

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today's readings target unworthy religious leaders. In the end they stress that all members of the covenant people are equal, as children under the Fatherhood of God. As St John Paul II testified, what we share in baptism is so much more important than what differentiates us through ordination. This is being given greater prominence these days through the involvement of laity and religious in the Synod in Rome as it did during the Australian Plenary Council.

The **First Reading** is from the Book of Malachi, written after the return from the Babylonian exile when the people began to rebuild the Temple. Malachi warns the Temple priests (Mal 1:14–2:2, 8-10) that their corrupt behaviour is a breach of their responsibilities to God and to the people. For Israelites to break faith with each other is also breaking faith with God. Worth noting is that God is called 'Father', unusual in the Old Testament.

The **Gospel** (Matt 23:1-12) comes from the last days of Jesus in Jerusalem. He warns against the pride and venality of the scribes and Pharisees. In contrast Matthew presents Jesus as the authentic interpreter of the Law of Moses (the Torah). The scribes and Pharisees instead of making the Law life-enhancing make it burdensome and crushing so as to enhance their own power. They lay burdens upon an already burdened people. Jesus, however, comes to lift the burdens of afflicted humanity: 'Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls' (Matt 11:28-29).

Jesus sets the pattern for Christian leadership. He tells us since all are equal there is no place for honorific titles and practices that might suggest otherwise. Jesus came 'not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many' (20:28); the 'greatest', therefore, must be 'your servant'. With the widespread exposure of clerical abuse and the failure of church authorities to handle it effectively and responsibly, has the time come to revisit the values and teaching enshrined here?

### **Annual Parish Community Meeting- 20 November 7.00pm**

Our annual meeting will be in the Parish Centre. We will follow the Synodal model of listening and discernment in order for everyone to have a say in the future direction of the parish.

We will not be able to continue our flourishing parish life without a healthy Parish Pastoral Council. If you are willing to be part of the future of our Parish, are willing to listen and are committed, please nominate to be a member of the PPC for a two-year period. The PPC "has the right and duty to provide wise advice and constructive assessments to the Parish Priest. It is to be involved in prudent policy making, goal planning and setting of objectives to further the mission of the Parish faith community as an extension of the mission of Jesus" Constitution for Parish Pastoral Councils, Archdiocese of Perth). Please contact one of the priests and/or the Parish Office if you are interested.

—*Blessings, Greg*

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for the positions on the Parish Pastoral Council are now open. The parish council consists of the parish priest together with parishioners elected by the parish community and those co-opted by the parish priest. The role of the council is to promote the Church's mission, to live and communicate the love, values and teaching of Christ in the world. The council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ.

Here in Morley parish, the people who make up our community have come from many, many different countries. To truly represent who we are, the parish pastoral council should reflect this diversity. You are invited to consider nominating yourself or someone who will be able to contribute to the work of promoting the church's mission here in Morley. The nomination forms are available in the foyer.



Nominations close on **Wednesday 15th November**.

### **New Carpet Update**

Our new carpet looks wonderful but there is still a little bit more to do. Due to a few hurdles discovered only when the old carpet was lifted, the planned six-day job expanded to 9 days required. As Advent will soon be upon us, it was decided that the remaining work will be completed in January. And if you can still see some seams between the tiles, don't worry as these will gradually become unnoticeable.



### **ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING 2023 Monday 20th November at 7pm**

This year the meeting will follow a synodal model of listening and discernment in order for everyone to have a say in the future direction of the parish. All welcome.

### **LIFE LINK APPEAL**

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink will be held next weekend on 11/12 November 2023.

Please collect your copy of the Archbishop's Appeal letter after Mass this weekend, read his message and please give generously to support the valuable work of the Church's social service agencies.

You may mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation for a Special Collection which will be held at Mass next weekend. You may also donate (securely) online by credit card at [www.lifelink.com.au](http://www.lifelink.com.au)



## Help needed for our final major fundraiser:



**Saturday 18 November 9am-3pm**

Do you love decorating for Christmas? Then please come along on **Thursday 9th November 9.30am—2.00pm** and help us add a bit of Christmas flair to our Christmas fair!

### We also need help:

- ◆ **On the day of the Fair**—the lists are in the church foyer for you to put your name down on the stall you would like to help with.
- ◆ As much help as possible **in the 10 days leading to the Fair (from Saturday 11th)**- decorating, unpacking, sorting the donations received and setting up the stalls.

We will begin doing this on Thursday 9th November from 9am-2.30pm each day (including the weekend) until Friday 17th November. If you can come for an hour or two or more on any of these days, we would love to see you! Morning tea will be provided. Thank you so much, everyone.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR FLYER LETTERBOX DROP

Please help deliver our Christmas Fair flyers far and wide. There's something for everyone from young to older. Invite them to join in the fun and food, have a browse through vintage, preloved or new and Christmas fare, plants and homemade goodies. So many things at absolutely bargain prices!

### COLLECTION POINT

#### Other items needed are:

- Any mulberries and loquats fruits from your garden for jam or green mangoes for chutney.
- Fabric pieces and Christmas wrapping papers

#### We would also love:

- people to make pickles or pickled vegetables, giardinieri, marmalade, jams etc. If you can help with this, please contact Angela at the parish office.



### PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of Fan Chung—Ph: 9276 9451 or 0405 833 358

### PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

**Recently Deceased:** Lillian Raphael and Earl Edwards;

**Deceased:** All the holy souls, Edwin Bowers, Peter Nguyen, Anne Dang, John of the Baptist Pham; Joseph Pham, Maria Tran and Theresa Tran, Liliana Conier;

**Anniversaries:** Aurelio Altiro, Arthur D'Lemos, Francesca Pintabona, Maria Rosa Tassone, Barbara Preston;

**The Sick of the Parish:** all who are in need of our prayers.

*"I wait for the Lord, and in his word I put my hope.."*



### POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS—Nov 2023

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



### PREPARE FOR ADVENT

Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with **The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023**—containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2023) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2024). The booklets are available now from the piety stall and parish office for \$5 a



### 2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Now available at the Piety Stall and Parish Office for \$8 each

### 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

### Our Parish Team

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**Web:** www.infantjesusparish.org.au

## PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOHN PAUL II CHURCH

6 Kurrajong Blvd, Banksia Grove WA

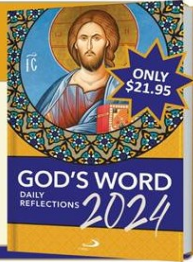
Friday 8 December

HOUR OF GRACE FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. Depart Morley Parish from rear carpark behind our church at 8.45am. Departing Banksia Grove at 4.00pm. \$55.00 per person, including morning tea, picnic lunch, tea & coffee  
Call Francis to book on 0404 893 877

## GOD'S WORD 2024

DAILY REFLECTIONS LITURGICAL DIARY

God's Word 2024 is available now from Gatto Christian Shop for \$21.95 a copy, or we can get them for you. Please contact parish office to order your copy.



## Needing a new home

L'Arche Perth is actively seeking an additional house and car so that we may extend a welcome to more people with an intellectual disability and resume respite opportunities for others in need. Our preference is for a property reasonably close to our Dianella house, where people with and without disability have been living together since 2021.

L'Arche is a not-for-profit, faith-based organisation for people living with an intellectual disability. We offer high quality, person-centred support for adults with intellectual disability who make home together in cities across Australia (Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Bendigo, Brisbane) and around the world.

If you or someone you know has a house or car to offer, please call Shirlene Bell on 0487 075 387.

### THIS WEEKEND — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time—05 November 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Hari Geigenmuller	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Conan Dewitt	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Shawn; Josemiguel; Andres and Nathan	Cyril	Andrei; Jules and Kim	Alex; Dorothy; Bryant and Alden
Proclaimers	Naethan and Meghan	Bernie and Rita	Tony and Mark	Alan and Fely
Extr. Ministers of Communion	Nevellene and Valerie	Brian and Debbie	Aileen and Annette N	Thuy and Tristan
Hospitality	Denise and John T	Angela and Selina	Sophie and Sr. Chitra	Ancilla and Chrystal
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 11 November 2023 @ 9.30am			

### NEXT WEEKEND — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—12 November 2023

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Chris Wray	David Pham	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Erin; Abigail; Royce and Savio	Elizabeth and Peter	Victoria; Manuel and Ruben	Tim; Dan and Larissa
Proclaimers	Tang and Valerie	Sally and Marie	Josephine and Chris A	Alishia and Eloise
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Chris A and Sejin	Jose and Carl	Joan and Patrick	Maureen and Ivor
Hospitality	Emily and Milly	Mavis and Sally	Marion and Patrick	Maureen and Anthony
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 17 November, 2023 @ 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.

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