

Our Parish Priests over the years

Before the arrival of the Discalced Carmelites

1954 Fr George O'Leary

Teresian Carmelite Priests serving in Morley

1956 Fr Hilary Doran

1960 Fr Alphonsus Folan

1969 Fr Hubert Doyle

1972 Fr Pat Monaghan

1975 Fr Michael Brown

1981 Fr Hubert Doyle

1987 Fr Gregory Burke

1993 Fr Paul Maunder

1997 Fr Gregory Burke

1999 Fr Gerard Moran

2005 Fr Paul Maunder

2010 Fr Sunny Abraham

2017 Fr Gregory Burke

Morley Parish: bricks and mortar, heart and soul

Dear sisters and brothers,
Today we remember and give thanks to God for our parish community. This year we are 70 years old! And, today we celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the dedication of our Church on 29 August 1992. The name for churches in Greek, ekklesia, means an assembly or gathering (synagogue has the same meaning). So, the Church is primarily about people gathering. Through his death and resurrection, Christ, the true and perfect temple of the New Covenant, gathered a people to be his own. This holy people is the church built of living stones, where the Father is worshiped in spirit and in truth. *(From the Vatican Doc on the Dedication of a Church)* Today we remember the people who are and have been our parish for 70 years.

Our parish is 70 years old this year. St Paul's Parish, Morley, began on 4 July 1954 with the appointment of Fr George O'Leary as Parish Priest. He made his home in the Bedford Presbytery. To begin, he bought land on Walter Road, opposite the present Coventry Village where a multi-purpose church/hall/school was built. The school was staffed by Dominican Sisters from Bedford. This humble beginning soon ran into trouble. Morley at that time had not developed. The area was mostly used for market gardens or small farms; the water table was high, and many roads while impressive on the map, were not complete but ended in swamps. It became obvious that the parish could not support a single diocesan priest.

In 1955 the Carmelites were invited by Archbishop Prendiville to make a foundation in the diocese. Frs Jarlath Flynn and Hilary Doran came from Brisbane. They were assured Morley was about to grow and would soon become self-sustaining. Fr Hilary was left behind to be parish administrator while living at the North Perth Monastery with the Redemptorists. He got to know and like the people, many of whom were post war migrants from Europe. On 24 June 1956, Rome approved the Carmelite foundation in Morley. Fr Hilary was the parish priest. He was joined by Fr Albert McKeogh newly arrived from Ireland.



Other Carmelite Brethren in residence in Morley

1957 Fr Dermot O'Sullivan

Fr Albert McKeogh

1960 Fr Robert (Michael) Coen

1962 Br James Groth

1964 Fr Leonard (Neville) Treston

1966 Fr John Venard Smith

1968 Fr Marius (John) Landy

1969 Fr Terence Cahill

1971 Fr Francis Moylan

1972 Fr Des Williamson

1973 Fr Joseph Kelly

1984 Fr Raymond Clasby

1990 Fr John Hughes

1993 Fr Angelo Gatto

1999 Fr John Follent

2001 Fr Joe Cardoso

2010 Fr Tadgh Tierney

2015 Fr John Pallipadan

2022 Fr Adalbert Imperial

From early times 'church' has also been the name given to the building in which the Christian community gathers to hear the word of God, to pray together, to receive the sacraments, and to celebrate the eucharist. The church building is a sign of the pilgrim Church on earth and reflects the Church dwelling in heaven. The very nature of a church demands that it be suited to sacred celebrations, dignified not marked by costly display. It should stand as a sign and symbol of spiritual realities. 'The general plan should be such that it conveys the image of the gathered assembly. It should also allow the participants to take the place most appropriate to them and assist all to carry out their individual functions properly.' Today, we remember the three Morley parish churches plus the church-halls St Jude's in Holdhurst Way and Good Shepherd in Lockridge (old church hall) which hold many memories and stories.





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Nearby Mount Lawley Parish had been established after Morley but was also called St Paul's. In 1956 Fr Hilary was inspired to have the church and school re-named as Infant Jesus. It was deliberately not called Infant Jesus of Prague. Fr Hilary was an energetic parish priest. The parish was soon booming with many young families. The ladies of the parish were rostered to provide meals for the Carmelites.



Fr Hilary decided the site on Walter Road wasn't big enough or in the right location, so he bought two blocks of land- the present one on Wellington Road and one in Smith Street for the parish school. In 1960 our second parish church with the attached Carmelite priory was built. Since the Carmelites owned the land on Wellington Road the Archdiocese would not provide any financial assistance to build a new parish church. Fr Hilary got a loan from the Carmelites in Dublin. Fr Alphonsus Folan was PP from 1960 until 1969. In his time, the loan from the Irish Carmelites was repaid.

In 1987, I came to Morley as PP. On my arrival Carmelite Fr Hubert Doyle, the previous PP told me of a scheme to expand the small parish meeting room. Plans had been submitted to the Archdiocesan authorities but nothing had been heard. I made enquiries and found that no approval would be given to build on land owned by the Carmelites. I was told to engage in Pastoral Planning and to look at all the assets of the parish, to sort out the land issue and to work out what would be the best set of buildings/resources for the mission of the Church in the whole Morley area. We set up a lay committee to lead this work. We called whole parish meetings to explain issues and keep everyone informed.

The land was subdivided, St Jude's, Holdhurst Way, was given to the Church for the use of the Personal Advocacy Service and excess land there was sold. We built the new priory in 1990 and dedicated the new Church in 1992. The old church was blessed and recommissioned in 1993 as the well-used Parish Centre.



None of this would have been possible without the many, generous people who gave of their time and talent from the beginning until today. We gratefully remember our families and friends who have been part of our parish story, the volunteers and ministers, our dedicated office staff, the religious and the Carmelites who have served us. We give thanks for the blessings we have received from God and ask God's continued blessings for our Church in Morley.

—Blessings, Greg

**Photos front page:
First church; Fr Hilary and First Communicants**

**Photos this page:
Sue Jones, Beres Jones, Audrey Coonan;
2nd Church 1960, and 3rd Church 1992**





To come to possess all, desire to possess nothing.
To arrive at being all, desire to be nothing.
-St John of the Cross

**A Carmelite Day Retreat
with Fr Adalbert Imperial, OCD**

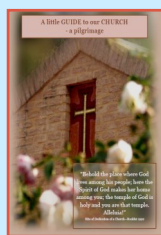
**“Spiritual Detachment as the Path to Ultimate
Freedom: Teachings from St John of the Cross”**

Come and join us for a Day Retreat with Fr Adalbert Imperial, OCD as he explores the importance of total detachment in the spiritual life. Fr Adalbert will draw upon the writings of the 16th Century Carmelite saint and poet, St John of the Cross, who is numbered among the greatest mystics and spiritual masters of the Catholic Tradition. For some, the figure, reputation, and writing of St John of the Cross can be intimidating, inaccessible, and somewhat esoteric, however the aim of the day is to invite retreatants to encounter this great saint and lover of God who teaches us a way of encounter the God who loves us more than we can ever imagine.

Date: Saturday 5 October 2024 from 9.30am — 3pm
Venue: St Catherine’s House of Hospitality
113 Tyler Street, Tuart Hill 6060
Cost: \$30 pp (includes morning tea and lunch)

RSVP by 1 October, 2024

Please Note: Registration Limit - 35 persons
P: 9443 9020 E: stcatherines@westnet.com.au



**“A Little GUIDE to our Church—
a pilgrimage”**

A perfect gift for our Parish Feast Day

On this weekend of the 70th Anniversary of Morley Parish and the 32nd anniversary of the Dedication of our Church. This booklet is a “Walking Tour”, explaining the building materials, artwork, signs and symbols and all that was placed in our Church at the time of building. With everything inside and outside there is a purpose, meaning and significance so it is quite educational. Booklets will be on sale at all the Masses this weekend. \$5 a copy. Pick one up and use it to walk around inside and outside whilst reading it.

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Cathy Kora and Clarice Peters;

Deceased: Clare and Norman Boswell, Bill and Nettie Beukelaar, Michael Evans;

Anniversaries: Fr Alphonsus Folan, OCD, Bro James Groth, OCD, Hung Nguyen-Le, Markby Moore, Maria Tenaglia, Maria Panizza, Laura Albanese and Diego Giannagostino;

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

“We wait in hope for the Lord, he is our help and our shield.”



**FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE
NEXT WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES**

Two great prizes have been donated that could put a smile on Dad's face this Father's Day.
Be in it to win it!
Tickets 3 for \$5.00

**St Phoebe's Day—A Day of Learning about St Phoebe
and the ministry of Deacon**

Tuesday 3 September - 9.30am gathering for 10.00am start to 2pm

Presented by Deborah Robertson from The Spirituality Hub Kirup. Zoom input from Sr Elizabeth Young RSM of Wilcannia and from Deacon Patrick Moore from Armadale parish in person. Reflection, prayer and discussion will be part of the day. Please share this information with your friends. Zoom participation also available.

Venue: In person at St Catherine’s House of Hospitality 113 Tyler Street, Tuart Hill. Bring your own lunch. Refreshments provided.

Cost: \$20 fully waged or \$15 concession or what you can afford. Register to attend in person or on Zoom via email at deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com or via mobile 0419 939 864

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