

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

14 September 2025

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

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



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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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Today's readings all deal with the power of the cross. The veneration of the Cross gained prominence after Constantine's conversion and the legalization of Christianity in 313 AD. Christian symbols could now be displayed without fear. Crucifixion was also abolished out of reverence for Christ. Once a tool of humiliation and death, the Cross gradually became the universal symbol of Christian faith, a paradoxical sign of suffering and salvation. The readings of the feast focus on being 'lifted up,' pointing towards the Cross's transformative power and to the mystery of death and new life.

In the **First Reading** (Numbers 21:4-9) the bronze snake lifted up on a cross becomes a sign of healing for the snake-bitten Israelites in the desert. The Israelites had to look death in the face in order to disarm it.

In today's **Gospel** (John 3: 13- 17) Jesus speaks of his being lifted up on the cross for the healing of all who look on him with faith. He is lifted up on the cross into death and resurrection. Through the cross we are healed of the power of all that diminishes human life, of death and the fear of death.

In our **Second Reading** (Philippians 2: 6-11) Paul quotes at length a beautiful early Christian hymn celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus was a servant/slave, dedicated solely to the service of others. He chose to consecrate himself to doing the will of God. "Jesus did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death- even death on a cross. Therefore, God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Safeguarding Sunday, 14 September

Safeguarding Sunday is a good time to reaffirm our commitment to protect and care for those who are most vulnerable. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. Everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect and to feel safe. We are called to protect the dignity, rights and well-being of all- especially our children and adults at risk. We acknowledge the life trauma of abuse victims, survivors and their families. We pray for their healing and strength. Everyone deserves to flourish and to know the love of God.

Blessings, Fr Greg

13. Pope Francis on the Liturgy of the Word

The Word of God makes a pathway within us. We listen to it with our ears and it passes to our hearts; it does not remain in our ears; it must go to the heart. And from the heart, it passes to the hands, to good deeds. This is the path which the Word of God follows: from our ears to our heart and hands. Let us learn these things.

This week is the thirteenth 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.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church.

In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice. Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

Referral Pathways leaflets, including helpline information, are available on the bulletin stand in the foyer.

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- **your Safeguarding Officer**
- **www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/reporting**
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WORK MEN IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH

Please be aware that we will have tradespeople working inside and outside the church outside of Mass times from **TUESDAY 16TH until FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER**. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



REGISTRATIONS CLOSING SOON!

The **Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)** is a national gathering of young Catholics, first established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago.

Held over three days, ACYF is a chance for young people from across the country to:

- connect with one another,
- deepen their relationship with Jesus,
- be empowered to live their faith in the world, and
- experience the richness of the Church in Australia.

In 2025, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne will host ACYF, welcoming thousands of young people from around Australia.

Saturday 29 November – Wednesday 3 December 2025

We invite all young people from Year 9 (in 2025) to 25 years of age, along with approved youth leaders, to join us for this exciting event in Melbourne.

Find out more and register here: www.cym.com.au/acyf.html

IT'S SPRING CLEANING TIME!

If you are going to get busy cleaning out cupboards in the next few weeks, please remember that the parish is collecting:

- clean clothing (adults, children or babies) in good condition, jewellery, handbags and accessories for our second hand sale
- toys and books for local charities
- household items and small appliances for local charities.

Thank you for your support!

Items can be dropped to the parish office during office hours or into the collection carton in the church foyer when you come to Mass.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 2025

Enrolment is only for the children of Infant Jesus Primary School and our PREP Program. Please note the following dates:

Parents Night:	22 nd October (Wednesday) at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre
Commitment Masses:	25 th October (Saturday) at 6.00pm & 26 th October (Sunday) at 9.30am and 6.00pm
Children's Retreat :	30 th October (Thursday) at the Parish Centre & Church
Family Retreat & Reconciliation Day:	3 rd November (Monday) at 5.30pm/6.00pm/6.30pm <u>OR</u> 6 th November (Thursday) at 5.30pm/6.00pm

Please email sacramental@infantjesusparish.org.au with any enquiries.

Mobility Aid

If you know anyone in our community in need of a walker, please contact the parish office. Thank you.



HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

If you have some spare time on **SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER**, please come and lend a hand to clear out the parish office, library and parish priests office, ready to have new carpet laid in those rooms.

NEW CARPET PARISH CENTRE

On **MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER** new carpet will be laid in the parish centre offices and library. This carpet was excess left over from the laying of the carpet in the church. As the offices need to be cleared completely, it would be most helpful if you could avoid coming into the parish office and centre from Saturday 20th – Tuesday 23rd September. Thank you.

The parish office will be closed on Monday 22nd September.



The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady
In the home of Shaney—Ph: 0412 589 461

Calendar of Saints

- 15 Sept:** Our Lady of Sorrows
16 Sept: Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr; and Cyprian, bishop, martyr
17 Sept: St Albert of Jerusalem, bishop and lawgiver of Carmel
20 Sept: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr; and Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs

Congratulations to Our First Communicants

We joyfully congratulate the children of our parish who received their First Holy Communion last weekend.

Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently Deceased: Margaret Patricia Brodie, Tham Ngo Hieng;

Deceased: Constance Fernado, Charles Reincastle, Arthur Chemello, Nicholas & Elsie Nunis,

Anniversaries: Michele, Michelina & Joe Scacchia, Gino Ferrelli, Raffaele Colangelo, Joanna Mathew, Sr Andrea, Simon Andrew Sawian, Peter Anthony McMinn, Agatha Tan, Ma Khin Nu, Lily Santa Maria, Rocco Lemme, Allen Pereira, George & Helen Budge, Brent Naughton, Ines Gianotti;

Thanksgiving: Gemma Browne and all those in need of our prayers.

“Your ways, God, are holy.”

THIS WEEKEND — 14 September 2025—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Chris Wray	David Ward	Chris Yapp	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay and Aryaan		Victoria; Jules and Kim		Alyssa and Ruben
Proclaimers	Sabrina and Megan	Rita and Clare	Claire and Chris A		Pramila and George
Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Chris; John, Tracy and Marie	Sr Madeline; Kerry; Shirley and Kathleen	Lucy; Annette; Magdalene; Anna; Evelyn and Christina		Thuy; Tristan; Ivor and Adam
Hospitality	Roopa and Christina	Quinn and Shirley	Sophie and Caroline		Brenda and Vinola
Church Cleaning	Team D— Friday, 19 September 2025 @ 10.30am				

NEXT WEEKEND — 21 September 2025—25th 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	Tung Nguyen	David Ward
Altar Servers	Naethan and Meghan	Elizabeth and Peter	Andrei and Leah		Alex; Dorothy; Bryant and Alden
Proclaimers	Marion F and Mioli	Valerie and Nevellene	PAS Mass—Joanne		Fely and Judy
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Sejin; Marcus; Teresa and Chris	Valerie; Nevellene; Michael and Margaret	Anna; Joan; Marilyn; Linda; Marlene and Roma		Sr Chau; Sr Le; Sr Oanh and Emily
Hospitality	Marisol and Eliana	Mavis and Francisca	Patrick, Kyle and Danny (PAS)		Joanne and Karina
Church Cleaning	Team A— Saturday, 27 September 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

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS ♦ Sunday 14 September 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf Galatians 6:14

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

FIRST READING Num 21:4-9

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but they became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."

Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us."

So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 78.1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 (R.7b)

R. Do not forget the works of the Lord.

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old.
R.

When God killed them, the people sought for him; they repented and sought him earnestly.
They remembered that God was their rock, the Most High God their redeemer. **R.**

But they flattered him with their mouths; they lied to him with their tongues.

Their heart was not steadfast toward him; they were not true to his covenant. **R.**

Yet he, being compassionate, forgave their iniquity, and did not destroy them; often he restrained his anger, and did not stir up all his wrath. **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 2:6-11

Though Christ Jesus was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ,

and we praise you,

because by your cross

you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 3:13-17

Jesus said to Nicodemus:
"No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." ✠

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 12:32

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.



Have you thought?

Cross or crucifix?

A friend witnessed a scene in a jewellery store where a customer was looking at a cross on a necklace when the young sales girl suggested, "We also have these ones with the little man on them." Whilst Catholics tend to display and wear a crucifix (a cross with the corpus, or body of Christ upon it), other Christians tend to use an empty cross. One theological understanding suggests that the empty cross signifies that the salvation won by Christ through his sacrifice was achieved once and for all with his resurrection whilst the crucifix signifies that the salvific work of Christ is an ongoing act.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Am 8:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. **R.** see vv.1, 7

SECOND READING: 1 Tim 2:1-8

GOSPEL: Lk 16:1-13