuation of the new carpet installation will commence on Monday 29 January and is expected to be completed by Friday 2 February. During that week, our morning Masses 7am and 9am will be celebrated in the parish hall. We will return to the Church for Saturday morning 8.30am Mass and evening 6pm Vigil Mass. Any scheduled activities in the parish hall that week are also cancelled, but groups that meet in the Library and Joseph Room can continue as usual. The parish office will also be operating as normal.

**PLEASE  
NOTE...**



## PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of  
Maria Valton—Ph: 0414 859 369

## CALENDAR OF SAINTS

**17 Jan:** St Anthony, abbot

## PARISH OFFICE and PARISH CENTRE IS

**CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS NOW** and will REOPEN on Monday 29 January. The answering machine will be attended to—please leave a message and we will get back to you.

## NEXT WEEKEND — 21 January 2024—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Chris Wray	Marion Wayne	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Erin, Abigail, Savio and Mathan	Frank	Andrei, Jules and Kim	Denver, Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Marian F and Donna-Marie	Liz and Marie	Mike and Sr Chitra	Eloise and Dorothy
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Chris T; John T; Nevellene and Valerie	Margaret; Andrew; John and Michael	Patrick; Josephine; Evelyn and Joan	Maureen; Thuy; Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Emily and Milly	Mavis and Sally	Sophie and Jovana	Joanne and Melissa
Church Cleaning	Team B— Thursday, 25 January 2024 @ 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.**