

Dear sisters and brothers,

Last Sunday we began reading Mark's Gospel which we will continue throughout this year. On the first day of his ministry Jesus healed a man in the synagogue in Capernaum. In today's Gospel (Mk 1:29-39) he went from the synagogue to Peter's and Andrew's home where he healed Simon's mother-in-law and then brought healing to the whole town before moving on to travel throughout Galilee.

Simon's mother-in-law had a fever which may well have had serious consequences at that time. Jesus breaks the code of ritual holiness by touching her, a woman: 'He came and took her by the hand and raised her up'. 'Raising her up' has echoes of the resurrection. She recovers and immediately begins to serve (diakonein). Diakonia, the word for service also describes the service of Jesus who "came to serve and not to be served" (Mk10:45) and the ministry of the disciples of Jesus. She is the first of the women in Mark's Gospel who grasp the meaning of Jesus teaching (unlike the men) and who offer loving service to Jesus and others. It is interesting that our word 'deacon' comes from diakonia. Historically women were ordained as deacons in the early church. The ordination of women as deacons is now being discerned at the highest levels of the Church.

When the Sabbath had ended at sundown, the whole town turns out to bring their sick and tormented to Jesus to be set free and healed. The use of the term 'demonic' covers many afflictions we now consider psychiatric disorders but is also used to portray all Jesus' teaching and actions as a dramatic struggle with the powers opposed to God's desire for the freedom and enhancement of human life. But Jesus is not just called to one town. He becomes an itinerant proclaiming his saving message, and acting to bring healing, freedom and reconciliation. In all he does and says, Jesus embodies God's empathy for suffering humanity.

Archbishop Costelloe

This weekend Archbishop Tim Costelloe celebrates his 70th birthday, later this month he will also reach the milestone of having been our Archbishop for 12 years. We thank him for his dedicated service and pray for him that he may enjoy good health and every blessing. We will pray for him at all masses this weekend. Ad multos annos!

Blessings,
Greg

ASHWEDNESDAY

14 FEBRUARY
Masses at 7am, 9am
and 7pm



On sale at the piety stall and parish office "A Resurrected Life", a small book of daily reflections for Lent, Holy Week and to Sunday Easter 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 in this holy season.

► **If anyone is willing to lead a Lenten group at home or in the parish centre, please contact Billie. Resources and assistance will be provided.**

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**

Ph: 9443 9020 Email: stcatherines@westnet.com.au

Parish Religious Education Programme (PREP)

Enrolments for PREP 2024

THIS Wednesday 7th February 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.

PREP 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.

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Constance Fernando, Irene Koh, Molly Lim Tow Keow, Peter (Piphit) Tantiprasut, Perlita Ventorin and Emilia Rossi;

Deceased: Martina and Christopher Soon, Bill and Nettie Beukelaar, Sharon Rosielle, Anna Maria Scacchia, Tu Van Chau, Gino Ferrelli, Ly and Nguyen family;

Anniversaries: Fr Hubert Doyle OCD, Fr Hilary Doran OCD, Fr Jarlath Flynn OCD; Bernard and Henry Spears, Kevin Jones, Vincent D'Rozario, Maria and Giuseppe Marrapodi, Maria Nguyen Hong Hoa, James Moggan, Patricia and Carmelo Russo, Vivian D'Cruz and Michelina Scacchia;

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

**"He is the Maker of heaven and earth.
He remains faithful forever."**



The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady

This week in the home of
Doug and Annette Nathanielsz
Ph: 0448 876 304

ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET



"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!"

Psalm 84:2

Isn't she beautiful? - OUR CHURCH, WE DID IT!

With the conclusion of the final installation of the new carpet last week, the church carpet looks complete again. Once again, to all the parishioners and the many generous benefactors, who have made it possible for us to reach this milestone. We are still waiting for the accessible lift installation, which will happen very soon. Watch this space...

What next, now that we've rolled out the carpet? We need to keep the carpet and our church looking their best, today and everyday.

Unlike other venues (cinema, sporting stadiums etc) which have paid workers to clean and tidy up after each session, we only have the cleaning volunteer teams taking turn each week to vacuum and general tidying the church for us. We would like to encourage each willing hand to help make our church immaculately clean and as beautiful as we expect it to be each time we visit. This will help to lighten the load on our volunteer as much happens between their weekly rosters.

With Lent just round the corner, it would be timely to consider doing the extra and make it the norm with time and practice:

- * Besides keeping your personal space on the pew free of **litter**, pick up stray bits and pieces that you might see on the way out or in.
- * If not taking the **bulletin** home, please return them to the bulletin stands in the foyer. **Stack them front page facing forward** so that nobody needs to re-tidy it all before the next Mass.



VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS

L'Arche is a not-for-profit, faith-based organisation for people living with an intellectual disability. The community in Perth is expanding and seeking expressions of interest to join the volunteer board and be part of a trusted and integral community organization, in particular those with professional background and experience in the following: secretary, accounting/finance, fundraising and marketing, legal, NDIS and disability services. These positions are non-remunerated. Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday 6-8pm each month in Scarborough. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of people with an intellectual disability, get in touch to discuss the possibilities with: Derek Meates, Chair on 0438 372 743 or Chris King, Secretary on 0403 804 620.

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>
Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH

Parish Centre is now open to all groups

Line Dancing - great fun exercise, good music and nice morning tea to catch your breath and catch up with one another: starting on Monday 5 February 9.30-11am—small fee applies.



Tai Chi - a more sedate exercise session, still great fun with the group, starting Tuesday 6 February 9.45-11am.

Craft Group - do you have unfinished projects or would like to learn something new? The group is there to keep you company as you beaver away, to help if help is needed... or just to chat: starting Thursday 8 February 9.30-11am.

ABC - Another Book Club - first Monday monthly 6.30-8.00pm (5th Feb in the parish library) with new book "Abounding in kindness by Sr Elizabeth Johnson. For details, contact Marion at goodnesstruthbeauty@yahoo.com

Meditation Groups - Christians do meditate. All are welcome to join us and learn how. Monday group @7pm; Friday group @9.30am

Bible Study with Fr Adalbert - see notice below

Playgroup - Coordinator needed! All is ready for toddler play but just needing a person to coordinate the weekly sessions which mainly involves set up and pack up of the resources currently stored at the parish hall. The structure of each session is entirely up to the members. Guidance and support will be given. If interested, please contact Billie at the parish office.

All Are Welcome

Many other groups meet in our parish - please check the foyer boards for details.

Infant Jesus Bible Study Group

Every Thursday (during school term)
6.30pm-8pm

Parish Centre Library Room

Structure:

- 6.30pm-7pm: Shared reflection time on our experience of the previous week
- 7pm-8pm: Prayerful exploration and discussion on the following Sunday's Gospel

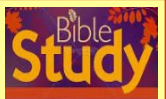
Feel free to come either at 6.30pm or 7pm.

Whilst I will endeavour to facilitate as many of the sessions as I can, there will be times when other participants will lead the group. As such, this year there will be a greater emphasis on equipping participants with resources and skills so as to help members open up discussions about the Bible and its impact on our lives.

Do come along if you wish to deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith and what it means to bring the Good News to those in need.

I look forward to seeing you there and then.

In Christ,
Fr Adalbert



THIS WEEKEND – 04 February 2024—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Chris Lambert	Marion Wayne	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Shawn; Josemiguel; Andres and Nathan	Elizabeth and Peter	Crissanto; Cesar; Leah	Tim; Dan and Larissa
Proclaimers	Sabrina and Sylvia	Joanne and Sally	Rod and Chris A	Anna and Claire
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Emily; Marie; Nevellene and Betty	Kerryn; Kathleen; Margaret and Andrew	Marlene; Linda; Tanya and Sr Justin	Maureen; Thuy; Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Roopa Tharakan; Desmond Dwyer	Barb Cavanagh; Veronica Uberuaga	Deb Laidler; Loretta Sivwright	Julie Lambert; Adam Lambert
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 9 February 2024 @ 10.30am			

NEXT WEEKEND – 11 February 2024—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Chris Lambert	Chris Yapp	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Erin; Abigail; Savio and Ethan	Aaron and Frank	Andrei; Jules and Kim	Alex; Dorothy; Bryant and Alden
Proclaimers	Tang and Teresa	Nevellene and Aalerie	Josephine and Leah	Maureen and Fely
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Chris A; Sejin; Teresa and Valerie	Michael; Debbie; Brian and Kerryn	Josephine; Annette N; Aileen and Patrick	Maureen; Thuy; Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Marisol and Rose	Barb and Veronica	Roma and Sr Chitra	Brenda and Manisha
Church Cleaning	Team A— Saturday, 17 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 & In Our Church

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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
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