

Infant Jesus Parish

Under the care of the Discalced Carmelite Friars

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

11 September 2011

First Reading Sir 27:30-28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

- 1 My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
- 2 It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
- 3 His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
- 4 For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its

influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This gospel passage follows directly from last week's passage. It concludes the whole of Matthew Chapter 18 that deals with sin, forgiveness and reconciliation. Peter's question to Jesus and suggested answer is a reflection of the view that there is a limit to the number of times we should forgive someone. Seven is a significant number in scripture and implies a 'perfect' amount. Even though by his use of seven, Peter is suggesting that he should forgive someone many, many times, Jesus quickly corrects Peter and says not seven, but seventy-seven times (or seventy times seven). Jesus plays on the use of the number seven and multiplies it to indicate that one should forgive as many times as is required – without keeping count; without keeping score.

The story of the unforgiving servant is a familiar one of forgiveness and mercy being shown but not passed on. The sting in the tail of this parable is Jesus' final warning that, 'So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.' This is an unsettling statement, as we believe God's forgiveness to be without measure and without end. Jesus warns that unless we seek to imitate God's forgiveness and forgive others 'from our heart' (with compassion) then we are not going to recognise the forgiveness of God and will cut ourselves off from it.

The whole idea of forgiving from the heart is a powerful contradiction of a popular concept: 'I can forgive, but not forget.' Is it really possible to forgive but refuse to forget? Surely holding on to a memory of hurt is holding on to the hurt itself and does not display that any forgiveness has occurred at all. To forgive but not forget is to keep count. How many times should I forgive the one who has hurt me? As many times as it takes!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you, and your prophets will proclaim you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O God, how much we value your mercy! All mankind can gather under your protection.

Dear Parishioners,

Next week the Archbishop will be with us, probably for his last official visit to the parish before his retirement. Please take this opportunity to meet him and to thank him for his years of service. The main opportunity to do this will be after the 9.30am Mass next Sunday, 18th September. The Archbishop will preach at the Mass, then we will move to the parish hall for morning tea. Please bring a small plate of food to share. On behalf of the parish we will make a presentation to the Archbishop.

The fund for the solar panels has gained momentum, with a couple of very generous personal donations. It is very encouraging to see that you support this project with its economic and environmental advantages.

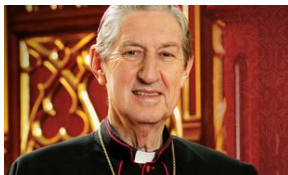
Please pray during the coming week for all the families who will celebrate their child's reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation next weekend. We have 84 parish children being Confirmed on Friday and Saturday and 7 young adults being Confirmed on Sunday evening. May the power of the Spirit continue to work in their lives. — Fr. Sunny



PROGRAMME FOR THE EPISCOPAL VISITATION FRIDAY 16th — SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER:

- 8.30am Arrive at Infant Jesus School
- 8.45am School Assembly
- 9.30am Meet with Confirmation candidates (parish children)
- 10.00am Meet with the School Leadership Team
- 10.30am Morning Tea with school staff
- 11.00am Free time
- 12.30pm Lunch in the priory with the Carmelite Friars
- 1.30pm Free time
- 2.30pm Meet parish staff, tour of buildings & inspection of records and registers
- 4.00pm Afternoon tea with the parish Catechists & Sacramental team
- 4.30pm Free time
- 6.00pm Confirmation Mass
- 7.30pm Simple meal with parish Leadership groups



SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER:

- 9.00am Meet with Parish Priest and friars
- 11.00am Visit the sick and housebound at their home / hostel
- 12.30pm Lunch in the priory with Carmelite Friars
- 1.30pm Free Time
- 3.00pm Confirmation Mass
- 4.30pm Meet with the RCIA candidates
- 4.45pm Free Time
- 6.30pm Vigil Mass (preach only)
- 7.30pm Simple Meal with Ministry & Group Co-ordinators and regular volunteers

SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER:

- 7.30am Mass (preach only)
- 9.30am Personal Advocacy Mass (preach only)
- 10.30am Morning tea with the parishioners**
- 11.30am Italian Mass – celebrate and preach at Mass
- 12.30pm Free time
- 6.00pm Celebrate and preach at Mass with adult Confirmations
- 7.00pm Celebration with the newly confirmed

SAME MASS - NEW WORDS

As you may be aware, this year is a year of change for the Mass. A new English translation of the words of the Mass – a third edition of the Roman Missal – means there will be some changes to the words we say, and music we use at Mass. The familiar framework of the Mass remains the same. The Liturgy Core Group, working with our Priests - will be rolling out the NEW WORDS as follows:

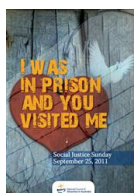
1. September/October – Choirs will begin to sing the new Masses.
2. **1st Sunday Advent (27th November)** – Commencement of New Words at all our Masses.

A few weeks prior to the commencement of the new words, there will be more information at all Masses, to help you participate fully.



Do you enjoy spreading news about great events, or even have a flair for organising events as part of a team?

Well the IJP Parish needs you to help us elevate the awareness of our Church and it's fantastic activities within our community! Contact Chairperson PPC Tristan on tjkolay@gmail.com by **15 September 2011**, for more information on this great volunteer opportunity!



Social Justice Sunday

'Building Bridges, not Walls: Prisons and the justice system'
25 September 2011

This year's Social Justice Statement is titled: *'The Statement asks Catholics to think about conditions in our prisons, who is sentenced to prison and why. Rates of imprisonment in Australia have risen sharply although levels of crime have remained steady. The most disadvantaged in Australia are the most likely to be imprisoned.'*
For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499.

Important
DATE!

To Do:

Our Parish Events

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Liturgy Committee Invites you...

In order to help us understand why and what the new English translation of the Mass is all about, you are invited to an evening of exploration using the new Australian produced DVD "One Body One Spirit in Christ."

Wednesday 28 September at 7.30pm
Parish Centre



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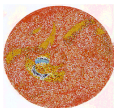
Continuing the long established Church tradition of providing accommodation for pilgrims to holy places, Domus Australia is much more than a place to rest, it is a religious and cultural centre for pilgrims to Rome.

As well as offering very comfortable accommodation for pilgrims, it provides a true Catholic pilgrimage experience, with daily Mass in English and an "information centre" providing the opportunity for visitors to Rome to learn more about the history of the Church and the many places of religious significance they should see while in Rome. Feel free to contact us if you have any queries or would like further information about Domus Australia:
Email: info@domusaustralia.org or <http://www.domusaustralia.org>.

Catholic Women's League....

will next meet on **Tuesday, 13 September** at 10am (after Mass and Rosary) in the Parish Library.
New Members welcome..

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME



Confirmation: A reminder that all Confirmation candidates need to be dropped off at the parish centre this Saturday 10 September at **8.45am** for the Confirmation Retreat. Children need to wear comfortable, casual clothes. Morning tea provided. Pick up after the retreat is at 12 noon from inside the parish hall.



Reconciliation: Parents please note that the Retreat and Reconciliation Day on 7 November at **6.30pm** is **now full**. When selecting a date and time please choose from the other 5 sessions, however the 7 November at **5.30pm** is also nearly full. Reminder also that the Reconciliation Commitment masses are on Saturday 23 September at 6.30pm **OR** Sunday 24 September at 9.30am **OR** Sunday 24 September at 6.00pm. It is a requirement for all Reconciliation families to attend ONE of these Commitment masses.

--Thanks, Sue Goodwin, Sacramental Co-ordinator

Holy Hour for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life



Please join us in the church today at 2pm to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for the vocations we need to the Priesthood and religious life.

All welcome, bring a friend!

- Morley Vocations Awareness Group

HELP NEEDED

A parish family who are struggling financially are seeking a reliable second hand car for around \$2,000.00.



If you think you may be able to help, please contact Aileen or Angela at the parish office on 92768500.



Outcare's Annual Children's Christmas Programme

The Christmas Program brings a great amount of joy to those silent sufferers, the families and children of offenders, who are, in a way, also victims of crime.

Donations of gifts for children across various age groups will be greatly appreciated and will assist in the planning of this event.

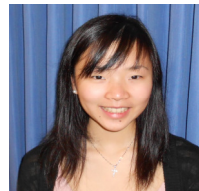
For more information please contact Heather Fox on Ph: 9374 8759 Mon-Fri.

RCIA 2011

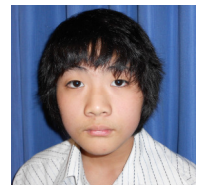
On Sunday 28th September, 6 adults will be confirmed by the Archbishop at the 6pm Mass. As they make their final preparations, please pray for:



Verna Lawson



Kristine Tan



Aaron King Soon Ho



Leah Wilson



Sean Berryman



Eva Allosada

PILGRIM STATUE:

This week in the home of:
Mr & Mrs D Nathanielsz
18 Cardwell Avenue, Noranda
Ph: 9276 5048



Around the Archdiocese



Achieving Pregnancy Naturally

The Billings Ovulation Method™ can assist you in having the baby of your dreams. If you have been trying to have a baby without success, our teachers can provide essential information, which will give you the best chance to achieve your pregnancy naturally. For a free information leaflet, please call Billings LIFE on 1800 335 860



Fundraiser for The Home of Mary Consoler for families and children in need and The Chain of Mary Association

Saturday the 17th September
2.00pm onwards

St Marys Parish Centre Leederville

Come and see their new Religious giftware range, gifts for all occasions and

enjoy a relaxing afternoon, maybe purchase a cake from the cake stall or enjoy a lovely Devonshire tea with fresh homemade scones.

All enquiries please call
Rose 0437 700 247 or Patsy 9377 7797

! EVERYONE IS WELCOME !



The 2011 St Thomas More College Chair of Jesuit Studies Seminars

by Fr. Gerald O'Collins, SJ, AC

- 15th September: Miracles - The Resurrection in the 21st Century
- 20th September: Jesus Fiction: the Case of Philip Pullman
- 27th September: The Presence of Jesus in the Liturgy

For more information please check the church foyer board.

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PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Caterina Monteleone, Jeng-How Loo, Noel Pereira, Mariano Farrace, Alfonso (Guisepe) Belladonna, Christopher Farkhi;

Anniversaries: Vittoria Finis, Sydney & Maurice Tucker, Rocco Lemme, Michael Lewis, Flora & Alphonso Monteiro, Luigi Cicchini, Bridget Regan, Eunice Clift, Ines Gianotti, George & Helen Budge;

Deceased: Nicholas Nunis, Annie & Genevieve D'Souza, Leonie, James & Michael Findlay, Shian Coggins, Catharina, Anthony & Joseph Nguyen, Kenneth Santa Maria;

The Sick of the Parish: Fr Joseph, Margaret Hobbins, Joe Corbett and all who are in continuing ill health.

"The love of God cannot be measured by any human standard."

Calendar of Saints

12 September: HOLY NAME OF MARY
13 September: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop (407AD)
14 September: THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS
15 September: OUR LADY OF SORROW
16 September: St. Cornelius, Pope (253AD)
St. Cyprian, Bishop (258AD)
17 September: St. Bellarmine, Cardinal (1621AD)



Around the Archdiocese

Catholic Youth Ministry

Every Wednesday: Holy Hour at Catholic Youth Ministry

After the WYD11 break Holy Hour at CYM is back, followed by \$5 supper and fellowship. Mass at 5.30pm and Holy Hour (adoration) at 6.30pm at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate. More details on www.cym.com.au or call 9422 7912

Saturday 17th September - Youth Music Workshop

Featuring special guest: International touring Catholic musician – Fr Rob Galea.

2-5pm at Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St - HIGHGATE. Cost \$10 per person includes afternoon tea. Bring your whole music team or come on your own. Registrations are essential please email admin@cym.com.au or call 9422 7912 for a registration form.

Sunday 18th September - MADRID WYD COMES 2 PERTH

Featuring special guest: International touring Catholic musician – Fr Rob Galea.

If you missed WYD in Madrid, you DON'T want to miss this! The Madrid WYD is brought to Perth in an awesome concert night. 6pm Mass @ St Thomas More Parish - Bateman, followed by supper. 7:30pm Sunday Sesh with Fr Robert Galea @ Corpus Christi College. Register for your FREE ticket via email: admin@cym.com.au or pay \$5 at the door. For more info go to www.cym.com.au or find us on Facebook.

30th Sept – 2nd Oct - Weekend Retreat for Young Adults – 'Firm in the Faith'

Come join Catholic Youth Ministry on an awesome retreat which is based on the theme of WYD11 "Planted and built up in Christ, Firm in the Faith" (Col 2:7). Young adults are invited to attend for a weekend of fun, activities, music and spiritual talks from fantastic speakers. Retreat cost \$80 and runs Fri evening (30 Sept) to Sun lunchtime (2 Oct).

Registration forms can be downloaded from www.cym.com.au. Email admin@cym.com.au or Ph. 9422 7912 for more info.

OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

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.

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

OUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE

Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:

Wednesday 7.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm