

Dear sisters and brothers,

Today's Collect: *O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.* This prayer, written by Pope Vigilius, dates from 537 and gives thanks for the deliverance of Rome from a barbarian siege. God is felt as being intimately close to the community, offering continuous protection, guidance and leadership. Even in the midst of calamity, God is with us- close, merciful and abundant. We can trust him, constant in prayer remaining strong in the midst of crisis.

Today's **Gospel** begins a series of five Sundays from the 6th chapter of John's Gospel. It starts with the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (Jn 6:1-15). In the first half of John's Gospel a sign (miracle) is followed by a long discourse unpacking the meaning of the sign. The theme of the discourse is that Jesus is the Bread of Life. The reference is to the Jewish feast of Passover celebrating the liberation of the Hebrew slaves from Egypt and their formation through the covenant into the people of God.

Seated on a mountain in front of the crowds, Jesus challenges his disciples with the question, 'Where can we buy bread?' Clearly it is impossible, in the middle of nowhere, to buy enough even if they had enough money. Jesus tells them to have the people sit down upon the green grass. The Greek word translated 'sit down' has the sense of 'recline as if for a banquet'. This creates the expectation of being fed well. The disciples are understandably anxious. They will look like fools telling people to get ready for a banquet in an isolated place far from shops and resources. For Jesus it is not a question of 'buying' anything but rather of becoming instruments of the divine generosity.

Feeding the 5,000 is sign, like the manna from heaven in Exodus where God sustained his people who were lost in the desert after fleeing Egypt. Jesus is the true Bread of Life come down from heaven to feed a hungry people now and always. He feeds a huge crowd with just five barley loaves and two fish.

Where Jesus is, there is abundance. With the Spirit of Jesus, how well do we perceive and meet the needs of others? The 12 baskets of leftovers can be seen as a symbol of the Eucharist by which Jesus continues to feed his people. The eucharistic celebration continues his revelation of the generous hospitality of God. The Eucharist feeds us with Christ, the Bread of Life and challenges us to be generous in response to the lost and hungry of our time.

—*Blessings, Fr Greg*



INITIAL OFFERING UPDATE

Thank you, planned givers, for your initial offering contributions to date.

We have received \$639.30 to

help offset planned giving envelope costs of \$1,800. Even though we are now four weeks into the 2024/25 planned giving program, we are still warmly accepting your offerings to help us further defray envelope costs - *PG Committee.*

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Eucharist Program dates are as follows:-

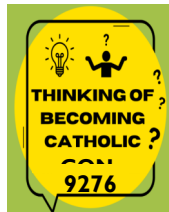
- * Parents Night : 5th August at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre
- * Commitment Masses : 17th August at 6.00pm & 18th August at 9.30am and 6.00pm
- * Parent & Child Workshop : 19th August at 7pm at the Parish Centre
- * Retreat : 5th September at the Parish Centre & Church
- * Eucharist Masses : 7th September at 11.00am OR 2.00pm



All enquiries to Theresa, Sacramental Coordinator - email sacramental@infantjesusparish.org.au

**Family
& Youth
Mass**

**IJ YOUTH & FAMILY MASS
THIS Sunday 28 July 6pm Mass**



Have you, or someone you know, ever thought about taking this step?

Perhaps you...

...have never been baptised but now feel drawn to explore it.

...have been baptised in another Christian Tradition but now want to continue your faith journey in the Catholic Church.

...have been baptised in the Catholic Church but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

If any of these describe you, we would very much like to hear from you! Please contact Billie at the parish office or Fr Greg on 9276 8500.

'Lift Up Your Hearts'

Bring the Mass to life for Children

This beautiful illustrated children's Mass book gives children all the texts which the assembly say or sing, along with short and easy-to-understand descriptions of what is happening. The illustrations have been drawn from the child's perspective, and emphasise that Mass is not something the priest is doing, but something that the priest is leading the people in doing. It conveyed the liturgy as a joyful event for families and communities to participate in together. It is available now from the piety stall and parish office from \$10 a copy.



PARISH LIBRARY OPEN— We have an extensive collection of books, journals and DVDs, feel free to come and browse during office hours or after the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

Celebrating 70 Years

This year our parish turns 70! Join us in celebrating who we are as a community today, thanks to all those who have worked and are still working to build our Catholic community in Morley.

✦ **Join us for a celebratory Mass and Multicultural lunch** ✦

MULTICULTURAL MASS & LUNCH

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST

11.00AM MASS FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

✦ Please bring savoury food from your culture to share. Food may be dropped off at the parish kitchen prior to the Mass. Dessert, tea & coffee and soft drinks provided. BYO alcohol (glasses provided).

✦ You are encouraged to wear traditional clothing from your culture on the day.

In the foyer, with the RSVP list, we have a box and paper slips.

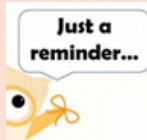
✦ Please write your country of birth on a slip and drop it into the box so that we can celebrate every country represented in our community.

✦ ✦ **PLEASE RSVP ON THE BOARD IN THE FOYER FOR CATERING PURPOSES.** ✦ ✦

Changes to the Italian Mass

From August 4 onwards

The regular Sunday 11.30am Italian Mass will be changed to 11.00am from 4 August, and will be celebrated by our Carmelite friars in a bi-lingual Mass. All parishioners are welcome to this mass where the Scripture Readings, Prayers of the Faithful, hymns and mass parts will all be in Italian while the homily, presidential prayers including the Eucharistic Prayer will be in English.



Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Convocation—12–14 September

Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation. We will gather online during Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together. Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available. For more information and to register, visit: www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation (Registrations close Monday 12 August 2024)

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Glenis Edmiston, Janet Gertrude Freer, Clare Cope, Rosina Lupo, Guisepppe Joe Guilotti and Helen Ross;

Deceased: Maria Moore, Bob Gomes, Peter Meek, Glen de Silva, and George De Vos;

Anniversaries: Fr Francis Ly, Anthony Parise, Robert Bruske, Costantino Colace, Tim Mc'Colliss, John Joseph Thornton, Joe Byrne, Regina Manuel, Frances Multari, Maria and Salvatore Macri, Vince La Galia, Dominic Peter Manno, Geoffrey James Meehan and Tony La Spada ;

The Sick of the Parish: All those who are in need of our prayers.

*"He is my loving God and my fortress;
my stronghold and my deliverer."*



The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady
Private adoration this week.

Supporting Our Parish Financially

First Collection for Carmelite Friars - EFT Details

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

Second Collection for Parish - EFT Details

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

In Our Church

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Our Parish Team

Morning Mass: Monday - Friday: 7am & 9am
Saturday and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (English and Italian), 6pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5 - 5.30pm
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:
Wednesday 6.30pm but not in Lent (**Stations of the Cross 7pm**)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 5.30 - 6.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office - enquiries@infantjesusparish.org.au | Ph: 9276 8500
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REMEMBERING MARY MACKILLOP MEMORIES, MUSINGS & MORNING TEA

A time to gather and to pray with St Mary of the Cross Mackillop on **8 August**. Commencing at 10.00am.



Venue: St Joseph's Chapel, 27 Penguin Road, Safety Bay
Please bring a plate of food to share

RSVP: Essential by 1st of the month

Contact: Dianne Colborne rsj

Ph: 9527 3240 | **E:** safety.bay@sosi.org.au

National Vocations Awareness Week—4 to 11 August 2024



Together with the Australian Catholic Diocesan Vocations Directors Conference, the Perth Vocations Office have developed a week of activities—in-person and online, for anyone who wishes to join us in sharing their vocation journey and find support for listening and answering God's unique call. Below is the outline of the events for the week or please scan the QR code for more information.

4 AUG—Thanksgiving Mass 11am, St Mary's Cathedral

7 AUG—Vocations @common ground at 6pm, CYM, Catholic Pastoral Centre.

9 AUG—Spiritual Formation Evening (for men 17+ years), 5.30pm, St Charles Seminary.

11 AUG—Soccer Tournament, 11.30am, Football West

For any information, please contact vocations office on 0220 5901 or email vocations@perthcatholic.org.au

THIS WEEKEND — 28 July 2024—17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter	Cyril	Josephine	Tung
Altar Servers	Aaditya, Abhay and Matthia	Ria and Lia	Andrei, Jules and Kim	Noah and Larissa
Proclaimers	Teresa and John	Valerie and Nev	Tony and Barbara	Nathan/Adam
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Sejin; Marie; Tracy and Chris T	Andrew; Michael; Margaret and Kerry	Errol; Tanya; Patrick; Annette; Aileen and Josephine	Emily; Sr Chau; Sr Le and Sr Oanh
Hospitality	Marisol and Donna-Marie	Mavis and Catrina	Roma and Jovana	Brenda and Olivia
Church Cleaning	Team A—Saturday, 3 August 2024 @ 9.30am			

NEXT WEEKEND — 04 August 2024—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Chris Lambert	Chris Yapp	David Ward
Altar Servers	Ethan; Nathan and Mathan	Elizabeth and Peter	Victoria; Manuel and Ruben	Tim and Dan
Proclaimers	Marian F and Tang	Sally and Marie	Rod and Mark	Marion W and Alan
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Emily; John; Teresa and Betty	Carl; Josie; Valerie and Nevellene	Marlene; Evelyn; Christina; Sr Justin; Magdalene and Linda	Maureen; Eloise; Ivor and Thuy
Hospitality	Meghan and Naethan	Barb and Veronica	Haydee and Barbara T	Joanne and Marina
Church Cleaning	Team B—Thursday, 8 August 2024 @ 9.45am			

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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