

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

30 March 2025



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

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Morning Mass: Monday - Friday: 7am & 9am

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

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:

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God bless you and all your family

Dear sisters and brothers,

Collect *O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.* Today we celebrate Lent more joyfully: rose vestments may be used, instrumental music is permitted, and the altar may be decorated with flowers. The opening prayer speaks of wonder and eagerness as we look forward with joy and hope to Easter when we celebrate the heart of Christian faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus by which all are reconciled to God. The prayer asks that we respond fully to that great mystery.

In Lent we embark on a journey and undertake a fresh start making a change in our lives with a new, uplifting outlook. Our **Second Reading** (Eph 5:8-14) reminds us that we were once in darkness but now through Baptism and faith we live in the light of Christ. The Second Scrutiny today focusses on the journey of our RCIA elect in the light of Christ.

In today's **Gospel** (Jn 9:1-41) we hear the story, as told by John, of Jesus' cure of the man born blind. He moves from darkness into light. Not only does the man gain his sight but he also comes to see that Jesus is the Christ. The miracle is actually a sign revealing who Jesus is and the light that faith in him brings us. Meanwhile the custodians of the faith, self-confident in their knowledge of the tradition, do not see the new thing that God is doing before their very eyes. For all their focus on Scripture and Tradition they fall into spiritual blindness, not seeing Jesus or receiving him who is the Light of the World.

This story takes place during the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles (7.2) when the Temple was lit up by giant braziers placed on its walls. Pilgrims coming for the festival would see the illuminated temple from a great distance. Now the true place where God is present in the world is revealed to be not a building but in Jesus, the true Light of the World. The faith journey of the man born blind is a paradigm for our own faith journeys. The man only speaks of what he knows. When questioned about Jesus, he simply sticks to the facts and draws conclusions only as they are forced upon him. His journey into ever deeper faith and understanding of Jesus ('the man called Jesus'; 'a prophet'; 'a man from God'; 'the Son of Man') is a journey into ever deeper faith. May our eyes be opened to see the light of Christ in those we welcome to our Eucharistic community and all those who suffer in our world.

Blessings, Fr Greg

As the liturgies over Holy Week are very different, this is a reminder that the week commences with Passion/Palm Sunday (BYO branches or palms). The main procession, (we gather under the tree) is at 9:30am Mass.

The Triduum, (one great feast lasting 3 days) commences Holy Thursday 17 April at 7:00pm. There is no final blessing and the liturgy continues Good Friday 18 April, commencing with no greeting and closing with no final blessing but time for quiet veneration of the cross.

There is only one Mass on Easter Saturday 19 April at 7:00pm. The Easter Vigil! The doors of the church will be closed as we commence the liturgy by gathering outside by the fire at 7:00pm. This Mass is longer than usual and we only experience it once a year. People will be baptised at this Mass.

On Easter Sunday, 20 April we all sing alleluia at the usual Mass time, He is risen.

PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER

We pray for all those driven away from their homes by violence, persecution or poverty, especially women. May our hearts be open to do all we can to rebuild lives of others through supporting Caritas Australia and the work of Project Compassion. May we be instruments of God's peace and pilgrims of hope.



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Fourth Sunday of Lent
29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



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LETTER-BOX DROP FOR EASTER

Invitations to our Palm Sunday and Holy Week celebrations are now available in the foyer. Please help bring our brothers and sisters back to Mass this Easter by letterbox dropping your area.

PLEASE ONLY DELIVER WITHIN THE PARISH BOUNDARIES and remember to mark off the streets you will deliver to, so that we do not have any doubling-up.

This is such a simple way for us to spread the Good News. If you have not joined in the letterbox drop in the past, why not do it this year?



Stations of the Cross

AT INFANT JESUS CHURCH

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



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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. Young children are very welcome to come with their parents to help. A sausage sizzle will be provided for all helpers.

**Please register your interest in the church
foyer today!**

Community / Christian service hours opportunity—High School students are also welcome to use this opportunity to complete their community service hours.

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 April



2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

— 9 April at 7pm—

Please take an information leaflet from the church foyer



Join us for an hour for this quietly reflective celebration of healing and reconciliation as part of your Lenten preparations for Easter. The word of God will be proclaimed 3 times as in Lectio Divina. In the quiet, allow His words to speak to you. The priests will be in full view of all present. Your confession is to be kept brief and you return to your seat for prayer— don't go home yet! Stay to give thanks together as a community as we rejoice in our renewed friendship and new life with God. **NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON THIS DATE.**



The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady
This week in the home of Amanda and Mark
Ph: 0414 169 726 or 0422 540 496

Pope Francis' Intention for March For the use of new technologies

Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships; will respect the dignity of the person and will help us face the crises of our times.



BEREAVEMENT MASS

Our Bereavement Mass will be held on
Tuesday, 1st April 2025 at our 9.00am Mass



Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently Deceased: Phyllis Drobjee, Fred Albanese, Domenico Italiano, Salvatore Belladonna;

Deceased: Brent Naughton, Peter Meek;

Anniversaries: Rosa Cataldi, Nina & Enzo de Vecchis, Fr Tadhg Tierney, Louise Claudette Stive, Rodney & Denzel McGuinness, Queenie Sampson, Anna, Casimiro, Anton, Lucy, Maxim Barnes, Heidi Driessen, Teresa & Federico Cardi, Joe Versace;

and all those in need of our prayers.

"We wait in hope for the Lord, he is our hope and our shield."

THIS 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				

NEXT WEEKEND — 06 April 2025—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Bruce Erneste	Cyril Mathew	Josephine Joseph-McManus	John Tomczak	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Savio; Ethan and Mathan	Ria and Lia	Crissanto and Cesar		Amy; Megan and Alden
Proclaimers	John and Teresa	Shirley and Bernie	Mark and Barbara		Alisha and Marion W
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Emily, John, Marie, Teresa	Margaret, Kathleen, Kerry, John	Sr Chau, Sr Lee, Sr Oanh, Errol, Patrick, Anna		Maureen, Tristan, Eloise, Adam
Hospitality	Emily and Milly	Barb and Veronica	Deb and Loretta		Brenda and Ancilla
Church Cleaning	Team A— Saturday, 12 April 2025 @ 9.30am				

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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4th SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A Readings ♦ Sunday 30 March 2025

NOTE: Year A Gospels for today and next Sunday 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 Isa 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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

The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

When the sons of Jesse came, Samuel looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." Jesse sent and brought David in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.

(Quiet reflection time)

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

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul. **R.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. **R.**

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. **R.**

SECOND READING Eph 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it is said,

"Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you."

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf Jn 4:42,15

**Glorify to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

**I am the light of the world,
says the Lord;**

whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

**Glorify to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent).

Then the man who was blind went and washed, and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." They brought to the

Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided.

So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshipped him. ✠

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf Jn 9:11,38

The Lord anointed my eyes:
I went, I washed, I saw and
I believed in God.

Living the Gospel – Lenten Light

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 5th SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 129. R. v.7

SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45