

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

24 August 2025

21st 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 cause the minds of the faithful

to unite in a single purpose,

grant your people to love what you command

and to desire what you promise,

that, amid the uncertainties of this world,

our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

Our Christian life is lived in a world of change with all its challenges and uncertainties. We pray in uncertain times for unity in our following of Christ and in our shared life. This unity is a gift of God- the Holy Spirit moves us to love and forgiveness. The Spirit of God gives the Church dynamic stability- through movement and direction. (Dynamic stability is what is needed when you ride a bike- if you go too slowly or too fast, or if you change direction too abruptly you will probably fall off.) Our direction is to those things that are divine and eternal. The life of obedient faith is not just duty but the love of God and a foretaste of true joy.

In today's **First Reading** (Is 66:18-21) Isaiah sees God's salvation reaching beyond Israel, to all people. In the **Gospel** (Lk 13:22-30) Jesus observes that 'people from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the Kingdom of God.' But those who consider themselves insiders cannot be complacent. We need to wake up and act in ways that witness to God's Spirit in our lives. Jesus doesn't answer how many will be saved but warns those who hear here not to miss the opportunity while it is on offer. We need openness of heart and the desire to love as God loves.

The Australian Jesuit Scripture scholar Brendan Byrne understands the generous hospitality of God as the key theme in understanding Luke's Gospel. God's hospitality is ample and generous. There is nothing mean or miserable in God. We are all invited to the banquet of God but to enjoy this requires a change of heart and a different way of seeing ourselves and others. To faithfully follow Jesus, we leave anxiety behind as we walk in trust and hope. We place our lives and our salvation in the hands of God whose greatest desire is that we share the banquet of life so that we can thrive and live forever.

The glory of God is for all, and so we need to be ministers of God's hospitality.

I want to thank so many parishioners for their prayers, support and good wishes on my recent birthday. May God abundantly bless you all.

Blessings,

Greg

NO WEEKDAY MASS 25 - 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.

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

30/31 AUGUST 2025

Join us after each Mass for a Parish Celebration in the Parish Centre! Please register in the foyer by **Tuesday, 26 August** (noting your savoury dish) so we can organise catering.

Cake and drinks will be provided.

Children can take part in a colouring competition — each entry will go into a raffle to win a prize, announced the following weekend. If you can help with set-up or clean-up, please contact the Parish Office. Let's come together and celebrate as a parish family.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE JUBILEE DOOR

As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, a group of 40 parishioners are venturing on a one-day parish pilgrimage from Infant Jesus Parish to the Holy Door at St Mary's Cathedral, Perth.

Date: Friday, 5 September

Time: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Cost: \$40 per person

(includes bus transport, tour, and light lunch)

ONLY 7 SPOTS LEFT!

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.

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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.

ALTAR MINISTERS: Junior, Senior, and Acolytes assist the Priest during the celebration of the Mass. They assist with the smooth flow of the liturgical rite, enhancing the spirit of worship and prayer. Altar Ministers enable the priest and the congregation to celebrate the Eucharist in a worthy manner.

[~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/)



Community in Bloom Infant Jesus Parish Clothing and Bake Sale

We're preparing for our parish event this October — a spring Clothing and Bake Sale for our parish and wider community!

To help make it a success, we are now accepting donations of clean, good-quality clothing — the kind of items you'd be happy to give a friend. We especially welcome donations of **evening wear, cocktail wear, and handbags** in excellent condition.

Coat hangers are also much appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Centre during opening hours.

On the day there will also be a Bake Sale, and we invite parishioners to contribute their favourite cakes, slices, or biscuits to share.

This event is more than just a sale — it's an opportunity to welcome our neighbours into the Parish Centre, enjoy time together, and celebrate our community spirit.

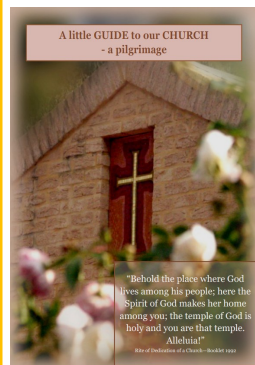


'A Little Guide to Our Church' – On Sale 23/24 August

PURCHASE YOUR COPY IN THE CHURCH FOYER TODAY

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 all Masses this weekend. 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 are also available from the Piety Stall on the dedication celebration 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

10. Who Are The Saints?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the Communion of Saints is the Church (#946) in all its dimensions meaning — primarily — us!

This week is the tenth 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 beside the bulletins in the narthex (foyer) of the church after mass.



The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady
In the home of Vaji Gunawardene
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Calendar of Saints

27 Aug: St Monica
28 Aug: St Augustine, bishop, doctor
29 Aug: The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr



A very happy 75th birthday to our much-loved Parish Priest, Fr Greg — thank you for your faithful service and the joy you bring to our parish family!

Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently Deceased: Julia Sta Maria;

Deceased: Domenico Monteleone, Michael Evans, Angela Ornella Del Casale;

Anniversaries: Br James Growth, OCD, Fr Alphonsus Folan, OCD, Markby Moore, Maria Nhiem Pham Thi, Maria Panizza, Francesco Cincotta, Laura & Achille Albanese, Sebastiano Del Casale, Nini Zacconi;

and all those in need of our prayers.

***“The Lord is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.”***

THIS 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 Tomeczak	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				

NEXT WEEKEND — 31 August 2025—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Chris Wray	David Ward	Chris Yapp	John Tomeczak
Altar Servers	Naethan; Megan and Meldon	Elizabeth and Peter	Victoria; Jules and Kim		Alex; Dorothy; Bryant and Alden
Proclaimers	Donna-Marie and Teresa	Shirley and Sally	Josephine and Leah		Marion W and Eloise
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Chris; John; Tracy and Marie	Margaret; Kathleen; Kerry and Shirley	Joan; Marilyn; Linda; Marlene; Roma and Tanya		Maureen; Eloise; Thuy and Tristan
Hospitality	Emily and Rebecca	Angela and Selina	Cynthia and Barbara		Anne and Pramila
Church Cleaning	Team B—Thursday, 04 September, 2025 @ 10am				

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

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf Psalm 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING Is 66:18-21

Thus says the Lord: For I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. From them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud - which draw the bow - to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem," says the Lord, "just as the Israelites bring a grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites, says the Lord.

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1, 2 (R. Mk 16:15)

R. Go out to all the world and tell the good news.

Praise the Lord, all you nations!
Extol him, all you peoples! **R.**

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children- "My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises

every child whom he accepts."

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth,

and the life, says the Lord;

no one comes to the Father,
except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 13:22-30

Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.

"When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.' "Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But the Lord will say, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!'

"There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see

Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.

"Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." ✕

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Living the gospel

Consequences

To be Christian is more than a name; more than a title. If we put our hand up and claim the title of Christian, then there are consequences that flow from that. Those who are disillusioned by religion frequently name hypocrisy as the major reason for their disillusionment. Sometimes, that's an easy out. We can't all live like Jesus all of the time. However, we are called to take Jesus as our model of the Christian life and to use his example as a guiding beacon. To call ourselves Christian is to try to be Christ-like in all our actions.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11

SECOND READING:

Heb 2:18-19, 22-24

GOSPEL: Lk 14:1, 7-14