

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

23 March 2025



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Saturday and Public Holidays: 8.30am

Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday),

7.30am, 9.30am, 11.00am (English & Italian) and 6pm

Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5.00 - 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

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God bless you and all your family

Dear sisters and brothers,

Collect: *O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy.* **Comment** To stand before God is inevitably to 'confess our lowliness'! This prayer is hope-filled, meditative and true to our nature. God is author of all mercy and all goodness. This 'authoring' of God implies continued upholding, sustaining and completion. What God begins, God does not abandon. This 6th century prayer captures our humility as sinners with our confidence as believers, so it is fitting for the first scrutiny of the catechumens.

This Sunday we have the first of the three Scrutinies for those being received into the church at Easter and the first of profound readings from John's Gospel on three consecutive Sundays. The **Gospel** (Jn 4:5-42) features the story of Jesus' meeting and conversation with a Samaritan woman. The theme in the Gospel and the **First Reading** (Ex 17. 3-7) is life-giving water. Stories in the Fourth Gospel begin with a human need for something which Jesus remedies miraculously. The meaning of the sign is then shown in a dialogue between Jesus and others. The sign of living water is, in fact, the love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. our **Second Reading** today Rom 5. 1-5).

Jesus breaks an important social rule by speaking to a woman to whom he is not related and he breaks the ethnic taboo by speaking to a Samaritan. She is also a rule breaker being out in public in the middle of the day. Jesus expresses his need for a drink of water. The conversation ignites her own desire for what Jesus has to offer. At first, she thinks he can provide fresh water 'on tap'. Jesus then turns the conversation to the woman's life story by asking her to call her husband. She responds cheekily that she has no husband. Jesus enjoys this battle of wits. He knows her story. She then recognises Jesus as a prophet and asks if he might be the Messiah. Jesus' answer is simple and profound: 'I am' (the words God uses to Moses when asked his name Ex 3.14).

The woman then leaves her water jar behind. She grasps something of the gift that Jesus has for her. 'Come and see a man who told me the story of my life.' She understands that her life, with all its ups and downs, failures and wanderings is not as a disjointed series of episodes but an unfolding story of salvation. The woman becomes a missionary or an apostle to her own people. Women in John's Gospel have important roles (e.g. Mary Magdalen and Martha of Bethany).

Blessings, Fr Greg

THE SCRUTINIES

Over the next three Sundays (23 March, 30 March and 6 April 2025), our Church will celebrate rituals called the "scrutinies" during Mass. These are part of a series of rites of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) that are celebrated during Lent. For our "elect", that is, those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil, much preparation occurs before taking the final step, and part of this is their examination of their lives. Every time we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, we ask the questions, "Do you renounce Satan... and all his works...and all his empty promises?" These are serious questions. We should consider them carefully before answering. And that is what the elect, those preparing to be baptized at the Easter Vigil, spend much of Lent doing.

After the homily, in a litany of intercession, the power of Jesus over all sin is proclaimed.

A prayer is then said over the elect asking for their deliverance and strengthening.

Because the entire community will renew its baptismal promises at Easter, we all take this opportunity to examine our way of life and ask ourselves whether we are truly living as Christ's disciples, as people of the Gospel.

We ask the entire Christian community to pray for them that whatever needs healing within them is eliminated and that whatever is good and holy is affirmed.

PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER

We pray for all those who live with disability, especially those who are stigmatised in any way. May we do all we can to support their flourishing as truly equal participants in the human family.



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22nd and 23rd of March 2025

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AT INFANT JESUS CHURCH

7PM EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING LENT
12TH MARCH-9TH APRIL



2PM EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
7TH MARCH-11TH APRIL

PALM SUNDAY

**Saturday 12 April 6pm
& Sunday 13 April**



A gentle reminder to all parishioners, your relatives and friends that there will be no palms or branches supplied at the church for Palm Sunday. As scripture says, '... leafy branches that they had cut in the fields..' (Mark 11:11,8) So we invite you to cut a branch from a shrub near you before coming to the Masses on 12 & 13 April.



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, 12 APRIL

**Parish Busy Bee for Easter Saturday 12 April
from 9am - 12noon.**

As we prepare our hearts for the great feast of Easter, we also need to prepare our parish grounds and centre so that they are clean and fresh for our Easter celebrations as a community and with our many visitors. There will be gardening, cleaning and small maintenance jobs to be done. Children are very welcome to come with their parents to help. A sausage sizzle will be provided for all helpers.

It would be nice to see some new faces!

Community / Christian service hours opportunity—High School students are welcome to use this opportunity to complete their community service hours. Please call Lucy at the parish office on 9276 5800 to register your interest.

SAVE THE DATES THIS LENT...

- ✘ **To ready our hearts for Easter:**
2nd Rite of Reconciliation - Wednesday 9 April 7pm
- ✘ **To ready our church and parish centre for Easter:**
Parish Busy Bee - Saturday 12 April 9-12pm.
- ✘ **To welcome Jesus to Jerusalem:**
Passion Sunday: Saturday 12 April 6pm & Sunday 13

Visit our website for the latest updates, event details, and ways to get involved. Whether you're looking for service times, online giving, or upcoming activities, you'll find it at <http://infantjesusparish.org.au>



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The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady
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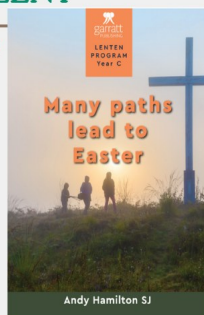
WEEKLY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

“Many paths lead to Easter”

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Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently Deceased: Chantal Adams;
Anniversaries: Fr Tadgh Tierney, OCD, Donald Laidlaw, Emma D'Ambrogio, Evelina D'Angelo, Luigi and Ida Parravicini, Antonio and Pompea Viola, Mary Preston, Raffaele Ardizzone;

and all those in need of our prayers.

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

Calendar of Saints

25 Mar: The Annunciation of the Lord

THIS WEEKEND — 23 March 2025— Third Sunday of Lent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Chris Wray	David Ward	Chris Yapp	Tang Nguyen
Altar Servers	Ethan; Nathan and Lachlan	Tim and Dan	Andrei and Leah		Amy; Megan and Alden
Proclaimers	Marion and Lucy	Marie and Sally	Josephine and Leah		FAMILY MASS—Meghan/Nathan
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Chris T; John; Marie and Teresa	Michael; Margaret; Kathleen and Kerry	Josephine; Marilyn; Evelyn; Christina; Sr Justine and Magdalene		Sr Chau; Sr Le; Sr Oanh and Emily
Hospitality	Roopa and Manisha	Quinn and Francisca	Roma and Sr Chitra		Anne and Pramila
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 29 March 2025 @ 9.30am				

NEXT WEEKEND — 30 March 2025—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Chris Lambert	Chris Yapp	Chris Lambert	David Ward
Altar Servers	Naethan; Meghan and Meldon	Aaron and Frank	Victoria and Manuel		Alex; Dorothy and Bryant
Proclaimers	Sabrina and Sylvia	Clare and Rita	Sr Chitra and Rod		Eloise and Maureen
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Chris; Sejin; Tracy and Chris T	Valerie; Nevellene; Carl and Josie	Annette; Joan; Linda; Marlene; Roma and Tanya		Eloise; Adam; Thuy and Ivor
Hospitality	Marisol and Donna-Marie	Mavis and Catrina	Josephine and Barbara		Julie and Adam
Church Cleaning	Team D— Friday, 04 April, 2025 @ 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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The Living Word of God NRSV

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A Readings ♦ Sunday 23 March 2025

NOTE: Year A Gospels for today and the next two Sundays are of major importance in regard to Christian initiation. As such the readings for Year A will be used for these Sundays in unity with our parish catechumens and candidates.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf Ps 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the
snare.

Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

FIRST READING Ex 17:3-7

In the wilderness the people thirsted for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9 (R.7c+8a)

**R. If today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock
of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with
thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with
songs of praise! **R.**

O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our
Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the
people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand. **R.**

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Gospel Focus – Transformation

The woman has obviously come to the well to draw water for herself. Her encounter with Jesus is a moment of transformation for her. At first, she fails to comprehend his reference to 'living water' and never being thirsty again. However, in the end 'the woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town.' Leaving her water jar behind was a sign of the transformation that had taken place within her. She had indeed drunk of the living water of Jesus and no longer paid attention to the need for water that had brought her to the well.

SECOND READING Rom 5:1-2,5-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf Jn 4:42,15

Glory to you, Word of God,

Lord Jesus Christ!

**Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the
world;**

give me living water,

that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God,

Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his children

and his flocks drank from it?"

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming" (who is called the Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world. ✠"

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

FIRST READING: 1 Sam 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (R.1)

SECOND READING: Eph 5:8-14

GOSPEL: Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38