

Dear brothers and sisters,

In this week's Gospel, (Jn 1:6-8, 19-28), as in last week's, we focus on John the Baptist. The Baptist is asked by those who think they have a monopoly of authority what is his authority for calling people to repentance, who is he? Why is he doing what he is doing? His answers are mostly negative. Unlike celebrities he points beyond himself to a mysterious stranger unrecognised in their midst. He is simply a voice in the wilderness making a way for the Lord. John's calling is that of all the saints who point us to Christ. His calling is our calling, as well. In John's Gospel Jesus is the 'light of the world' (Jn 1:4-5). In the person of Jesus, and in his words and deeds, we see the conquest of darkness by light that marked the very first act of God in creation (Gen 1:3-5). Wherever Jesus speaks or performs healing acts ('signs') light overcomes darkness and communicates to human beings God's gift of eternal life.

The First Reading (Is 61:1-2, 6-11) with its rich reflections upon the notion of 'gospel', invites us to think of all the various 'captivities' – personal, social, moral and economic – in which we labour and from which we long for liberation. The liberation proclaimed by the Gospel is essentially spiritual at its core. However, the Church today insists spiritual liberation cannot be divorced from the requirements of social and economic justice. The Good News is a call to both freedom and conversion.

Paul in the Second Reading (1 Thess 5:16-24) tells us: "Be happy at all times". Our faith in Christ born in Bethlehem calls us to joy. In the midst of the often painful realities of life we have the gift of joy and peace. Paul also tells us: 'Do not quench the Spirit', as one 'quenches' the flame of a candle or lamp. Prophecy is an essential gift from God to the community of faith. It is the ability to discern the action of God beneath the ordinary run of things. It is not to be despised. It does, however, need to be 'tested'. The standard of prophecy is its effect upon the community: whether that be 'fruitful' or 'discouraging'.

The entrance antiphon of the Third Sunday of Advent centres on the call to be joyful. "Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say, rejoice. The Lord is near" (Phil 4:4-5). So we pray in the Collect of today's mass: "enable us to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing."

*Blessings, Greg*

### 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm Infant Jesus Church

#### ***Prepare a way for the Lord—***

Prepare yourself for the Christmas season by joining your parish family for this communal Rite of Reconciliation as we come together to listen and reflect on the Word of God; to express our sorrow for the times we have failed and to praise our God, whose forgiveness is unfailing.



The second form of the sacrament of penance is a communal liturgical celebration from beginning to end. It begins with the community listening to the word of God. The homily emphasises our need for repentance and the infinite mercy of God. During the examination of conscience, the assembly reflects together on where and how they have fallen short of their baptismal commitment to follow Christ. The individual confession and absolution that follows is communal too in that the penitents approach the confessors in full view of all present.

The priests sit at appropriate points around the worship space in such a way that penitents can be seen but not heard by others. This is easily arranged in most churches. Those who wish to confess their sins approach one of the priests. While no restriction is placed on the individual's confession, good manners and common sense dictate that people limit the time they spend with confessors. More time for integral confession and spiritual guidance is available at the first rite.

*It is a moving experience to witness fellow Christians humbling themselves by publicly approaching a confessor for forgiveness. As they do, we pray for them, that they will know the fullness of God's grace and mercy.*

### MANDATORY COVID 19 CONTACT REGISTRATION



Any person aged 16 years and over is required by WA Government to register their contact details when attending church and parish centre. Records are not required to be collected for children under 16 years.

At Infant Jesus Parish you may **register your contact details in ONE of two ways:**

- **Paper slip provided:** Please record yours and your family details on this slip and place it in the secure letter boxes located in the foyer. **Only ONE slip required per family.**
- **SafeWA App:** This allows you to check-in by scanning the SafeWA QR code that is displayed in multiple locations at the front of the church. This is a contactless and convenient way for you to check-in.



For your **convenience** you can:

- Take home with you multiple paper detail slips so you can complete the details at home ready to place it in the letterbox at church, on arrival.
- Download the app on your device.

Together, we are ensuring that our worship space and community areas are safe places for our whole community, especially our very elderly and vulnerable community members.

## VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thanks to everyone who donated to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal last weekend. The amount collected was \$2,877.00. We thank you for your support have a blessed Christmas.—*Lou Daily, Morley-Dianella Conference President*



### CONGRATULATIONS...

We welcome our recently baptised little ones and pray that God will bless, guide and protect them—Chloe Duffy; Naveen Niya; Henry Farrell; Leela Coghill; Boston Lee; Mila Pawelec; Aaron Datilo; Emilio Jusn; Ivana Tomic; Oliver Alexaner-D'Cruz and Sam



### PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of Mr & Mrs C Reincastle, 10 Cooper Rd, MORLEY. Ph: 9276 9439

### PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

**Recently deceased:** Rufus Reily and Joan Storey;

**Deceased:** Allen Pereira, all deceased members of the Peters and Matthew Family and Palli;

**Anniversaries:** William Henry Pierce Slyth and Carmela Spiccia;

**The Sick of the Parish:** Alan Summersett and Sharon Rosielle and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*"Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
And grant us your salvation"*

**ADVENT CALENDAR**—A spiritual retreat through Advent with practical prayer tips by the Centre for life, marriage and family. \$12 a copy from parish office and piety stall.

### Can you help?

The Parish Office is looking for banana boxes and/or bread crates for use during our Garden FUNraiser. Please bring them to the Parish Office or contact Billie on 9276 8500. Thank you

### UNWANTED STATIONERY!

End of year unwanted stationery would be gratefully accepted for use in the parish. Please drop off any supplies to the parish office.



### CRAFTY PEOPLE WANTED

Do you have sewing skills, craft skills, a creative mind or a willingness to help your Parish to raise funds at the Garden Funraiser? If so please contact Deb Laidler at

[deb.kimlaidler@iinet.net.au](mailto:deb.kimlaidler@iinet.net.au)

A meeting to discuss ideas will be held **on Saturday 23 January at 9.30am** in the Parish hall! In the meantime please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or ideas you may have! Many thanks in anticipation!



**Room to rent**—A woman in her 50s is looking for room on a quiet street to rent temporarily until her house sold. Female landlord preferred. Please contact Billie in the parish office 9276 8500 for more information.

### NEXT WEEKEND — 19/20 December 2020 — 4th Sunday of Advent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy N	Chris W	Eamon D	Hary G
Altar Servers	Erin; Matthia and Royce	Madeleine and Frank	Crissanto; Cesar and Leah	Oliver; Conan and Ruben
Proclaimers	Marie and Mellisa	Bernadette and Sjen	Josephine and Marion O	Marion W and Margaret K
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy and John T	Brian and Debbie	Nevellene and Magdalene	Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Rose and Milly	Angela and Mercia	Annette and Lucy	Rennet and Tessie
Church Cleaning	Team D — Friday, 18 December @ 10.30am			

**PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.**

### In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am  
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm  
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 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 6.30 - 7.30pm  
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.—Ph: 9276 8500

### Our Parish Team

Parish Priest: Fr. Greg Burke - [pp@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:pp@infantjesusparish.org.au)  
Assistant Priests: Fr. John Pallipadan— [ap@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:ap@infantjesusparish.org.au) and  
Fr. Tadgh Tierney - [tadgh\\_t@yahoo.com.au](mailto:tadgh_t@yahoo.com.au)  
Infant Jesus Primary School: Principal - Paul Hille - [info@infantjesus.wa.edu.au](mailto:info@infantjesus.wa.edu.au)  
Parish Secretary: Billie Dewitt - [secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au)  
Reception: Theresa Choo - [enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au)  
Youth Co-Ordinator: Stephanie Burns - 0499 547 066 | [steph.burnsy@hotmail.com](mailto:steph.burnsy@hotmail.com)  
PREP Coordinator: Sue Goodwin - [prep@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:prep@infantjesusparish.org.au)  
Sacramental Coordinator: Faith Rico - [sacramental@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:sacramental@infantjesusparish.org.au)  
Parish Account Officer: Darren Parnell - [accounts@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:accounts@infantjesusparish.org.au)

Maintenance Manager: Andrew Davini - [maintenance@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:maintenance@infantjesusparish.org.au)  
Admin Assistant: Carol Smith - [admin@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:admin@infantjesusparish.org.au)  
Parish Safeguarding Officers: Paul Hille - [paul.hille@cewa.edu.au](mailto:paul.hille@cewa.edu.au)  
Columbarium Committee: Angela Youens - [columbarium@infantjesusparish.org.au](mailto:columbarium@infantjesusparish.org.au)  
Parish Inclusion Coordinator: Sue Baile - 0497 163 387  
PARISH OFFICE: 47 Wellington Road, Morley 9276 8500  
Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9.30am -12.30pm  
Facebook: [infantjesusmorley](https://www.facebook.com/infantjesusmorley) Web: [www.infantjesusparish.org.au](http://www.infantjesusparish.org.au)

## Garden FUNraiser



We have now set the date for the Garden Funraiser - Saturday 1st May, just in time for Mothers Day 2021! So it will be a Mother's Day Garden Fair, with all kinds of garden related gifts for Mums and others. Please mark your calendars now and put up your hand to help.

Thank you to those who have contacted us to tell us they are planting and potting up for the Funraiser. If you haven't told us yet, please email us at [gardenfunraiser@gmail.com](mailto:gardenfunraiser@gmail.com) or phone the parish office on 9276 8500 to let us know what you are doing, or plan to do. Even send us a photo! We are also happy to hear your ideas - we have had a couple of great suggestions already.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP US:

- Please bring in your unwanted—plastic or other pots of all sizes (very large pots needed too); floral/garden themed fabrics; garden statues; old garden tools, etc
- Offer your help with sewing/craft projects
- Share ideas with us about creating a great Mother's Day garden fair

**HOW WE CAN HELP YOU:** Moonure, a local company has donated potting mix which you are welcome to collect from parish office to help in potting plants for the fundraiser.



**WHAT CAN YOU DO:** Bring in any unwanted fabrics for our craft projects, especially green, floral or garden themed materials.

## Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)



*The Presider, or an assistant light the third candle, which can be named the Saints' Candle to call to mind all the saints who share the life of Christ by being baptised into his Body the Church.*

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, your coming was foretold by the prophet Isaiah who cried with joy for God clothes us in the garments of salvation (First Reading). As a joyful, hope-filled Servant Community may our hearts be filled with gratitude for the many gifts God has given us.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you come among us now as the light of the world. St Paul urges us to be happy at all times and to pray constantly (Second Reading). May the joy of the Lord be in our hearts as we journey together, listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church of Australia.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, you sent John the Baptist to be a witness for the light (Gospel). Like John the Baptist may we be witnesses to the power of Jesus open to Conversion and Renewal in the Church of Australia.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus.**

**Priest:** O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## OUR SPONSORS



**ALLPRO**  
plumbing and gas

SPECIALISE IN:

General plumbing & gas	Drainage & stormwater
Fitting maintenance	Maintenance
Emergency hot water	Water filtration
System replacement	Bathroom renos
Septic tank installation	Excavation
Soakwell installation	

15 years experience  
FREE quote  
15% seniors discount  
24 hour call out

Daniel: 0404 528 410  
Angelo: 0404 464 065  
[info@allprowa.com.au](mailto:info@allprowa.com.au)  
PL: 5466 GF: 016527



**Bathroom Renovations Perth.com**  
9248 7160  
showroom: 34 Industry St, Malaga  
[www.bathroomrenovationsperth.com](http://www.bathroomrenovationsperth.com)



**DentalCircle**

(08) 9379 3818

Family Friendly Dental Clinic.

Taking care of Dentures, General Dentistry and implants.

Bassendean Shopping Centre [www.dentalcircle.com.au](http://www.dentalcircle.com.au)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR BUSINESS REPRESENTED HERE?

YOU CAN!

PHONE DARREN ON 9276 8500