

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

23 February 2025



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

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✦ In Our Church

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: *Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you.* The prayer has been utilised in a variety of contexts over a long period of time. The original context was dissension and dispute in a monastery. The presence of disharmony tells the community that they have acted and spoken in ways that are not pleasing to God and so have undermined the integrity of their faith, worship and love of neighbour.

Today's **Gospel** continues Luke's Sermon on the Plain (Lk 6:27-38) in which Jesus emphasises vulnerability in the life of the disciple. Today's reading begins and ends with the command to 'love your enemies'. We are given examples of what this might mean in practice: returning blessing for a curse, turning the other cheek, not withholding one's shirt from a person who demands one's coat, and so forth. All involve responding to injury or unreasonable demand with nothing but generosity and the abandonment of all claims to compensation.

It is worth noting two things. Firstly, Jesus lived at a time when Palestine was occupied by the Romans. The Roman military was an oppressive presence and the examples given are those ordinary people were likely to suffer at the hands of soldiers. Secondly, it was also a society that was based on honour and shame. The non-violence that Jesus recommends was also a way where those who bullied and oppressed others were shamed by their actions becoming public. Jesus advocated a spiritual freedom from resentment and the desire to get even. Jesus breaks the cycle of violence by inviting his hearers to imitate not their oppressors but the true God of generous love and universal compassion. This understanding of God was then, and is now, challenging, liberating and revolutionary. For humanity, forgiveness brings peace and hope for all.

So, in family and community life we are called to refrain from judging and condemning others but instead to seek to understand them. If we forgive others, in imitation of our compassionate God, then God will forgive us our failings. 'The measure you give will be the measure you get back.' Compassion creates healthy relationships and enables love to grow. love not violence has the last word.

The **First Reading**, (1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23) gives us an incident in the early life of David when he became a fugitive fleeing from the jealous vengeance of King Saul. David had the opportunity to kill Saul. But he refused to do so because Saul was 'the Lord's anointed'. He did not take revenge on his enemy.

In the **Second Reading** (1 Cor 15:45-49 Paul draws on a comparison between the humanity we have inherited from Adam and the transformed humanity we are called to receive modelled on that of our risen Lord. Risen existence for Christ and us is the attainment of true humanity. As risen Lord, Christ is the model and exemplar of what God intends for all human beings.

Please pray for Pope Francis in his present illness, and for Ukraine suffering from an unjust invasion and for an end to violence there and throughout the world.

Blessings, Fr Greg.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS—MEDITATIONS ON ENCOUNTERING JESUS BY TOMAS HALIK

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"Jesus and his cross are not something external to our lives, they are not an event that ended in the past, they must not be the object of our sentimental piety. Jesus does not invite us on the Way of the Cross to regret, but to change our mentality and our actions."

(Please contact the parish office to purchase a copy)

**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

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)



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*

ASH WEDNESDAY

*"From dust you came,
and to dust you will return."*

5th March 2025

Mass times: 7:00am

9:00am (whole school mass)

7:00pm



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

**For news about events and programs
running in the Catholic Archdiocese
of Perth please see the notice boards
in the Church foyer**

The World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will be held on **Friday 7th March 2025** at **Morley/Noranda Uniting Church 70 Camboon Rd.** at **10.30am**.

There will be comfortable chairs for seniors and a light lunch to follow so just a prayerful attitude and a singing voice please!

The World Day of Prayer is an Ecumenical Christian movement led by our prayers and actions for peace and justice in our world.

A prayer booklet has been prepared this year by Christian women of the Cook Islands. ALL are WELCOME!

The theme for Friday 7th March all over our world is:

"I made You Wonderful" Psalm 139: 1-18



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

~ If you have Registered but are not coming please advise St Catherines. There is a wait list. ~

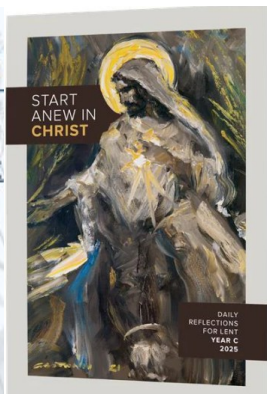
Daily Reflections for Lent

"Start Anew in Christ"

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Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently Deceased: James Domenic Krajancich, Annette Lazberger;

Deceased: Peter Meek, Sebastiano Del Casale, Neil Stephen Dizon, Charles Reincastle;

Anniversaries: Angela Ornella Del Casale, Antonio and Pompea Viola, Mary, Charles. And Allan Richards;

The Sick of the Parish: Fr Jose Andres Luis Gastala, Martindale Estuche;

and all those in need of our prayers.

"Give thanks to the Lord; and never forget all his blessings."

~VOLUNTEERS NEEDED~

Please contact the parish office on 9276 8500 if you are able to assist with cleaning the church once a month on a Thursday morning.



The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady

Private devotion this week.

THIS 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			

NEXT WEEKEND — 02 March 2025—8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Bruce Erneste	Chris Lambert	Josephine Joseph-McManus	David Ward
Altar Servers	Savio; Ethan and Mathan	Tim and Dan	Victoria and Manuel	Alex; Dorothy and Bryant
Proclaimers	Megan and Sabrina	Shirley and Clare	Mark and Claire	Adam and Alishia
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Emily; Teresa; Chris and Sejin	Valerie; Nevellene; Carl and Josie	Sr Chau; Sr Le; Sr Oanh; Marilyn; Evelyn and Christina	Eloise; Adam; Thuy and Ivor
Hospitality	Emily and Milly	Barb and Veronica	Roma and Sr Chitra	Joanne and Marina
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 07 March 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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C ♦ Sunday 23 February 2025

FIRST READING

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

Having heard that David was hiding out in the desert, Saul rose and went down to the Wilderness of Ziph, with three thousand chosen men of Israel, to seek David in the Wilderness of Ziph.

David and Abishai went into Saul's army by night; there Saul lay sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the army lay around him.

Abishai said to David, "God has given your enemy into your hand today; now therefore let me pin him to the ground with one stroke of the spear; I will not strike him twice." But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for who can raise his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?" So David took the spear that was at Saul's head and the water jar, and they went away. No one saw it, or knew it, nor did anyone awake; for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them.

Then David went over to the other side, and stood on top of a hill far away, with a great distance between them. David called aloud to Saul, "Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and get it. The Lord rewards everyone for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the Lord gave you into my hand today, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his
holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your
iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love
and mercy. **R.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according
to our sins,
nor repay us according to our
iniquities. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions
from us.

As a father has compassion for his
children,
so the Lord has compassion for
those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 15:45-49

It is written:

"The first man, Adam, became a
living being"; the last Adam became
a life-giving spirit. But it is not the
spiritual that is first, but the physical,
and then the spiritual. The first was
from the earth, made of dust; the
second is from heaven. As was the
one of dust, so are those who are of
the dust; and as is the one of
heaven, so are those who are of
heaven. Just as we have borne the
image of the one of dust, we will
also bear the image of the one of
heaven.

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIO Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;

**love one another as I have loved
you.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 6:27-38

Jesus addressed a great crowd of his
disciples, together with the
multitude from Judea, Jerusalem,
Tyre and Sidon. "I say to you that
listen: Love your enemies, do good

to those who hate you, bless those
who curse you, pray for those who
abuse you. If anyone strikes you on
the cheek, offer the other also; and
from anyone who takes away your
coat do not withhold even your
shirt. Give to everyone who begs
from you; and if anyone takes away
your goods, do not ask for them
again. Do to others as you would
have them do to you."

"If you love those who love you,
what credit is that to you? For even
sinners love those who love them. If
you do good to those who do good
to you, what credit is that to you?
For even sinners do the same. If you
lend to those from whom you hope
to receive, what credit is that to you?
Even sinners lend to sinners, to
receive as much again. But love your
enemies, do good, and lend,
expecting nothing in return. Your
reward will be great, and you will be
children of the Most High; for he is
kind to the ungrateful and the
wicked. Be merciful, just as your
Father is merciful."

"Do not judge, and you will not be
judged; do not condemn, and you
will not be condemned. Forgive, and
you will be forgiven; give, and it will
be given to you. A good measure,
pressed down, shaken together,
running over; will be put into your
lap; for the measure you give will be
the measure you get back." ✠

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Sirach 27:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

92.1-2, 12-13, 14-15 (R.1)

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 15:54-58

GOSPEL: Lk 6:39-45

Different View – Turn the other cheek

Presenting your other cheek when someone has already struck you is usually seen as a pacifist action. However, a completely different interpretation can be made. If a man were to strike an inferior, it would be as a backhand strike – only equals fought with fists or open hands. Having been struck on one cheek with a backhand, offering the other cheek makes it impossible to again be struck with a backhand. The only option for the striker would be with an open hand – as equals fight. So, turning the other cheek can be interpreted as claiming your status as an equal.

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Entrance Antiphon Psalm 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Communion Antiphon Psalm 9:2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.