

Dear sisters and brothers,

As we are now more than halfway through Lent the Collect of today's mass invites us to rejoice: O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. The prayer stresses wonder at the heart of our faith in a loving God. We ask the grace to respond well to God's initiative as we hasten eagerly towards our celebration of the saving mysteries of Holy Week and Easter. This prayer was crafted for the new Roman Missal after Vatican II. However, its heart is ancient: a petition from Pope Leo the Great (died 461) was grafted onto an invocation from an ancient Roman Lenten prayer.

The **First Reading** (2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23) heartens us that salvation and restoration, rather than punishment, will be God's last word.

In the **Second Reading** (Eph 2:4-10) Paul stresses the extravagance of God's love and generosity. All the nations are included in the riches of salvation. This world-embracing salvation is entirely the undeserved gift of God. 'We are God's work of art' (Greek *poiëma* [whence 'poem' in English]). We are God's poem in progress. We are not junk to be either hammered into shape or discarded as useless.

The glorious climax of John's Gospel is the victory of Jesus lifted up on the Cross for the salvation of all. In today's **Gospel** (Jn 3:14-21) Jesus is talking with Nicodemus and explains to him God's wonderful purpose: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved' (3:16-17). God's whole intent is to save and communicate eternal life through the outpouring of love that the cross represents.

Judgment is not so much something that will happen in the future. It is something that we undergo when we honestly expose our lives to the saving light that Christ brings into the world (3:18-21). It is to this joyful 'judgment' that Lent invites us. The eternal life Jesus promises begins in this life and reaches its fullness in our definitive encounter with God. God created us, not to control us or condemn us but to bring us into communion with God. Remember and be grateful: 'Rejoice, again I say rejoice!'—*Blessings, Greg*

## PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 23 March 6pm & Sunday 24 March



For the past few years, the church has not supplied palms for you take home on Palm Sunday. Again, this year you are encouraged to cut a branch for yourself; olive tree,

bottle brush or whatever shrub is near you.

Cutting a branch then coming to Church to wave it in the procession immerses you deeper into the scripture. As scripture says, '...leafy branches that they had cut in the fields...' (Mark 11:11.8). You may also like to cut 2; one for another person.

## LETTER-BOX DROP FOR EASTER

Invitations to our Palm Sunday and Holy Week celebrations are now available in the foyer. Please help bring our brothers and sisters back to Mass this Easter by letterbox dropping your area.

**PLEASE ONLY DELIVER WITHIN THE PARISH BOUNDARIES** and remember to mark off the streets you will deliver to, so that we do not have any doubling-up.

This is such a simple way for us to spread the Good News. If you have not joined in the letterbox drop in the past, why not do it this year?



## Parish Busy Bee for Easter

Saturday 23 March from 9am - 12noon

Put your name down on the list in the foyer today!

Even as we prepare our hearts for the great feast of Easter, we need to prepare our parish grounds and centre so that they are clean and fresh for our Easter celebrations as a community and with our many visitors. There will be gardening, cleaning and small maintenance jobs to be done. Children are very welcome to come with their parents to help. Morning tea will be provided for all helpers.



**It would be nice to see some new faces!**

**Community / Christian service hours opportunity**—High School students are welcome to use this opportunity to complete their community service hours. Please call Billie, parish office 9276 5800 to register your interest.



## 2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION Wednesday 20 March at 7pm

Join us for an hour for this quietly reflective celebration of healing and reconciliation as part of your Lenten preparations for Easter. The word of God will be proclaimed 3 times as in Lectio Divina. In the quiet, allow His words to speak to you.

The priests will be in full view of all present. Your confession is to be kept brief and you return to your seat for prayer— don't go home yet! Stay to give thanks together as a community as we rejoice in our renewed friendship and new life with God.

**NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON THIS DATE.**



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

An invitation is extended to all, particularly those who may be retired, or close to retirement, and who may wish to join a group of like minded people of faith, interested in living out the Gospel message by offering a compassionate "hand up" to people in need, within the Morley/Dianella area. Ideally, the volunteer would be available for rostering one day per week, for about 2 hours in the afternoon, to deliver food to the needy in the Morley/Dianella area. This can be a life changing experience for both volunteers and those people who we help. All activities are shared, supported by the Society and completely voluntary. Breaks from any activity may be taken at any time and of any duration. For more information, please contact our President, Gus Formato on 0421 637 491.



## Playgroup - still looking for Coordinator!

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 parish office on 9276 8500.

## COLUMBARIUM NEWS

Members of the Columbarium Committee will be available in the parish centre on Monday mornings 9.30am-11.30am, or by appointment. Appointments may be made by email:

columbarium@infantjesusparish.org.au or contacting the parish office on 9276 8500.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS - All welcome ✱ Wednesdays 7pm ✱ Also on Fridays 2-3pm

There will be no Wednesday Novena during Lent

## Parish Prayer Concerns

**Recently Deceased:** Bobbi Jones and Salvatore Oddo;

**Deceased:** Donald Lawrence Laidlaw, Giuseppe Strangio, Tom and Irene Anderson Smith and Arthur Chemello;

**Anniversaries:** Elaine Veronica Luscombe, Teodoro Loiacono, Dean Pegrum, Michael Yu, Gerald Wright, Maria Bianco, Dylan Sharpe,

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

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
His love is everlasting."*



## The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady

This week in the home of:

Fan Chung

Ph: 9276 9451; 0405 833 358

## Project Compassion 4th Sunday of Lent 9 and 10 March 2024

As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

**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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413 or via the QR code above.



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## Transport needed to Sunday 9.30am Mass

A couple of long-time Sunday Mass parishioners need a ride to come to Church, and then home again after as they no longer drive. They live at Cardwell Avenue in Noranda. Please contact Annette on 9276 5048 if you can assist.



## Supporting Our Parish Financially

### First Collection EFT Details

**Account Name:** Carmelite

**BSB:** 066 132

**Account Number:** 0080 0015

### Second Collection EFT Details

**Account Name:** Infant Jesus Parish Morley

**BSB:** 086 006

**Account Number:** 66860 6029

## 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](mailto:enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au) | Ph: 9276 8500  
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I invite you to attend the **Chris m Mass** which I will concelebrate with the Priests of the Archdiocese of Perth at St Mary's Cathedral on

**Tuesday 26 March at 7.00pm**

During this Mass the Holy Oils will be blessed and the Oil of Chrism consecrated.

The Priests will also renew their Ordination commitment.

*+ Timothy Costelloe SDB*  
 Most Reverend T Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth

THIS WEEKEND — 10 March 2024—4th Sunday of Lent				
Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John	Chris Lambert	Chris Yapp	David Ward
Altar Servers	Erin; Abigail; Savio and Ethan	Cyril	Victoria; Manuel and Ruben	Alex; Dorothy; Bryant and Alden
Proclaimers	Meghan and Naethan	Shirley and Valerie	Mike and Rod	Anna and Marion W
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Valerie; Nevellene; Betty and Sejin	Carl; Josie; Kathleen and Kerry	Marlene; Linda; Tanya and Sr Justin	Maureen; Thuy; Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Manisha and Megan	Angela and Selina	Deb and Loretta	Anne and Pramila
Church Cleaning	Team A— Saturday, 16 March 2024 @ 9.30am			

NEXT WEEKEND — 17 March 2024—5th Sunday of Lent				
Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Chris Wray	Marion Wayne	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay; Matthia and Mathan	Elizabeth and Peter	Crissanto; Cesar and Leah	Denver; Marcus and Noah
Proclaimers	John and Sabrina	Sally and Bernie	PAS Mass (Joanne B)	Eloise and Alishia
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy	Margaret; Andrew; Michael and John	Marilyn; Annette N; Michael and John	Maureen; Thuy; Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Roopa and Desmond	Barb and Veronica	Haydee and Josephine & Danny (PAS)	Julie and Adam
Church Cleaning	Team B— Thursday, 21 March 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.**

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