

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

2 February 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

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God bless you and all your family

Dear sisters and brothers,

This Sunday it is forty days since Christmas. Today we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, also known as Candelmas. We hear how Jesus' salvific mission and identity is recognised by two elderly people. His light shines forth to the eyes of faith (the old couple experience an epiphany). The blessing of candles reminds us that the light of Christ is given to us in Baptism. Keep that light burning brightly!

In today's **Gospel** (Lk 2:22-40) Luke gives us a biblical basis for this feast, though he actually joins two different offerings. According to Exod 13, all first-born males, animal and human, belong to the Lord and need to be 'redeemed' by a sum paid to the Temple. Taking the child to the Temple was not required. However, another rite did require being in the Temple. This was the purification of the mother of a child forty days after childbirth (cf. Lev 12:1-8). On this occasion an offering was made – in the case of the poor, as Luke notes, 'a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons'.

In Luke's telling of the story 'the Lord' suddenly comes to his Temple, as was foretold by the prophet Malachi in our **First Reading** (Mal 3:1-4). But, instead of being a terrifying event the Infant Jesus comes to his Temple as an infant member of a simple family who make the offering of the poor. The **Second Reading** (Heb 2:14-18) underlines Jesus' identification with ordinary humanity. The offering that Joseph and Mary make foreshadows the total offering of Jesus whose whole life was offered for the salvation of all the world.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Today is also the sixth **Sunday of the Word of God**, a pastoral initiative of Pope Francis. He highlights the importance of the Word of God in the daily life of the Church and in our lives. The Word is not confined to a book but through the Spirit remains ever alive and becomes a concrete and tangible sign. The motto chosen by the Holy Father for this year, is a verse from Psalm 119, "I hope in your Word". It is a cry of hope: all of us in times of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, cry out to God and put all our hope in him. This Sunday is an integral part of the Year of Jubilee. Listening, sharing, living and proclaiming the Word of God as Pilgrims of Hope is not a one-day or one year task. It is a vocation for all our lives. *Buen Camino!*

Happy Feast and every blessing,

Greg

Welcome ...

Whether you are visiting, looking for a place to be with God or a parishioner here at Infant Jesus Morley, we are delighted to have you here with us. We invite you to come often and linger a while - the church is open everyday till 12.00pm if you wish to spend time with God privately or join the community at our regular Church services listed on the left. The parish centre is a hive of activity throughout the year - check the foyer boards for the weekly happenings or drop in for a cuppa with other parishioners. Our parish staff and volunteers are always happy to assist with any enquiries during office hours or at church services.

Parish Religious Education Programme

Classes for children not attending Catholic schools are held in our parish centre each Wednesday during school term from 4.15pm to 5.20pm. Enrolments for 2025 will be held on **Wednesday 5th February 2025 from 2.30pm-4.30pm** or email prep@infantjesusparish.org.au for an on-line enrolment form.

Helpers needed - do you have time on Wednesday afternoons during school term time to bring the Good News to our parish children who do not attend Catholic schools? Two catechists are needed to facilitate the PREP classes. You would be working with a wonderful committed team and using an easy-to-follow program and given all the help you need. Please email Sue at prep@infantjesusparish.org.au if interested or if you need more information.



A big thank you to **Stella Meek** for her 40 years of service at the 7:30am Piety Stall. We appreciate all your dedication and hard work over the years.

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady has been visiting family homes for many years in our parish. Parish families would usually invite family, friends and neighbours to join in praying the rosary when Our Lady is at home with them for the week. It is a beautiful time of prayer and fellowship.

How do I have Our Lady come visit my home?

You just need to put your details on the roster sheet provided in the church foyer. The Pilgrim Statue will be brought to your home on the nominated Monday between 10.30am and 11.00am and collected the following Monday between 10.15am and 10.30am. More detailed information is available in the church foyer - take a flyer home and contact Andrew Panizza 0401 248 116 if you have further queries.

BEREAVEMENT MASS

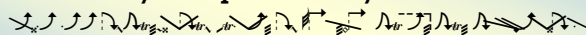


Our next Bereavement Group Mass will be held on **Tuesday, 4th February at 9.00am Mass** followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.

20 days ST. JOHN PAUL II PILGRIMAGE 2025 CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY IN FRANCE AND SPAIN with SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

Frs. John Pallipadan OCD & Adalbert Imperial OCD

Monday 29 Sept—Saturday 18 Oct 2025



ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT!
Contact Francis Williams ASAP on 0404 893 877

INFANT JESUS PLAYGROUP
Welcome!
TERM 1
Week 1 starting 11th February
9:30am - 11:30am Every Wednesday
Infant Jesus Parish Hall
47 Wellington road Morley
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Safer Internet Day 2025

Safer Internet Day is:
Tuesday 11 February 2025.

It is a global day of action dedicated to raising awareness of online safety. Pope Francis in his 2024 address on Communications Day, asks us to pray that

'human dignity may never lose its bearings, and that the wisdom that was present before all modern technology may return to us.'

Please access the Safer Internet Day Hub at

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/newsroom/whatson/sid>

to access Safeguarding Program Resources and eSafety Resources.

If you or someone you know is in need of a secondhand wheelchair, please contact the office for more details.

CARMELITE RETREAT DAY "ST JOHN OF THE CROSS" (PART 2) Presenter: Fr Adalbert Imperial, OCD

"Dark Night of the Soul: The Inflowing of God in the Soul"

In the Christian Mystical Tradition, the "Dark Night of the Soul" has often been linked with the doctrines of the Carmelite Saint, St John of the Cross. The Dark Night is an important motif in the writings of St John particularly regarding the soul's journey toward greater intimacy with God. Recently, however, the term has entered common parlance with various people attributing different meanings to the phrase.

Join us for a Day Retreat where we will explore what and what does not constitute the Dark Night of the Soul according to the teachings of this eminent Carmelite mystic. The aim is to explore one of the most important concepts in our rich Catholic Tradition to better understand how one may enter and experience the great graces of the Dark Night of the Soul.

Date: Tuesday, 4th March 2025
Time: 9:30am—3:00pm
Cost: \$30 (includes morning tea + lunch)
Venue: St Catherines House of Hospitality, Tuart Hill



Contact St Catherine's to register at stcatherines@westnet.com.au or on 9443 9020

RSVP by 27 February 2025 (35 spots available)



Pope Francis' Intention for February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Calendar of Saints

05 Feb: St Agatha, virgin, martyr

06 Feb: St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs



*Wishing Antoinetta Cecchele a Happy 90th Birthday!
~May God shower you with blessings as you celebrate this milestone~*



Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently deceased: Sandra Fowler;

Deceased: Bob Gomes, Bill & Nettie Beukelaar;

Anniversaries: Fr Jarlath Flynn, OCD, Patricia & Carmelo Russo;

The Sick of the Parish: Philip Mitchell and all those in need of our prayers.

"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."



The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady

Private devotion this week.

If you would like our Lady to visit your home, please write your name down on the list in the foyer.

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady

This week in the home of

Monica Chin—Ph: 9275 1736

THIS WEEKEND — 02 February 2025—The Presentation of the Lord

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Cyril Mathew	David Ward	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Shawn; Josemiguel; Andres and Mathan	Ria and Lia	Victoria and Manuel	Amy; Megan and Alden
Proclaimers	Tang and Megan	Nevellene and Valerie	Sr Chitra and Claire	Fely and Maureen
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Emily; Marie; Teresa and Chris	Valerie; Nevellene; Carl and Josie	Sr Chau; Sr Le; Sr Oanh; Errol; Patrick and Tanya	Eloise; Adam; Thuy and Ivor
Hospitality	Emily and Milly	Angela and Selina	Josephine and Barbara	Maureen and Anthony
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 7 February 2025 @ 10.30am			

NEXT WEEKEND — 09 February 2025—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Bruce Ernest	Chris Wray	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay; Matthia and Savio	Aaron and Frank	Andrei and Leah	Alex; Dorothy and Bryant
Proclaimers	Meghan and Naethan	Bernie and Marie	Josephine and Leah	Judy and George
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Sejin; Tracy; Chris T and John	Andrew; Margaret; Kathleen and Kerry	Marilyn; Evelyn; Christina; Aileen; Magdalene and Annette	Maureen; Tristan; Eloise and Adam
Hospitality	Sejin and Rose	Mavis and Sally	Deb and Loretta	Anne and Pramila
Church Cleaning	Team A—Saturday, 15 February 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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The Presentation of the Lord Year C ♦ Sunday 2 February 2025

♦♦ SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD ♦♦

FIRST READING Mal 3: 1-4

Thus says the Lord God:

'See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight –indeed, he is coming,' says the Lord of hosts. 'But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?'

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:7-10

R. The Lord of hosts: he is king of glory!

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

R.

Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle. **R.**

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

R.

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory. **R.**

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SECOND READING

Heb 2:10-11, 14-18

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the source of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"Here am I, and the children whom God has given me."

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that Jesus did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because Jesus himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is a light of revelation to the nations,

and the glory of your people Israel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 2:22-32 Short form

When the time came for their purification according to the law of

Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. As it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord," and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master; now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your
salvation,
which you have prepared in the
presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the
Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel."

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Gospel Focus – A Sword

Simeon's second pronouncement about Jesus is addressed to the child's mother, Mary. Having predicted the rejection that Jesus will endure, Simeon tells Mary, 'and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' He appears to be referring to the sacrifice that Mary will have to make in the future. On this day, Mary and Joseph have 'redeemed' their son from service to the Lord in the Temple. Despite this, Jesus is still destined for service to God and Mary will have to surrender him back to the Lord. Simeon suggests that Mary herself will be a sacrifice offered to God at this time.

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Communion Antiphon

Luke 2:30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.