

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today we begin reading from Mark's Gospel with the core preaching of Jesus (Mk 1:14-15) and the call of the first four disciples (Mk 1:16-20).

Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee with a message of liberation associated with his proclamation of the Kingdom or Reign of God. His understanding is that human beings currently labour under the opposing 'rule' of Satan, shown in personal, social, economic and political captivity of mind, body and spirit. Jesus, the Son of God, is empowered by the Spirit (1:10) to free people from this captivity and bring them to God's original and abiding intent for human life. The demonic refers to controlling spirits and powers that stunt human lives, alienating them from life-giving relationship with God and their own true humanity. These can be personal sin or addictions but also systems of exploitation and oppression, whether social, economic or political. Jesus is the 'Stronger one' (1:7), who has come to 'bind' and break Satan's (3:27) grip on human life.

To benefit from this liberation we need to repent (Greek: metanoia [= change of heart]) which is not simply repentance for sin but an openness to a whole new vision of God and God's action in the world, something that will radically shake prevailing expectations. It is a change of heart, a change of thinking about our priorities and a new way of being, relating and acting. Faith is then the conviction that, in Jesus, we have been given the truly effective, liberating power of the Kingdom.

By faith, the grace of God shapes our lives. In today's Gospel Jesus 'sees' and 'calls' four people to be disciples, they then 'leave' their work and families and 'follow' Jesus on the road from place to place. They are called to be free so they leave behind their former lives and are slowly transformed by their relationship with Jesus. The fishers of fish that Jesus calls become, through following and being with him, fishers of people – sharing his mission of reclaiming human lives for the life-giving rule of God. They will have a new 'boat', the community of the Church, and a new family, the band of disciples gathered around Jesus. With them Jesus shares his mission and the intimacy of his relationship with God.

May the call of Jesus today set us free. May it deepen our faith, making it alive and life-giving that we, too, may become friends of Jesus and of one another and so become fishers of people.

Blessings,
Greg

**THIS THURSDAY - LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR COMMUNITY CELEBRATION -
THANKSGIVING MASS AND BBQ DINNER
THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY - 6PM MASS
followed by a sausage sizzle on the lawn**

If you have not yet replied to this invitation, please do so ASAP! Let us know how many people you will be bringing so that we can cater the 'loaves and fishes' for everyone.

▶▶ **DON'T FORGET** your chairs or blanket to sit on and bring your own drinks and a small table could be handy. Tea, coffee, water and cake will be provided.

**PLEASE
NOTE...**

CHURCH CLOSED

From Monday 29th January until Friday 2nd February, the church will be CLOSED for the final installation of the new carpet. **MASSSES WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL** at 7.00am and 9.00am on these day. Masses will resume in the church as usual from Saturday 3rd February at 8.30am.

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.

Parish Religious Education Programme

Religion classes for children not attending Catholic schools are held in our parish centre each Wednesday during school terms from 4.15pm to 5.20pm.



Enrolments for 2024 will be held on **Wednesday 7th February 2024 from 2.30pm-4.30pm** or email 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 and given all the help you need. Please email Sue at prep@infantjesusparish.org.au if interested or if you need more information.

CARMELITE DAY RETREAT

"The Writings of St Teresa of Avila"

Saturday 10 February 2024 9.30am – 3pm

Following on from the previous Retreat "St Teresa: finding God in our lives today", we invite all to come and spend time at a **Day Retreat with Father Greg Burke OCD** as he speaks about two books written by St Teresa – 'The Life of St Teresa of Jesus' (autobiography) and 'The Way of Perfection'.



St Teresa was a Spanish Carmelite nun and prominent Spanish mystic and religious reformer. This is a great opportunity to learn about Teresa's life and how her teachings and writings can help us in our lives today. Fr Greg is an excellent speaker and a well renowned authority on the Carmelite Saints.

Venue: St Catherines House of Hospitality 113 Tyler Street, Tuart Hill 6060.

Cost: \$30 pp. Morning Tea and Lunch provided.

RSVP: Monday 5 February 2024 - Bookings essential

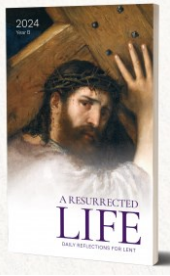
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ASH WEDNESDAY

14 FEBRUARY

Masses at 7am, 9am and 7pm



....and in preparation for the season, we will soon have in stock and for sale a small book of daily reflections for Lent, Holy Week and to Sunday Easter - **"A Resurrected Life"**. A small book that is easy to carry, and read, while commuting or sitting at home - only \$6. Each reflection is written to help us sit with God and to trust Him to lead us forward.



Be the Heart of Hope: Take Action as a Caritas Ambassador

We're on the lookout for passionate individuals, of all ages, to become Caritas Ambassadors. Discover the impact of your voice on the most vulnerable lives and communities. As a speaker, you have the potential to inspire change and spread God's love in action. Join us in becoming the heart of these stories, connecting with our mission, and shaping a future filled with compassion and hope.

Join us for a special session unveiling the heartwarming stories behind Project Compassion 2024 -

Tuesday January 30th 2024, from 6:00 to 7:30PM.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please contact us on 9422 7925 or through email at Shelby.d@caritas.org.au for more information.

Pilgrimage to Vietnam

Do your Lenten reflections & preparation for Easter with Mgr Michael Keating on a Pilgrimage in Vietnam from 4 to 14 March 2024. Visit the Shrines dedicated to Our Lady and the Vietnamese Martyrs and others. Visit Hanoi, Saigon (Ho Chi Minh), Gia Kiem, Vungtau, Danang, La Vang and other places. **Full board cost including all airfares is \$3850 per person for 25 persons.**

For the itinerary and booking form, do whatsapp us or call Sheila - 0433 771 979 or Veronica - 0402 290 827
Email: info@anawimjourneys.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Position: Educator

Qualification: Diploma in Early Childhood

Kora Childcare run by the Servite Sisters is a non-profit charitable organization located in Bayswater, catering for children from disadvantaged families with diverse backgrounds. Our teaching staff are part of a strong learning community, focused on developing the whole child through quality teaching and a collaborative learning environment. We are looking for an innovative educator to join our collaborative and dedicated staff.

Part time - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays only. 7.30 - 5.30 Work hours - flexible

On appointment successful applicants will require a Working with Children Check, Fitness Medical Certificate, National Police Clearance and First Aid Certificate.

Location - 54, Lawrence St, Bayswater 6053.

Contact - Sr Chitra on 0406549338

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth (listed on SEEK)

- Head, People & Culture – Permanent, Full-Time
- Advisor, People & Culture – Permanent, Part-Time (0.6 FTE)

For details-www.perthcatholic.org.au/employment.htm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Please consider this ministry.

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 or email secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Alex Zuccarino;

Deceased: Ashley Silver, Salvatore & Caterina Berlingeri;

Anniversaries: Brenda Boswell;

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

*"The earth is the Lord's;
and everything in it."*



The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady has been visiting family homes for many years in our parish. Parish families would usually invite family, friends and neighbours to join in praying the rosary when Our Lady is at home with them for the week. It is a beautiful time of prayer and fellowship.

How do I have Our Lady come visit my home?

You just need to put your details on the roster sheet provided in the church foyer. The Pilgrim Statue will be brought to your home on the nominated Monday between 10.30am and 11.00am and collected the following Monday between 10.15am and 10.30am. More detailed information is available in the church foyer - take a flyer home and contact Andrew Panizza 0401 248 116 if you have further queries.

SMITH STREET PARKING CHANGES

Please be aware of changes to the parking regulations on Smith Street. To avoid any parking infringements, do take note of all the new signage installed by the City of Baywater near our church and priory car park exits into Smith Street and also those across the street with our neighbours.



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Catholic Young Adults Ball 2024 – Garden of Eden Saturday, 17th February 2024 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm Tickets: \$120 per person Pagoda Resort and Spa, 112 Melville Parade, Como WA 6152

Kick off the new year by joining heaps of Catholic young adults for an incredible evening of dining, dancing, and socialising! This event is for young adults, ages 18-30. For more details and to purchase tickets, please visit

events.humanitix.com/cym-ball

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

24 Jan: St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor

25 Jan : The Conversion of St Paul, apostle

26 Jan: Australia Day

THIS WEEKEND – 21 January 2024–3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
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			

NEXT WEEKEND – 28 January 2024 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter	Chris Lambert	Conan	David W.
Altar Servers	Ethan, Eldon, Meghan, Mathan	Cyril	Victoria, Manuel, Ruben	Dylan, Amy, Megan
Proclaimers	Naethan and Megan	Rita and Clare	Barbara and Beblin	Pramila and Alishia
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy; Chris A; Sejin and Teresa	Debbie; Brian; Josie and Carl	Magdalene; Anna; Errol and Roma	Maureen; Thuy; Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Manisha and Megan Mascarenhas	Quinn Vu and Francisca Scully	Haydee Canoneo and Barbara Taylor	Anne Bowley and Pramila Crasta
Church Cleaning	Team C— Saturday, 3 February 2024 @ 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.

Our Parish Team

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In Our Church

Parish Priest: Fr. Greg Burke - pp@infantjesusparish.org.au
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Parish Inclusion Coordinator: Sue Baile - 0497 163 387

Morning Mass: Monday - Friday: 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 - enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au | Ph: 9276 8500
PARISH OFFICE: 47 Wellington Road, Morley 9276 8500
Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9.30am -12.30pm
Facebook: infantjesusmorley **Web:** www.infantjesusparish.org.au

Supporting Our Parish Financially

First Collection EFT Details

Account Name: Carmelite
BSB: 066 132 **Account Number:** 0080 0015
Reference: Your name

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BSB: 086 006 **Account Number:** 66860 6029
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