

Dear sisters and brothers,

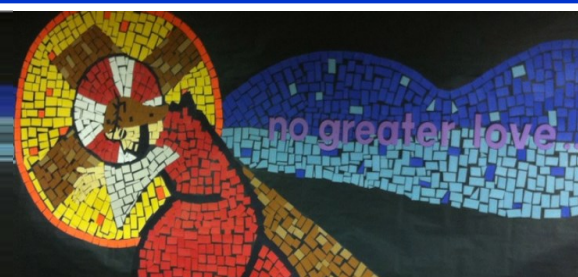
We have begun the season of Lent where the readings follow a similar pattern each year. So, I thought I might focus more on the liturgy. We offer mass for the intentions of the Church and particularly for those of us who gather to celebrate the Eucharist. At the beginning of Mass the priest invites everyone to pray: "Let us pray" and is then silent. This silence is for everyone to speak to God about their needs and prayer intentions. The priest then 'collects' all these intentions in the opening prayer which is called the 'Collect'. Today I will begin some reflections on the Collect of the mass each Sunday. I will base my reflections on the scholarly work of Gerard Moore (brother of Fr Michael Moore, SM).

Here is Gerard's translation from the Latin of today's Collect: "Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever." This prayer has been used for the First Sunday of Lent since the Sixth Century. It establishes a framework for pursuing the discipline of Lent. The aim of all our Lenten observances is growth in being able to stand under the paschal mystery, becoming more receptive to the riches wrought by Christ. Growth in understanding is necessarily complemented by right action. Our worthy conduct brings out the effects of the riches hidden in Christ. These are acts of building the reign of God by our growth in love.

These themes are echoed in today's Gospel (Mk 1:12-15): Jesus has emerged from his baptism clad with the Spirit, the power of God's love (1:11). The Spirit then 'drives' him into the wilderness, the habitat of wild animals as well as evil spirits. Jesus' connects deeply with the best and worst of humanity and experiences God profoundly. He takes time apart, a retreat or a sabbath, to allow God to touch and re-form his imagination and prepare him for his ministry and the offering of his life for us.

Rather than just giving something up for Lent, we might commit to taking time to see ourselves and our world through God's eyes. This way of praying moves us beyond our current horizons, renews our faith and moves us to action in the Spirit first given us in the waters of Baptism.—*Blessings, Greg*

LENT is an invitation
to walk with Christ,
to slow down our run through life,
to meet him at the cross
and discover anew the depth of God's love and mercy
and the joy and promise of his resurrection.



Come and meet Jesus in PRAYER & REFLECTION

Parish Lenten Program "A Resurrected Life"
Monday 19 February at 7pm.
All welcome.

♦**Pietà, an 80-page full-color book** containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) is perfect for individual devotional reading. In addition there are the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, questions and lectio divina. Available \$8.80 by pdf download from <https://www.dow.org.au/shop/>

♦**"Through the Cross to the Light" Carmelite Online Lenten Retreat** with Carmelite Brothers from France, Austria and U.S. Register for free at www.retreat-online.karmel.at

♦**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 - sign up here: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>
OR visit BruceDownes.org for more information.

♦**"Jesus the Jew" A lenten exploration led by The Reverend Dr Sue Boorer**—Four Wednesdays of Lent at 6-7pm. At St Martin of Tours, 77 Bramwell Road, Noranda. All welcome. Enquiries to stmartins@iinet.net.au or see the poster in the foyer.

♦**"Merciful Father" Lenten Retreat** at the Little Sisters of the Poor on Saturdays (17 Feb, Mar 2 & 16) from 9am to 5.30pm. Contact: stmarylourdesll@gmail.com or 0404 610 773.

PRAY AS YO CAN, WHEN YOU CAN, ALONE or WITH OTHERS

- * set aside some 'ME time with GOD'; 10-15 minutes a day for starters, longer if you are able
- * let Our Lady help you this Lent - pray the Hail Mary, a decade of the rosary or more
- * walk with Jesus the Stations of the Cross



STATIONS OF THE CROSS - All welcome

✱ **Wednesdays 7pm** ✱ Also on **Fridays 2-3pm**

There will be no Wednesday Novena during Lent

HOLY FAST

- *Dear Lord, help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of my body and soul.
- *What can you leave out of your life, food/non-food, that keeps you being present to others.

"Lent" - in the words of Pope Francis" -

a Centre of Liturgy Lenten Reflection for 2024 on YouTube that is well-worth viewing as we enter this season of grace -
www.youtube.com/watch?v=JLinCAcByoU

Project Compassion 1st Sunday of Lent 17 & 18 February

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations. Please donate to Project Compassion. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413 or via the QR code above.

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Thank you to everyone who responded to our call for Children's Liturgy helpers.



The children are benefiting greatly from your generosity.

All that is needed now for our parish children is a Playgroup Coordinator or a Parent Group to set up and pack up for a play on Wednesday morning. The parish hall and playground is already equipped with resources for toddler play. Guidance and support will be given. If interested, please contact parish office.

New and Preloved Piety Stall

All Masses next weekend 24 & 25 February

There will be a wide range of piety religious gifts and reflection booklets, including rosaries, crosses & crucifixes, assorted medals, statues, plaques, religious books, greeting cards, prayer cards, holy cards and prints for donation or price as marked. There will also be some gifts for Confirmation, First Eucharist, Baptism, Christmas and Easter.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

Friday 1 March at 10.30am
followed by lunch
St Martin's Anglican Church
77 Bramwell Rd, Noranda



This year's theme calls us to bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression. The prayer service was written by a group of ecumenical Christian Palestinian women in response to the passage from Ephesians 4:1-7. They reflected collectively on this theme from the context of their suffering as Palestinian Christian women. It is hoped to inspire other women around the world to bear with one another in love during troubled times. All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

Parish Prayer Concerns

Deceased: Ashley Silver, Urbano and Soledad De Lara;

Anniversaries: Edwin Bowers, Maria Consuelo Saldarriaga, Peter Adolphus, Florence Wong, Giuseppe Spiccia; Mary, Charles and Allan Richards;

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

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it; the world, and all who live in it."



The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady
Private devotion this week.

If you would like our Lady to visit your home, please write your name down on the list in the church foyer.

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

22 Feb: The Chair of St Peter, apostle

Youth Ministry Initiative Meeting



Calling all parents and young people to gather on **Friday 23rd February,**

6.30pm at the Parish Centre. Come and share your thoughts about, experiences of, and vision for, developing the Youth Ministry Initiative this year. Please bring a plate to share as, in my experience, ideas always flow better when food is involved. *Blessings, Fr Adalbert.*



Also on Sunday 25th February
we recommence our
Parish Youth Mass at 6pm
All welcome.

CCR Opening Year Mass - 22nd February 7.30pm

Catholic Charismatic Renewal will hold their Opening Year Mass at Holy Trinity Church, 8 Burnett St, Embleton, on Thursday, Feb 22, commencing with Prayer & Praise at 7:30pm, followed by the Mass. Further info from Dan - 0409 849 049 or daniel.hewitt5@bigpond.com. Come along to celebrate the beginning of this wonderful year with the Lord and to ask His abundant blessings on us all. Please see notice board flyer.

St Mary's Cathedral - Voluntary Ministry Open Day THIS Tuesday 20 February 10.30am

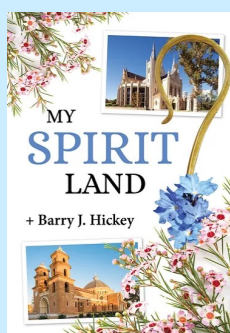
At our beautiful Cathedral, St Mary's, we have a very enthusiastic band of volunteers who conduct tours to schools, public and private organizations as well as the general public. This voluntary Ministry was founded in February 2011 and has grown over the years from two to eight tour guides; however, we are looking to increase our numbers. On Tuesday 20th February at 10.30 am we will be conducting a tour followed by a light morning tea in the Cathedral's Parish Centre. The aim of this "Open Day" is for those individuals who are perhaps retired or are available during the week and would like to find out more of what is involved, to come along to the fact-finding event. You will be able to ask questions, meet the other guides and perhaps decide to join us. Your commitment would only be determined by your availability and may be just one tour every month or so for approximately 1½ hours. Of course, all necessary training and resources are provided. To register your attendance, or for more information, please call Carol Wright, Tour Guide Co Ordinator on 0419 948 411.

Form-filling Support Workshop

Morley Library

Saturdays between 8 Jan to 26 March
9.30am - 10.30am or 10.30am - 11.30am

By appointment only—register with Co-Connect on 0435 628 802 or email info@co-connect.org.au



Memoirs - A coffee, an ANZAC biscuit, an open ear, a compassionate heart: Archbishop Hickey has spent his life living and proclaiming the truth that the kingdom of God is near, especially drawing close, like Jesus, to those who feel forgotten, abandoned and dispensable.

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THIS WEEKEND — 18 February 2024—1st Sunday of Lent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Chris Wray	Marion Wayne	David Ward
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay; Matthia and Mathan	Cyril	Victoria; Manuel and Ruben	Denver; Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	Donna-Marie and Megan	Shirley and Bernie	PAS Mass—Chris Andrews	Marion Wayne
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Chris T; John T; Tracy and Marie	Josie; Carl; Kerryn and Kathleen	Evelyn; Magdalene; Roma and Christina	Maureen; Thuy; Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Marisol and Rose	Mavis and Catrina	Patrick and Josephine and Christie (PAS)	Joanne and Marina
Church Cleaning	Team B— Thursday, 22 February 2024 @ 9.45am			

NEXT WEEKEND — 25 February 2024—2nd Sunday of Lent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Chris Lambert	Conan Dewitt	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Naethan; Meldon; Meghan and Lachlan	Elizabeth and Peter	Crissanto; Cesar and Leah	Dylan; Alyssa; Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	Sabrina and Teresa	Liz and Marie	Sr Chitra and Claire	Marion W and Alishia
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Nevellene; Betty; Chris A and Sejin	Margaret; Andrew; Michael and John	Joan; Anna; Errol and Pearl	Maureen; Thuy; Sr Chau and Sr Oanh
Hospitality	Denise and John T	Mavis and Sally	Haydee and Barbara	Rita and Fely
Church Cleaning	Team C— Saturday, 2 March 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

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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 but not in Lent (Stations of the Cross 7pm)
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

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