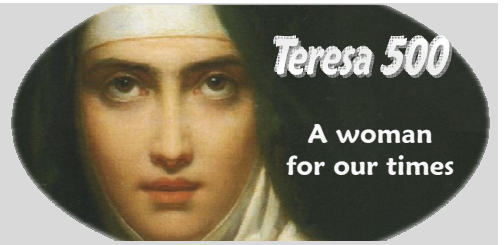


# Infant Jesus Parish

*Under the care of the Discalced Carmelite Friars*

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## First Reading Jon 3:1-5. 10

*A reading from the prophet Jonah*

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

*The word of the Lord.*

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4**

*(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth,  
and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have  
shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness,  
O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those  
who stray,  
he guides the humble in  
the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 7:29-31

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had

nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

*The word of the Lord.*

## Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The kingdom of God is near:*

*believe the Good News!*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mk 1:14-20

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## Reflection

*by Greg Sunter*

*This week's Gospel shows us clearly that those Jesus chose to follow him closely were the most ordinary of people. Anyone today wanting to enter into some sort of public life would gather around them a team of advisers, an image stylist, a public relations expert, a market analyst, and probably a guard or two. Who did Jesus choose to be his "entourage"? A few*



*fishermen, some friends of friends, and even a tax collector—one the most despised occupations of his time. The very ordinariness of these disciples was a deliberate action on the part of Jesus. It was a clear statement that his message was not for the learned scholars and interpreters of the Torah but rather for the everyday person. Throughout the gospels we see that the vast majority of encounters and interactions that Jesus has are with common, everyday people. When he encounters the officials of the Jewish faith—the scribes and Pharisees—it is inevitably in a conflict situation. Those to whom he directs his ministry are the common people—those who have felt the brunt of Roman oppression and the strict interpretation of Jewish Law.*

*The gospel passage also gives us an insight into what a charismatic figure Jesus must have been. Fishing was a good solid livelihood. Fish was a staple in the diet of Galileans and so supplying that staple would have provided a regular income. But on encountering this man Jesus, the fishermen abandon their nets and begin to follow him. They must have immediately seen something in him that impressed them. It seems hard to believe that physically tough men such as fishermen would have been easily impressed—much like today. So the impact that Jesus made on these men must have been quite special to make them walk away from everything that they knew.*

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## Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

## Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel carries a very important message for us today, surrounded, as we seem to be, by war, terrorism, politically driven poverty and despair. Jesus began building his Kingdom, not with the help of the leaders, the powerful or the wealthy, but with the ordinary people who were going about their daily lives. It was by inspiring and empowering the "little" people that his message was able to be heard and shared by those who most needed to receive hope; and it was these "little ones" who went on to change the world. This should give us hope, too, that by sharing our faith, sharing the message of the Scriptures and by telling others about God's great love for us, we can change our world too. Let us ask God to send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and into our community, so that we can respond as eagerly to Jesus' invitation as did Simon and Andrew, James and John, all those years ago in Galilee. - Fr. Sunny



## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Parish Religious Education Programme (PREP) provides religious preparation for Catholic

children attending non-Catholic schools. Two years of preparation is required before a child may receive any of the Sacraments. Classes commence from Pre-Primary to Year 6. Classes are held in this parish on Wednesdays during school terms, from 4.15pm—5.20pm. If you would like your child to attend, please note the following dates.

### PREP ENROLMENT DAY, 2015

**Wednesday 4th February**

Families who wish to enrol their children for the Parish Religious Programme classes for 2015 are required to please attend the enrolment day at ONE of the following times:

**2:30pm - 3.30pm OR 6.30pm - 7.30pm**

Classes are for children attending non-catholic schools whose families wish them to receive religious instruction and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptism and any other Sacraments certificates. For any enquiries, please contact Sue Goodwin on 9276 8500 or email to [ijprep@gmail.com](mailto:ijprep@gmail.com)



# 2015

As we prepare, as a nation, to celebrate, let us also remember to give thanks for all we have and hold dear.

O God, powerful and gentle,  
you love this southern land  
and all its peoples, old and new.  
As the Cross shines in our heavens  
so may Christ bring light to our nation.  
As the waves encircle our shores  
so may your mercy enfold us all.

O God,  
the wonders of our vast and rugged land  
reflect your beauty, ever ancient, ever new.  
May your blessings flow upon us  
as a stream in the desert,  
and may your spirit prompt us  
to use your gifts for the good of all.

May God who formed our southern land be for us  
a rock of strength.  
May God who rules our southern seas  
keep us safe in every storm.  
May God who made our southern skies  
turn our darkness into light.  
AMEN

*On our national day, let us also keep in our  
prayers all refugees and asylum seekers who are  
forced from their land by the threat of violence,  
hunger and poverty.*



## CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS!

Our warmest wishes to Noreen and Roy Richardson as they celebrate their 50th Wedding anniversary at

the 6pm Mass this weekend. May the Lord continue to bless their marriage and their family.

## Children's Liturgy at Infant Jesus

Children between the ages of 3 and 8 years old are welcome to join in the Liturgy of the Word for children which is conducted each Sunday at the 9.30am Mass during school term times. The children are gathered at the start of Mass by our Children's Liturgy leaders and process to the parish centre, where they break open the Word in age appropriate activities. The children return to the church during the offertory procession.

Our sessions for 2015 commence at the 9.30am Mass on **Sunday 8th February**. If you have children in this age group, please encourage them to join in. Parents are welcome to join the sessions until your children feel settled in the group.

If you would like to volunteer to help lead the sessions, please contact the parish office on 92768500.



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2015

The parish Sacramental team looks forward to working with our parish families as they prepare their children for the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation.

In 2015 the Sacraments will be celebrated in our parish on the following dates:

**Confirmation:** Saturday 13th June

**First Communion:** Saturday 22 August and Sunday 23 August

**Reconciliation:** Monday 9th November and Thurs 12th November

Enrolment Masses for Confirmation will be held next month, so please watch the bulletin for further information. If you have any queries about the Sacraments for your children, please contact Angela, Sacramental Co-ordinator on 9276 8500.



Important  
DATE!

To Do:

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't  
Forget!

Reminder!

## Parish Prayer Concerns

**Recently Deceased:** Sidney Segaram, Roland Savanah, Gerry Cabey, Caterina Manno;

**Anniversaries:** Tony Tomich, Florencia Galvez, Sandra Sbrocco, Rinaldo Rucci, Leonie Findlay, Rosa Spallini, Nicola & Maria Scafetta, Joe Sacchia, Maria Sen Pham Thi, Alida Van Valkenburg, Henry Spears;

**Deceased:** Oscar D'Souza, Claire, Michael Evans,

**The Sick of the Parish:** Lisa Delaney, Nola Leckie, Scott Leckie, Tracey Demasson, Margaret Kent, Kim Scott, Albert Hwee, Albert Taw, Nancy Sin, Priscilla Grainger and Elaine Wallace.

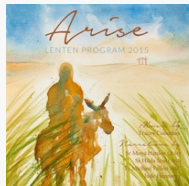
*"Look toward the Lord and be radiant."*



**PILGRIM STATUE:** This week is in the home of Mr. & Mrs. R. Picardo, 9 Haymarket Place, Alexander Heights. Phone 92475250

## Calendar of Saints

- 27 Jan:** St. Angela Merici, Founder (1540AD)  
Ss. Timothy & Titus, Missionaries (97AD)  
**31 Jan:** St. John Bosco, Founder (1888AD)



## Arise!

LENTEN PROGRAMME  
2015

Ash Wednesday is only 2 weeks away! This beautiful programme from the diocese of Wollongong includes Gospel Reflections that invite us to deepen our understanding of Jesus' love for us and to grasp anew the hope his Resurrection brings us. We are challenged to "arise" from our torpor, grasp his outstretched hand and accompany him on his journey through passion to death and resurrection.

We would like to see people step forward and offer their homes as a gathering place for small groups to share in this wonderful opportunity to journey through the six weeks of Lent together.

If you would like to be part of a small group or express your interest in hosting a small group, please leave your name on the board in the foyer **TODAY**. Time is short to order booklets.

Cost of booklets: 9.00 ea (44pages full colour). CD set will be provided to each small group host/leader.

If you would like to know more about hosting a small group, please call the office on 92768500 and speak to Angela.

Archbishop Costelloe warmly invites all members of the Catholic community in Perth to join him in St Mary's Cathedral on Monday February 2 for a special Mass to mark the beginning of the Year of Consecrated Life called for by Pope Francis. The Mass will begin at 7.00pm and will be followed by a simple supper. Please come and join us in thanking God for the gift of religious life in our Archdiocese, and in showing our gratitude to the religious sisters, brothers and priests who have made, and continue to make, such an important contribution to the life of our Archdiocese.

## MORLEY YOUTH

The Morley Youth Group will continue running activities this year for year 7-12's. Thanks to those who got involved in the youth nights last year, it has been wonderful meeting some of the youth and families in the parish. Please keep your eye out for details of future events, including a trip to adventure world, camps, youth nights and other spiritual and social activities! Thank you for welcoming me as part of the parish, and I look forward to continuing getting to know you. For 24:7 Morley youth details please contact me on 0419094433 or [morley24-7@hotmail.com](mailto:morley24-7@hotmail.com).



## Meditation Group - Wednesdays 9.30am—10.30am

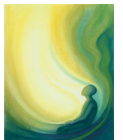
*Are you seeking peace in your life??*

*"Meditation is an experience of a relationship with our God in and through His Word."*

If you are seeking peace in your heart and some togetherness with others, then this may help you return to the peace we all long for and to interact with some lovely people for a cup of coffee/tea afterwards.

The mediation we use are directed by Fr. Justin Belitz's CDs and also Norma Woodcock's Guided Imagery CDs, based on the Ignatian Imaginative Method.

Our group meets every Wednesday (except School holidays) at 9.40am - 10.40am (after 9am Mass). We meet in the confessional room at the back of the church. Please do join us. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 9276 8500.



## In Our Church

**Morning Prayer of the Church:** Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am  
**Morning Mass:** Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am  
**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 6.30pm  
**Sunday Masses:** 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.  
**Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:** Wednesday 7.15pm  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm  
**Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:** Please contact the Parish Office.

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