

Dear sisters and brothers,

The Collect: *Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created, and keep safe what you have restored.* This is another ancient prayer from the time when Rome was recovering from a barbarian siege in 537. Uppermost in the intention of the prayer is that God restore and preserve our peace and security after loss, stress or trauma.

Today our **Gospel** reading is from John (6: 24 -35), where we begin the long discourse on the Bread of Life. The **First Reading** (Ex 16:2-4, 12-15) describes the gift of 'bread from heaven' with which God fed the Israelites lost in the desert. As the Passover is central to the Jewish religious identity this is good background to Jesus speaking of himself as the Bread of Life.

The crowds who Jesus had fed by multiplying loaves and fish catch up with him and engage him in conversation. They ask questions that show they misunderstand who he is and what is his mission. Part of this is their sense of identity is closed and are not open to anything new. Jesus points out that they have been seeking him because they had been fed. They failed to 'see the sign', that is the meaning of feeding the five thousands.

The multiplied bread and fish is a sign pointing to Jesus himself. He is the 'Bread' sent from heaven to satisfy the deepest human needs. All that is needed is to believe in Jesus, the Bread of Life. The people are unconvinced and talk about Moses as the miracle worker in the desert. Jesus says No! it was God not Moses who fed them and set them free. Now God has sent Jesus as the Bread from heaven for the life of the world. People need to let go their accustomed certainties to be open to receive the lasting gift of God in Jesus.

Through the spiritual nourishment of the Bread of Life, we live our Christian vocation in the particular calling/ vocation that God has given each of us so that we will never be hungry or thirsty again and can bring nourishment to those around us. Vatican II stated in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy that Christ, the Bread of Life, is truly present in the person of the priest, the Word of God, the consecrated bread and wine, and in the Church community gathered in prayer. We live out our personal vocation that is God-centred, fed by full, conscious and active participation in the Eucharist, and redemptive for ourselves and for those with whom we share life in the world.

A Suggestion

I recently saw the Australian movie *The Way, My Way* and found it funny, stunningly beautiful and thoughtful. It is about a very unlikely pilgrim from Australia on the ancient Camino de Santiago de Compostela. The Camino, "the Way", is an 800 km pilgrimage to the Shrine of St James in Santiago. The movie will be showing at the Event Cinema, Morley on Friday, 23 August at 10.30AM You may enjoy it!

—*Blessings, Fr Greg*

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 15th August

Masses at 7.00am, 9.00am (Whole School Mass) and 7.00pm

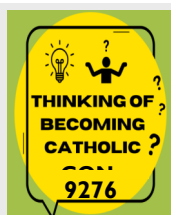


Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy

Day of Obligation, which means all baptised Catholics are obliged to attend Mass.

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC? BAPTISED BUT NOT CONFIRMED?

If you would like to find out more about what is involved in becoming a Catholic, or if you or another adult you know would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion or Confirmation, please come along to our enquiry morning on **Saturday 17th August at 9am in the parish centre.** All are welcome. Please call the parish office on 9276 8500 if you would like any more information or just turn up on the day.



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.*

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note: It has come to our attention that there are some parishioners receiving phishing scam emails & texts purporting to be from our friars, seeking your assistance or asking you to contact them. Please **DO NOT** act on any such notification. To protect yourself, please always verify the sender and exercise caution with online communications or contact the parish office if in doubt. Thank you.





The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady
This week in the home of
Clair Harris—Ph: 9276 9124

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Bina Moggan, Jacqueline Dupont and Rosina Lupo;

Deceased: Alix Rostocil, Alan Summersett, Jennifer Cooke, Bob Gomes and Charles Reincastle;

Anniversaries: Heinz Rostocil, Meri D'Abbondio, Iris D'Rozario, Casimiro Nguyen, Anna Trieu, Eric Hartley, Doug Bolton and Christopher Etty;

The Sick of the Parish: Jean Vilbro and all those who are in need of our prayers.

"Your ways, O God, are holy."



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

MEMORIAL MASS

Tuesday, 6th August at 9am

All welcome to join us at Mass in praying for all our deceased family members and friends.

Pope Francis' Intention for August 2024 For Political Leaders

We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.



Calendar of Saints

06 Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord
08 Aug: St Mary of the Cross, virgin

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Just a gentle reminder that our parent night meeting is on this Monday 5th August at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. All enquiries to Theresa, Sacramental Coordinator - email sacramental@infantjesusparish.org.au

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.

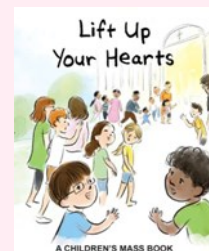
In the foyer, with the RSVP list, we have a box and paper slips.
✦ Please write your country of birth on a slip and drop it into the box so that we can celebrate every country represented in our community.

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

'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 for \$10 a copy.



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, 11.00am (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

PARISH OFFICE: 47 Wellington Road, Morley 9276 8500

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INFANT JESUS PLAYGROUP
Bringing local families together through play and learning

TERM 3
Week 1 starting 17th July


9:30am - 11:30am
Every Wednesday

Infant Jesus Parish Hall
47 Wellington road Morley

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING PROGRAM

The updated screening and monitoring policy developed by the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Program Office is available in the Church foyer. ALL paid and unpaid workers (including volunteers) are required to read this policy. The policy is also available online on the Archdiocesan Website under 'Safeguarding'. Please ensure that you read it as soon as possible. Also, the safeguarding personal declaration form is now overdue. Please return the completed form if you haven't done so.



70 CELEBRATING 70 YEARS 1954-2024
Infant Jesus School

SAVE THE DATE!

INFANT JESUS SCHOOL'S
70TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

OCTOBER 19 6-10PM

MORLEY NORANDA RECREATION CLUB

THIS 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			

NEXT WEEKEND — 11 August 2024—19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Bruce Erneste	Chris Wray	David Ward	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Naethan; Meghan; Lachlan and Mathan	Frank	Crissanto; Cesar and Leah	Alyssa; Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	Megan and Sylvia	Liz and Rita	Josephine and Leah	Anna and Maureen
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Chris A; Sejin; Marie and Tracy	Brian; Debbie; John and Kathleen	Marilyn; Joan; Anna; Roma; Errol and Tanya	Tristan; Maureen; Eloise and Ivor
Hospitality	Manisha and Megan	Angela and Selina	Deb and Loretta	Rita and Fely
Church Cleaning	Team C— Saturday, 17 August 2024 @ 9.30am			

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