

# Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

17 August 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

Fr. Greg Burke, OCD Parish Priest  
Fr. John Pallippadan, OCD Assistant Priest  
Fr. Adalbert Imperial, OCD Assistant Priest



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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**

*O God, who have prepared for those who love you*

*good things which no eye can see,*

*fill our hearts with the warmth of your love,*

*so that, loving you in all things and above all things,*

*we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire.*

Today's **Collect** links the things which are seen, God's self-revelation in Christ, creation, the church, our liturgy to eternal things unseen. Love is our first and deepest response to God's love.

The events of our **First Reading** (Jer 38:4-6, 8-10) occurred when the Babylonians were besieging Jerusalem around the year 588 BCE. As often happens politics and religion were linked. The God of Israel is never impersonal or detached. God is compassionate. God feels the pain of all those who suffer in the world. People who care for the sufferings of others suffer with God. Those who speak in God's name against violence and hatred, like the Popes, are accused of meddling. But religion is not merely private it impacts the real world.

Jeremiah opposed the pro-Egypt policy of the powerful advisers of King Zedekiah who thought that by playing off Egypt against Babylon they would ensure independence for Judah. Jeremiah saw through this wishful thinking and rightly saw that it would lead to the destruction of the kingdom of Judah at the hands of the Babylonians. He urged Zedekiah to come to terms with the Babylonians king. His advice was rejected, and so he was thrown into a well by those who opposed him and left to die as he slowly sank into the muck. Jeremiah had no easy solutions he sought a costly peace grounded in God's will as played out in the political reality of his day.

This is background to the words of Jesus 'I have not come to bring peace' in today's **Gospel** (Lk 12:49-53). The 'peace' that Jesus brings is not a facile thing. While not entering into competition with the religious and political authorities they react to him with hostility. The 'powers that be' were threatened by Jesus' preaching and actions which seemed to undermine their hold on power and wealth. Jesus was not their rival, but he became their victim. The 'fire' that Jesus says he has come to bring to the earth is the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost the gathered disciples will receive the Spirit in the visible form of 'tongues as if of fire' (Acts 2:3). But the Spirit cannot be given until Jesus has faced and gone through his destiny in Jerusalem. This painful destiny Jesus describes as a 'baptism' with which he is stressed until it be 'accomplished'. The Greek word *baptizō* refers biblically to being immersed into chaotic water. It is an image of being overwhelmed by chaos, troubles and/or hostility. Jesus' baptism is his suffering and death.

We pray "fill our hearts with the warmth of your compassionate love, so that, loving in union with you we may bring your peace to others and attain your promises which surpass all our hopes and desires".

Blessings,

Greg

**Parish Weekend Celebrating the 33rd Anniversary  
of the Dedication of Our Church**

**30/31 AUGUST 2025**

Join us as we celebrate the anniversary of the Dedication of our Church on the weekend of 30-31st August.

There will be a Parish Celebration in the Parish Centre after each Mass.

This weekend is traditionally a time to celebrate the cultural diversity of our parish, so we invite you to bring a plate of food that represents your cultural background.

Please register your attendance in the church foyer by 24th August 2025, and note the dish you plan to bring.

Cake and drinks will be provided and a colouring competition for the children. We look forward to sharing this special occasion with you!



**WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN  
OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**

Our parish community thrives because of the generous service of volunteers in our many ministries and groups.

We are deeply grateful for the time, skills, and care you share so faithfully.



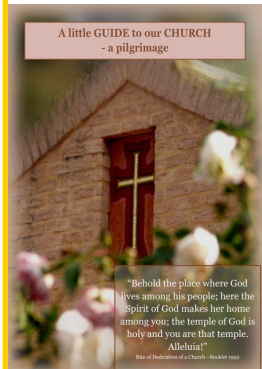
**CHURCH CLEANING:** Join a cleaning group that cleans on a day that suits you. This task consists of lifting the kneelers, vacuuming, window cleaning, and cleaning of the pews. Time commitment is 1.5hrs per month on a roster.

~If you'd like to volunteer in this role please scan the QR code and complete your details via the link~  
<https://infantjesusparish.org.au/volunteer/>

**'A Little Guide to Our Church' – On Sale 23/24 August**

In preparation for the upcoming Dedication of our Church on 30/31 August, *A Little Guide to Our Church* will be available for purchase after Masses on the weekend of **23/24 August**.

This booklet explains the history, design, and artefacts of our church, and can also be used as a self-guided pilgrimage. A wonderful way to deepen your appreciation of our sacred space.



Booklets will also be available from the Piety Stall on the Dedication weekend.

*"Behold the place where God lives among his people; here the Spirit of God makes her home among you; the temple of God is holy and you are that temple. Alleluia!"*

*Rite of Dedication of a Church—Booklet 1992*



**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE JUBILEE DOOR**

As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, our parish will be making a one-day pilgrimage from *Infant Jesus Parish* to the Holy Door at *St Mary's Cathedral, Perth*.

This will be a special opportunity for our community to journey together in faith and receive the graces offered during this Jubilee Year.

**Date:** Friday, 5 September

**Time:** 9.00am – 3.00pm

**Cost:** \$40 per person (includes bus transport, tour, and light lunch)

To join us, please register your interest with **Lucy** or **Theresa** at the Parish Centre.

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**THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults can explore the Catholic faith and prepare to receive the Sacraments.

**The RCIA program is now underway at the Parish Centre, with sessions held on Sundays after the 9:30am Mass.**

If you've ever considered becoming Catholic, returning to the Church, or completing your Sacraments, we warmly invite you to journey with us through this process.

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please contact Lucy at the parish office or speak with Fr Greg.

9276 8500



**Community in Bloom  
Infant Jesus Parish Clothing and Bake Sale**



We're excited to announce a new parish event this October — a spring Clothing and Bake Sale for our parish and wider community!

To help make it a success, we're now accepting donations of clean, good-quality clothing — items you'd be happy to give a friend.

Donations (and coat hangers) can be dropped off at the Parish Centre during opening hours.



**TAI CHI EXERCISES**

**Every Tuesday from 9.45am till 11.15am in the parish hall and guided by our parishioner, Christie Wood**

Christie has over 25+ years experience in teaching and practising this ancient martial art, which involves a series of slow gentle movements, and physical postures, a meditative state of mind, and controlled breathing. It is a fun, relaxing and gentle activity for everyone with different fitness levels. Come and join us, everyone is welcome! Please bring a small water bottle and wear supportive lace-up shoes. Enquiries to Lucy on 9276 8500 in the parish office.

**9. Liturgy Terminology**

**A few terms that are used in liturgy explained.**

This week is the ninth of a series of topics on all things liturgical. The church is dynamic and forever moving to serve the needs of the people of God in each century. It is easy to use language for things that have been part of our growing in the faith. Church scholars have seen the need to change some terminology and rituals to help us move and grow more in our faith and resonate with us in modern times. Very often this new language assists us to discover new insights and find deeper meaning for the rituals and actions that we participate in.

*Copies are available in the narthex (foyer) of the church after mass.*



**The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady**  
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### Calendar of Saints

**20 Aug:** St Bernard, abbot, doctor  
**21 Aug:** St Pius X, pope  
**22 Aug:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### No Weekday Mass – 25 to 27 August

Please note that from Monday 25 August to Wednesday 27 August our priests will be away. There will be no weekday Mass on these days.

A Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be celebrated instead.

## Let Us Pray for One Another

**Recently Deceased:** Lorraine Armstrong, Barnabas Ha, Paul Regis Laval;

**Deceased:** Giovina Della Gatta;

**Anniversaries:** Roma Illich, Netilda Sawian, Maria Nhiem Pham Thi, Natale Gianotti, Ines Gianotti;

and all those in need of our prayers.

*“Know that you, whose name is Lord,  
are the Most High over all the earth.”*

### THIS WEEKEND —17 August 2025—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

| Ministry                             | Sat 6pm                                 | Sun 7.30am                           | Sun 9.30am                                   | Sun 11:00am | Sunday 6pm                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Acolytes/Altar Ministers             | Adrian David                            | Chris Lambert                        | Marion Wayne                                 | Chris Yapp  | David Ward                   |
| Altar Servers                        | Aaditya; Abhay and Aryaan               | Ria; Lia and Frank                   | Crissanto; Cesar and Manuel                  |             | Amy and Megan                |
| Proclaimers                          | Sabrina and John                        | Clare and Rita                       | PAS Mass—Chris A                             |             | Alishia and Pramila          |
| Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion | Teresa; Chris; John and Tracy           | Margaret; Michael; Kerry and Shirley | Roma; Tanya; Patrick; Aileen; Errol and Lucy |             | Adam; Tristan; Ivor and Thuy |
| Hospitality                          | Marisol and Eliana                      | Mavis and Francisca                  | Loretta and Riko & Christie                  |             | Fely and Steve               |
| Church Cleaning                      | Team D—Friday, 22 August 2025 @ 10.30am |                                      |                                              |             |                              |

### NEXT WEEKEND — 24 August 2025—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

| 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 | Adrian David                      |
| Altar Servers                        | Nathan and Lachlan                         |                                          | Andrei and Leah                                           |              | Alyssa and Ruben                  |
| Proclaimers                          | Sylvia and Tang                            | Liz and Bernie                           | Rod and Tony                                              |              | Adam and Nathan                   |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Communion | Marie; Sejin; Marcus and Teresa            | Valerie; Nevellene; John and Sr Madeline | Sr Chitra; Josephine; Anna; Evelyn; Christina and Annette |              | Sr Chau; Sr Le; Sr Oanh and Emily |
| Hospitality                          | John T and Milly                           | Barb and Veronica                        | Roma and Sr Chitra                                        |              | Marina and Molly                  |
| Church Cleaning                      | Team A—Saturday, 30th August 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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20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C ♦ Sunday 17 August 2025

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Ps 83:10-11**

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your  
anointed one; one day within your  
courts is better than a thousand  
elsewhere.

## FIRST READING Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

Then the officials said to the king,  
"This man ought to be put to  
death, because he is discouraging  
the soldiers who are left in this city,  
and all the people, by speaking  
such words to them. For this man is  
not seeking the welfare of this  
people, but their harm." King  
Zedekiah said, "Here he is; he is in  
your hands; for the king is  
powerless against you." So they  
took Jeremiah and threw him into  
the cistern of Malchiah, the king's  
son, which was in the court of the  
guard, letting Jeremiah down by  
ropes. Now there was no water in  
the cistern, but only mud, and  
Jeremiah sank in the mud.

So Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, an  
officer in the king's house, left the  
king's house and spoke to the king,  
"My lord king, these men have  
acted wickedly in all they did to the  
prophet Jeremiah by throwing him  
into the cistern to die there of  
hunger, for there is no bread left in  
the city." Then the king  
commanded Ebed-melech the  
Ethiopian, "Take three men with  
you from here, and pull the  
prophet Jeremiah up from the  
cistern before he dies."

*(Quiet reflection time)*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 40.1, 2, 3, 17 (R.13b)**

**R. Lord, come to my aid!**

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
he inclined to me and heard my  
cry. **R.**

He drew me up from the desolate  
pit, out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure. **R.**

He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the Lord. **R.**

As for me, I am poor and needy,  
but the Lord takes thought for me.  
You are my help and my deliverer;  
do not delay, O my God. **R.**

## SECOND READING Heb 12:1-4

Since we are surrounded by so  
great a cloud of witnesses, let us  
also lay aside every weight and the  
sin that clings so closely, and let us  
run with perseverance the race that  
is set before us, looking to Jesus  
the pioneer and perfecter of our  
faith, who for the sake of the joy  
that was set before him endured  
the cross, disregarding its shame,  
and has taken his seat at the right  
hand of the throne of God.

Consider Jesus who endured such  
hostility against himself from  
sinners, so that you may not grow  
weary or lose heart. In your  
struggle against sin you have not  
yet resisted to the point of  
shedding your blood.

*(Quiet reflection time)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**My sheep listen to my voice,**

**says the Lord;**

**I know them, and they follow me.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Lk 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I came to bring fire to the earth,  
and how I wish it were already  
kindled! I have a baptism with  
which to be baptised, and what  
stress I am under until it is  
completed!

"Do you think that I have come to  
bring peace to the earth? No, I tell  
you, but rather division! From now  
on five in one household will be  
divided, three against two and two

against three; they will be divided:  
father against son and son against  
father, mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter  
-in-law and daughter-in-law  
against mother-in-law." ✕

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Ps 129:7**

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Speaking a hard message

Today's gospel reminds us that the  
message of Christianity is not always  
a popular one. Sometimes we are  
called upon to speak a hard message;  
a challenging message; a confronting  
message. The message of the gospel  
frequently confronts our popular culture  
and accepted social practice. It often  
contradicts the expedient decisions  
of our political leaders. There is a  
responsibility on us to speak the hard  
message of the gospel even at the risk  
of unpopularity and even in the face of  
threat. The Christian heroes of our time  
are those who call leaders to measure  
up to the demands of the gospel.

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### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**FIRST READING:** Is 66:18-21

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15**

**SECOND READING:** Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

**GOSPEL:** Lk 13:22-30