

Dear sisters and brothers,

Each year Easter renews our foundational Christian hope with the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. The risen Lord still bears the marks of his suffering and death on the cross. It shows the cost of our salvation and the depths of God's compassion and mercy. And that is the ground of our hope of new life. Our salvation is no cheap grace but a costly grace that cost Jesus his life.

When we celebrate Easter we are invited to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of God's love revealed in Christ. As in any interpersonal relationship we grow in love and knowledge of the other when we see with eyes of love. We can also grow in self-knowledge. So, at Easter we are invited to grow in our knowledge and appreciation of the mystery of God's love shown in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, our risen Lord.

John's Gospel presents the resurrection of the Lord (Jn 20:1-9) as the new creation: "On the first day of the week ... while it was still dark." Alone of all the disciples Mary of Magdala is the one who faces the darkness and chaos of death, not with hope, but to honour and grieve the death of her friend and Lord. The other disciples disappear from public view, she alone was willing to confront the void.

What then happens is a totally unexpected: the tomb had been disturbed and the body is missing. Has someone had stolen the body? Mary Magdalene announced this distressing truth as she understood it: "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him." When Peter and 'the other disciple' follow Mary's lead and go to the tomb, the scene looks nothing like a grave robbery. Who would steal a body and first remove the burial cloths? All of this hints that Jesus' death was nothing unlike death as they understood it.

Today's Gospel ends enigmatically. On the one hand the other disciple "saw and believed." On the other hand, the last thing we hear is: "They did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." We would expect a better story for the liturgy on Easter Sunday. But we had that last night at the Easter Vigil when we heard the history of the world from Creation to the Resurrection of Jesus. Today we begin the joyful pilgrimage of the Easter season that moves us bit by bit, not only into believing, but into understanding better what this feast means for our lives today and who we are called to be in the future.

Rejoice! Christ is risen! Again I say, rejoice!

Paschal Blessings,
—*Frs Greg, John and Ad*



We are blessed with a community of willing people!

Thank you to everyone who came to prepare for the Easter Triduum liturgies in very many ways; the busy bee helpers, those who prepared the environment and made the church ready for the large numbers of people; those who worked together to ensure our liturgies were sacred, dignified, those who faithfully carried out their liturgical ministries and those who did the administration work. We thank God for you and your work.

A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO ALL VISITORS & PARISHIONERS

Wishing everyone a peaceful Easter break.

Please note that the Parish Office will be **CLOSED** from Friday 7 April until Monday 10 April



Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future

Generations. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

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CALLING ALL YOUTH

When I look around, I see so many young people coming to mass. Unfortunately, we do not yet have a space for young people to come and gather. As part of the parish community's commitment to engage with young people, we have decided to dedicate the **6pm Mass of every third Sunday of the month, starting on Sunday 23 April**, to celebrating the Eucharist with young people and their families.



There will be a BBQ after Mass and all are welcome to, well, gather!

My hope is to create a space where people can congregate and get to know other people. I, along with some youth leaders, would like to meet as many young people as possible. In particular way, we would like to ask the young people what would be the best way to serve them. We know that young people have different needs depending on their age, and so we would like to know who would be interested in forming a youth group (or multiple youth groups!) and what activities would be engaging. Such activities may include playing sports, hikes, Bible study, Q&A session...the sky's the limit!

Please let me, Fr Adalbert, know if you would like to attend (for catering purposes), or if you are interested in helping in any way. You can contact me in person or via email at ap2@infantjesusparish.org.au

Congratulations to Glenys and Andrew Wight on celebrating their 64 years of Wedding Anniversary last week. They have been faithfully attending our church since 1970. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep your faith and love strong for many years!



Why do we put money in the bag at Mass?

THE FIRST COLLECTION

supports the Priests in our Parish and sick or elderly priests in the Perth Archdiocese, as well as sick and elderly Carmelites and those training to be Carmelite friars.

THE SECOND COLLECTION

is the main source of income for our parish. It also assists new or poor parishes in Perth Archdiocese, retired priests and seminary costs, etc.

How you can contribute:

- Direct debit
- Planned giving envelope
- Cash



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION Not too late to donate— envelopes for donation are in the church foyer

This annual collection conducted at the Good Friday service is for the preservation of over 70 churches and shrines in the Holy Land while also providing much needed assistance to local Christians there. Supporting the Church in the Holy Land is an historic mission. Since the time of St. Paul, who urged his missionary churches not to forget the needs of the Church in Jerusalem, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked. In these pandemic years with very little income due to the lack of pilgrims and the closure of churches around the world, Catholics are urged to be as generous as possible and to remember the Christians of the Holy Land this Easter. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Joe Versace, Sylvain Iris Sholay, Robert Thompson, Pam Copeland;

Deceased: Donald Laidlow; Arthur Chemello,

Anniversaries: Thomas Choo, Luigi Di Fava, Thresiamma Joseph and Teresa Lobo;

The Sick of the Parish: Alan Summersett;

*The Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.
To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity, Alleluia!*



PILGRIM STATUE
Please check the notice in the foyer board

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH



PARISH ACTIVITIES UPDATE

We are excited to announce we will be restarting the following programs after Covid suspension

- ◆ **Name Tag Sunday**—Sunday 7th May at 9.30am Mass (Every 1st Sunday of the month). Get to know the names of the familiar faces in the Mass, have a chat and say hello.
- ◆ **Sunday Children's Liturgy**—Sunday 7th May at 9.30am (every Sundays at 9.30 Mass, except 3rd Sunday). The little children are invited to join a short organised activity learning about Jesus in a safe and fun environment.
- ◆ **Healing Mass**— Wednesday 10th May at 9am Mass. (every 2nd Wednesday of the month)

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PREP) Wednesdays during school term at 4.15pm

Any new families who wish to enrol their children for religious instruction and also to prepare the children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, please contact parish office on 9276 8500 or email Sue Goodwin at prep@infantjesusparish.org



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN 2023

All parents of children preparing for Confirmation should have received a letter with details of the enrolment process this past week. If you have not, please contact the parish office.

Important dates for the program are as follows:

Parents Night: 8 May (Monday) at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre
Commitment Masses: 20 May (Saturday) at 6.00pm & 21 May (Sunday) at 9.30am and 6.00pm
Parent & Child Workshop: 22 May (Monday) at 7pm at the Parish Centre
Retreat: 2nd June (Friday) at the Parish Centre & Church
Confirmation Masses: 10th June (Saturday) at 11.00am OR 2.00pm

Please mark these dates in your calendar. Your participation in the program is of utmost important as you would be walking with your child in their faith journey.



SAFEGUARDING NEWS—FREE EVENT Cyber safety and Digital Wellness Workshop Tuesday 2 May at 7 - 9pm RSVP: Register online

Parenting in the digital age can be complex and challenging. Whilst there are many benefits for our children being online, there are also risks. As the trusted adults in our children's lives we can support them to maximise the benefits and minimise the risks. For more information, contact admin@safekids.com.au



INFANT JESUS PLAYGROUP

Children aged 0-4 years are welcome on Wednesday from 9.30-11am in the parish hall. All children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian. Please bring your own children's morning tea. If able, we always love a gold coin donation to help with the costs of water, electricity, tea and coffee. For further details, feel free to contact Lucy on 0411 362 080. See you there!!



YOGA CLASSES with Marion Wayne

Tuesdays at 9am in Joseph Room
BYO yoga mat & water bottle
All welcome—small fee applies

LINE DANCING

Mondays 9.30am to 11am in the parish hall with a short break for a cuppa and a chat—All welcome—small fee applies



MEDITATION SESSIONS MONDAY OR WEDNESDAY

Directed half hour meditation sessions are held every Monday evening in the St Joseph's Room in the Parish Centre at 7pm or Wednesday at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome



... and more —

PERSONAL ADVOCACY MASS

3rd Sundays 9.30am Mass, church

CENACLE PRAYER GROUP

Mondays after the 9am Mass, church

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Fridays 6.30-7.30pm, church

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays 9.30-10.30am, church

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays 2-3pm, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, church

MORNING PRAYER

Monday - Friday 6.40-7.00am with silent prayer after 7am Mass; Saturday 8am followed by silent prayer till 8.30am Mass

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OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL Every Wednesday at 6.30pm. All are welcome

ROSARY

Tuesdays - Thursdays after 9am Mass, Saturday after 8.30am Mass, church

SACRED HEART SODALITY

1st Sundays 7am Mass

TERESIAN PRAYER

1st and 3rd Mondays 6-7pm, church

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

1st Tuesdays of the month at the 9am Mass, followed by morning tea

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

Peter Kora—peter@au-revoir-travel.com

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm, parish library

ABC (Another Book Club)

1st Mondays of the month 6.30-8pm, Parish library

ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET!

If there is something we can all agree on, it is that the carpet in our church is desperately in need of replacement as it has become a safety issue. We also have an issue with accessibility onto the sanctuary for wheelchair users and those with mobility issues.

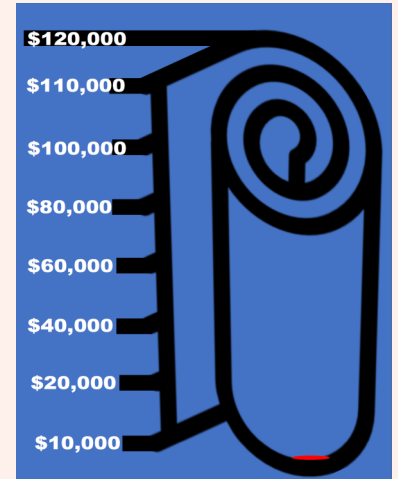
After much thought, discussion and a number of quotes, it has been decided to proceed with both projects; replacing the carpet and providing access to the sanctuary. Though final quotes are yet to be accepted, we know that the projects will cost at least \$120,000.

To help meet this considerable cost, we are today launching our parish "Roll out the Red Carpet" fundraising campaign. We hope that all parishioners will get behind this campaign by joining in the planned fundraising activities over the next 12-24 months.

How you can help

There are several ways!

- If possible, consider offering a direct monetary contribution. This could be a once-off amount, or a smaller weekly or monthly contribution using the envelopes provided on the bulletin stands.
- Support our fundraising activities, by donating goods or prizes, buying from stalls or sausage sizzles, etc, encouraging your friends and family to come along with you to our planned fun social and other fundraising events.
- Approaching local businesses or Catholic businesses which may be happy to support our fundraising drives by donating goods for sale or prizes for raffles.
- Pray for us! We have a large target to meet and we will all be working hard to meet it, but asking God's help is very important.



Help us turn the carpet red and reach our target!

If you have fundraising ideas or would like to join in preparation or organisation of a particular event, we would love to hear from you! Just call and talk to Billie 9276 8500.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR **FIRST** FUNDRAISING EVENT

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT STALL

SATURDAY 6TH & SUNDAY 7TH MAY

(after all Masses)

Come prepared to buy something lovely for your Mum, Nonna or other wonderful women in your life.

Beautiful succulent planters, gift boxed plants, hand made plant pot stands and other small timber items, hand made rugs, home made jams and preserves, hand made cakes and biscuits, flowers and more - AND a fabulous raffle!

COLLECTION POINT

Over the months ahead, we will be needing many items which you may have sitting at home unused - or have a friend or contact who could help. Please check in now and again to see what new items are needed.

We need: florist's boxes, ceramic pots for plants, gift wrap, ribbon, baskets and presentation boxes, new or unused toiletries, unused gift items suitable for silent auction/raffles, donations from local or family businesses, donations fresh flowers (Chrysanthemum, etc), succulent cuttings. Donations may be brought to the parish office or arranged by phoning Billie on 9276 8500

Our Parish Team

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Parish Bank Account Details

First Collection EFT Details

Account Name: Carmelite
BSB: 066 132 **Account Number:** 0080 0015
Reference: Your name

Second Collection EFT Details

Account Name: Infant Jesus Parish Morley
BSB: 086 006 **Account Number:** 66860 6029
Reference: PG-Your name