Dear Parishioners,

For this last piece before I relinquish the honour of addressing you back to Fr Greg, I thought I would talk about Carmelite Spirituality. I have often been asked why I ended up becoming a Carmelite. Whilst many have heard of the Jesuits, Franciscans, and Dominicans, and Carmelite nuns, few (outside of our Carmelite parishes) have ever encountered a Carmelite friar in the flesh.

The simple answer is: of all the saints, the writings and teachings of St John of the Cross resonated with me the most. Even before I started to read more about the Catholic Faith, St John of the Cross would cross my path (pardon the pun!), often in the most unexpected places. His doctrine on Christian mysticism held great appeal to me, and, it would seem, many both within and outside the Christian Tradition.

What had fascinated me (and still does) was St John insisting that one will only ever reach his or her fulfilment when one is united to the living God in the depths of one's soul. Through grace, one becomes purified and perfected in faith, hope, and love. Together with the teachings of St Teresa of Avila (the foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order), a Carmelite lives a life in a spirit of silence, solitude, and fraternal community in service of God and neighbour. In essence, the Carmelite seeks a profound experience of God in prayer, and it is from this space that the Carmelite's apostolic mission and evangelical spirit springs forth. Generally speaking, the primary "work" of a Carmelite is to offer spiritual direction, give conferences and talks, and conduct retreats.

There are many books that speak more eloquently (and accurately) about the (Discalced) Carmelite Charism. However, in my experience, Fr Iain Matthew's book, Impact of God serves a great introduction and synthesis of St John of the Cross' life, work, and teaching. The Institute of Carmelite Studies (ICS) Publications have all his works as well as work of other great saints like St Teresa of Avila, St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, St Edith Stein, Br Lawrence of the Resurrection, and St Elizabeth of the Trinity. I hope this has piqued your interest in Carmelite Spirituality.

Once again, thank you for all the feedback and support you have given me. In all things, I commend you to the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St Joseph, and all the Carmelite saints.

Yours faithfully,

Fr Adalbert.

PS. Our parish office and parish library also have many of the books mentioned above for purchase or to borrow respectively.

AUGUST month of celebrations



Tuesday 15 August The Assumption of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**

- is a holy day of obligation in Australia.

Masses will be celebrated at 7am, 9am (with the whole school) and 7pm.

"Today the virgin Mother of God was taken up into heaven to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection, and a sign of hope and comfort for your people on their pilgrim way." Preface for Mass

COME CELEBRATE the DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH

31 years since 29th August 1992 Did you know that this is Our Parish Feast Day?

Let's make our Feast Day special as we gather together to give thanks for our beautiful church and community at Mass followed by a sharing of a parish family meal in the parish hall. There will be celebrations after each of the Masses on the weekend of 26/27 August.

We ask that if you are coming, please write your details in the sign-up sheet in the foyer. As it is a shared meal, do bring some savoury food to share. Our parish will provide tea/coffee and juice plus a celebratory cake. We look forward to seeing you at the celebrations:

Saturday 26th August at 6pm - dinner Sunday 27th August: 7.30am - breakfast, 9.30am- morning tea, 11.30am - lunch and 6pm - dinner with our Parish Youth



Don't forget Sunday 27th August is also our Parish Youth Mass at 6pm All welcome to join our parish youth at Mass and in celebrating our Parish Feast Day over dinner



ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS St. Mary's Cathedral Saturday, 19th August at 10am

This is a special occasion for ALL couples, families and supporters of the Sacrament of Matrimony. All parishioners warmly invited attend this special Mass. A blessing will be bestowed on ALL married couples who attend.

CONGRATULATIONS



Roll The Red Carpet total now \$ 87,286.55

THANK YOU TO ALL who supported the fresh produce sale last weekend which raised another \$497.05 and also to Bowra and O'Dea for their generous contribution of

\$5000 for our carpets.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP **THIS Friday 18th August** at 10.30am in the parish centre

To help us prepare for our Christmas Fair in November, we have been offered a demonstration of how to create a beautiful Christmas light decora-

tion. Why not join us and create your own unique piece for Christmas? Morning tea provided. Please call the parish office 9276 8500 to register.

Collection point & ways to help

Please grab a flier from the pews or the bulletin stands and take it home to put on the fridge to remind you of what we need when you are talking to family and friends. There are lots of ways to help, from empty boxes to unwanted gifts and everything in between! Thank you so much.



SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST **FOR CHILDREN 2023**

Sacramental Program Dates to note:

Parents Info Night: THIS Monday 14 August at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre

Commitment Masses: 19 August (Saturday) at 6.00pm and 20 August (Sunday) at 9.30am and 6.00pm Parent & Child Workshop: 21 August at 7.00pm

Children's Retreat: 1 September (Friday) at the Parish Centre First Communion Masses: 9 September (Saturday) at 11.00am and 2.00pm Enquiries: sacramental@infantjesusparish.org.au



PILGRIM STATUE

Private devotion this week If you would like our Lady to visit your home, please write your name down on the list in the church foyer.

Do you like to sing? Our new Saturday choir is looking for more singers to joining in the singing. The new choir will start next Saturday 19th August at 6pm Mass. If you are interested, please come to church at 5.30pm for a short rehearsal. All enquiries to Billie in the parish office.

Quiz , Nite

HOSTED BY QUIZ MEISTERS

FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023 Doors open from 6.30pm for 7pm start **Infant Jesus Parish Centre**

> Tickets on sale at all Masses this weekend

Tickets: \$25.00pp or book your tickets at eventbrite

or contact Parish office 9276 8500 or



secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au

- Fun and games for everyone, not just Quiz lov-
- Bring gold coins for fun games & to buy an answer or two!
- Table of 8 or let us know and we will join you with another small group.
- BYO nibbles and drinks.
- Finger food and soft drink available for purchase.
- Tea, coffee & water provided.
- Door prize, silent auction & more...

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: John Thornton and Doris Chai;

Deceased: Netilda Sawian, Petrus Sobin, Achamma, Beverley Silver, Arthur Chemello and Roma Illich,

Anniversaries: Nellie Chi, Noreen Doherty, Richard Kopec;

The Sick of the Parish: Luigi Ferrelli, Brian Slyth and all who are in need of our prayers.

"Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you."

In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon - Fri: 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

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 - 9276

8500 | enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au

Supporting Our Parish Financially

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

PARISH OFFICE: 47 Wellington Road, Morley 9276 8500 | Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9.30am -12.30pm Facebook: infantjesusmorley Web: www.infantjesusparish.org.au

MEDITATION PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZE Sunday 20 August 7pm - 8pm (Chapel doors open at 6.30pm),

St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York St, South Perth. Bring a torch and a friend! All are welcome! Further info, Sr Maree Riddler rsj, maree.riddler@sosj.org.au or 0414 683 926.

24 Aug CREATION AND OUR WORLD OF COLOUR Rock and Stone, in their vibrant colours, rock and stone are radiant bearers of Earth's unfolding story. **Thursday 24 August, 9am to 3pm, Nano Nagle Centre, Reserve Street, Claremont.** Presenter, Shelley M Barlow rndm. *Further info*; www.nanonaglecentre.org.au or 08 9385 0684.

ALL WELCOME Catholic Youth UNITE—25th August Notre Dame Drill Hall, Mouat St, Fremantle

Inviting all youth to join CYM and experience the energy and joy of World Youth Day in Perth! Featuring special guest Fr Rob Galea, DJ, Live Music, testimonials from our WYD pilgrims, food trucks and expo stands. This is an all ages event, a celebration for young people that will ignite your heart. Further information can be found online at www.unite.cym.au

25 Aug - 27 Aug INNER HEALING RETREAT Friday 25 August 8.30am to Sunday 27 August 5pm, Vincentian Retreat Centre, 625 Nettleton Road, Karrakup. Free of charge. For registration, please provide the following, date of retreat, adult full name, contact details, child full name and age, via email vrcperth@gmail.com or phone 08 9525 6539.

25 Aug - 27 Aug THE DESERT FATHERS - THE EARLIEST CHRISTIAN MONKS This weekend will offer an introduction to the amazing world of the Desert Fathers. *Further info* and bookings www.newnorcia.com.au.

THIS WEEKEND — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time—13 August 2023						
Ministry	Sat 6pm	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	Sunday 6pm		
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Chris Lambert	David Pham	Tung Nguyen		
Altar Servers	Shawn; Josemiguel; Andres and Nathan	Aaron and Frank	Andrei; Jules and Kim	Alex; Dorothy; Bryant and Alden		
Proclaimers	John and Tang	Rita and Joanne	Mike and Tony	Eloise and Pramila		
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Nevellene and Valerie	Josie and Carl	Linda and Errol	Ivor and Tristan		
Hospitality	Ann and Donna-Marie	Mavis and Catrina	Haydee and Barbara	Maureen and Anthony		
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 19 August 2023 @ 9.30am					

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

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm	
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Chris Wray	Marion Wayne	David Ward	
Altar Servers	Erin; Abigail; Royce and Savio	Elizabeth and Peter	Victoria; Manuel and Ruben	Tim and Dan	
Proclaimers	Sylvia and Teresa	Marie and Clare	Personal Advocacy—Chris A	Fely and Dorothy	
Extr. Ministers of Communion	Chris A and Teresa	Kerryn and Kathleen	Tanya and Annette D'O	Maureen and Teresa	
Hospitality	Marisol and Rose	Barb and Veronica	Deb and Loretta & Danny (PAS)	Megan and Pramila	
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 25 August 2023 @ 10.30am				

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