

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

16 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

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:

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God bless you and all your family

Dear sisters and brothers,

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. This prayer was originally for the feast of the Ascension. The use of 'abide' refers us back to the Gospel of John where Jesus promises to remain in the heart of believers. Abiding in God's love involves keeping the commandments, including sharing with the poor. The language of God's indwelling, taken from St Paul, designates Christ's presence by faith, the presence of the Spirit and the Word. When God abides in hearts that are just and true our actions will be in harmony with God's will.

Let's look at the context of today's **Gospel**. In the conflicted situation of first century Israel, Jesus shows that he is with the poor and oppressed and not with the rich who anxiously cling to power. The biblical use of 'blessed' declares a person to be in a fortunate or advantageous position. It is like saying 'Congratulations!' However, declaring someone 'blessed' is usually in view of a coming action of God.

Still, it is outrageous to congratulate the poor on being poor, the hungry, those mourning and the reviled for being in their situations. It is counterintuitive to declare unfortunate the wealthy, well-fed, laughing and those with a good reputation. Luke's Beatitudes and Woes make sense in the light of the coming reversals to be brought about by God. This is a key theme in Luke's understanding of salvation. For example, recall Mary's Magnificat: *He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly. He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty* (Lk 1:51-53)

In today's **Gospel** (Lk 6:17, 20-26) Jesus is instructing his disciples before large crowds who are burdened and afflicted. At the edges there may also be those who are rich and powerful who have come to mock. The poor come because of Jesus' healing power (Lk 6:17-19). By adopting the values of the Beatitudes the disciples identify with the vulnerable and so become like Jesus as instruments of hope and healing. God is on the side of the poor and marginalised rather than the worldly rich and powerful. God's reign will reverse the present political, religious and social setup.

Jesus is not endorsing poverty or hunger as though they were good in themselves. They are evils to be eradicated. He is insisting that what most people reckon to be advantages and disadvantages are reversed. God has pledged to act on behalf of the poor and marginalised rather than the rich and powerful. What the Beatitudes call for is a preparedness to be vulnerable in the light of this understanding of God.

The Beatitudes and the Magnificat cannot be spiritualised so as to have no bearing upon economics, politics or social justice. At the same time, in Jesus' day the phrase 'the poor' was a standard self-description for the faithful in Israel who wait upon the Lord – like Simeon and Anna at the presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:22-38). At the heart of their waiting for economic and structural salvation lies a deep spiritual longing and trust in God. 'The poor' are all whose emptiness and humility provides room for the generosity of God. The **First Reading** (Jer 17:5-8) tells us that we will be blessed if we put our trust in God, not in the powers of this world.

Blessings, Fr Greg.



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

with SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS
Frs. John Pallippadan OCD & Adalbert Imperial OCD

Monday 29 Sept–Saturday 18 Oct 2025

If you are interested please grab a flyer in Church foyer for full details and to register your interest

Contact Francis Williams ASAP on 0404 893 877
PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE CARMELITE PILGRIMAGE:

Topic: Update and Adjusted Costs, and Logistics

Date: Sunday, 23 February 2025

Place: Infant Jesus Parish Centre

Time: 12.15 pm (after the 11am Italian-English Mass)

~Catholic Youth Ministry Perth~

“COMMON GROUND” is a space for like minded young adults to come together and belong. It is a place to grow in faith, through fellowship, formation, prayer, mission and ministry.

Wednesday Nights 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Catholic Pastoral Centre

40A Mary Street, Highgate

All Welcome!



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.

Venue: St Catherines House of Hospitality
Address: 113 Tyler Street, Tuart Hill 6060
Phone & Email: 9443 9020 stcatherines@westnet.com.au
RSVP: 27 February 2025
Cost: \$30 pp (includes Lunch and Afternoon Tea)

Date: Tuesday 4 March 2025
Time: 9.30am – 3pm
RSVP: 27 February 2025
Please Note: Registration Limit = 35 – pls advise dietary needs.

~PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF ITALY~

COME TO ITALY FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025



16th May 2025—29th May 2025

We will be visiting **Rome, Assisi, Loreto, Padre Pio, Puglia, Calabria and Sicily.**

14 Days; 11 Nights

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Mgr. Michael Keating

Pilgrims may leave the Pilgrimage in Calabria or Sicily to return home to Australia at a later date. They must leave from Catania, Sicily.

Any deviation will have to be discussed with Anawim Journeys.

Full board cost, including flights, accommodation, tours, meals for 30 paying persons is AUD\$8,820.

For further information please contact:

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St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

An invitation is extended to all, particularly those who may be retired, or close to retirement, and who may wish to join a group of like minded people of faith, interested in living out the Gospel message by offering a compassionate “hand up” to people in need, within the Morley/Dianella area. Ideally, the volunteer would be available for rostering one day per week, for about 2 hours in the afternoon, to deliver food to the needy in the Morley/Dianella area.

This can be a life changing experience for both volunteers and those people who we help.

All activities are shared, supported by the St Vincent de Paul Society and completely voluntary. Breaks from any activity may be taken at any time and of any duration.

*For more information, please contact our President,
Gus Formato on 0421 637 491*

Calendar of Saints

22 Feb: The Chair of St Peter, apostle

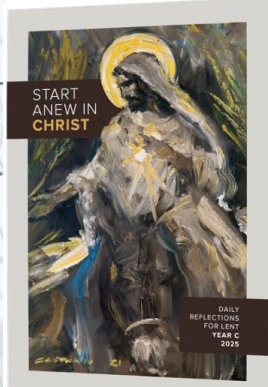
Daily Reflections for Lent

"Start Anew in Christ"

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Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently Deceased: Brendan Clifford, Christine Jadwiga Borowicz, Giuseppe Gullotto;

Deceased: Arthur Chemello;

Anniversaries: Domenica Feleppa, Florence Wong, Giuseppe Spiccia, Graham Durkin;

The Sick of the Parish: Jan White;

and all those in need of our prayers.

"Then my soul will rejoice in the Lord"



The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady
Private devotion this week.

Welcoming all families to join us for the **INFANT JESUS FAMILY MASS** on sat, 22nd March at 6pm

THIS WEEKEND — 16 February 2025—6th 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 Lachlan	Elizabeth and Peter	Jules and Kim	Alyssa and Ruben
Proclaimers	Marian F and Miroli	Sally and Rita	PAS Mass—Chris A	Pramila and Alan
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Marie; Teresa; Chris and Sejin	Valerie; Nevellene; Carl and Josie	Anna; Joan; Linda; Marlene; Roma and Tanya	Thuy; Ivor; Maureen and Tristan
Hospitality	Roopa and Manisha	Quinn and Francisca	Sophie; Jovan and Christie (PAS)	Julie and Adam
Church Cleaning	Team B—Thursday, 20 February 2025 @ 10am			

NEXT WEEKEND — 23 February 2025—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	Naethan; Meghan and Meldon	Ria and Lia	Andrei and Leah	Amy; Megan and Alden
Proclaimers	John and Teresa	Joanne and Nevellene	Tony and Barbara	FAMILY MASS —Eloise/Nathan
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy; Chris T; John and Marie	Michael; Margaret; Kathleen and Kerry	Marilyn; Aileen; Josephine; Patrick; Errol and Annette	Sr Chau; Sr Le; Sr Oanh and Emily
Hospitality	Marisol and Donna-Marie	Mavis and Catrina	Patrick and Kyle	Brenda and Ancilla
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 01 March 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 Living Word of God NRSV

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C ♦ Sunday 16 February 2025

FIRST READING Jer 17:5-8

Thus says the Lord:
"Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water; sending out its roots by the stream. This tree shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 1.1-2, 3, 4+6 (R. Ps 40.4)

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. **R.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. **R.**

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great
in heaven.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets." ✠

Scriptural context

Message for all

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, the author is keen to demonstrate that the message of Jesus is for all people – not just the Jews, but for the Gentiles and Pagans as well. We can see this message revealed in the gathering of people who listened to Jesus' sermon on the plain. We're told there were people from all parts of Judea (all Jews) as well as people from the pagan lands of Tyre and Sidon. The first audiences of this gospel would immediately have recognised the significance of people from Tyre and Sidon standing alongside Jews from Judea.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING:

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23;

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 103.1-2, 3-4, 8+10, 12-13 (R.8)

SECOND READING:

1 Cor 15:45-49;

GOSPEL:

Lk 6:27-38

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Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.

For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.