

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

7 September 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

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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

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God bless you and all your family

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,

look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,

that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance.

The **Collect** this Sunday tells us that freedom in Christ, redemption, and adoption are experienced as acts of God's gracious mercy. The prayer, that God grant us true freedom and our eternal inheritance, is echoed in with today's readings.

In the **Gospel** (Luke 14:25-33) Jesus uses very strong language. 'Hate' is Semitic hyperbole for prefer. They lived in a black/white, love/hate binary. Jesus is being honest with his friends. He sees his own coming betrayal, suffering and death and theirs if they remain faithful to him. They are not headed for prestige, wealth and power in this world. Jesus is saying this in a culture where family allegiances were primary, that they take second place to following him. But his followers need to be aware of the cost of this discipleship in the coming times of persecution so as to be truly free to follow him. For the well-to-do readers of the Gospel of Luke this could be hard - taking up their cross as Jesus did.

What disqualifies a person from discipleship is the prioritizing of certain people (clan, nationality, race, gender) over unbounded love and avoiding the suffering entailed in being a messenger of the Gospel by prioritizing our own comfort and possessions. People who share Jesus' magnanimity of concern for others live from a merciful heart. Mercy, as used in the Gospels, describes an unrelenting desire to relieve another's suffering. We see that in Jesus' seeking the good of all others. Disciples are people who have been captivated by God's love and are free to love with his divine generosity. The reign of God flourishes, even now, in such love.

Due to our joyful celebrations last Sunday of the Dedication of our Church we missed **Social Justice Sunday**. Each year the Australian Catholic Bishops bring a social issue to our attention. This year they focus on homeless people with mental ill health. Australia is facing a deepening crisis. Over 273,000 people sought help from homelessness services last year, many also struggling with mental illness. Services are overstretched and many people are left without care, shelter, or hope. Many who are homeless also live with serious mental health challenges. The bishops call us to follow the example of Jesus who always noticed, listened to, and cared for those on the edge of society. We are all called to see and respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers living in hardship on the edges of society.

As a country we need more affordable housing, better mental health services, stronger support systems, and an end to policies that leave people behind. We need to work with governments and other agencies to achieve these goals. You can read the full Bishops Statement **Signs of Hope at the Edge: Serving Homeless People with Mental Illness** at: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2025/08/06/signs-of-hope-on-the-edge-social-justice-statement-2025-2026/>

Today is **Fathers Day!** We pray for all our fathers. Joy to all our families and every blessing to all fathers and their families today and always.

Blessings,

Greg

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make last weekend's Dedication celebration so special. It was a beautiful occasion to mark the anniversary of our church being built and to celebrate the life of our parish community together.

THE WINNERS OF THE CHILDREN'S COLOURING RAFFLE:



UNDER 6YR:

Sam Christides

UNDER 10YR:

Theo Le

Please collect your prize from the Parish Centre during office opening hours.

Thanks to you all for your prayers, greetings and gifts for my recent birthday. Another milestone safely passed. Every blessing to you all, Greg.

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 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 weekend Masses.

Congratulations to Our First Communicants

We joyfully congratulate the children of our parish who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. May they always treasure the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist and be supported by our prayers as they grow in faith.



Parish Pilgrimage to the Jubilee Door

Our parish pilgrimage to St Mary's Cathedral was a wonderful success. It was a special opportunity to walk through the Jubilee Door and spend time in prayer together as a community.

If you were unable to join us, you are welcome to make your own pilgrimage to the Jubilee Door at St Mary's Cathedral or other designated churches during the Jubilee Year. Take time to pray, reflect, and receive the spiritual graces of this holy journey.

"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit".

Happy Father's Day!

We give thanks today for all fathers, grandfathers, and father-figures in our parish community. May God bless you with strength, joy, and love in your vocation.



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: 22nd October (Wednesday) at 7.00pm at the Parish Centre

Commitment Masses: 25th October (Saturday) at 6.00pm &

26^h October (Sunday) at 9.30am and 6.00pm

Children's Retreat : 30th October (Thursday) at the Parish Centre & Church

Family Retreat & Reconciliation Day: 3rd November (Monday) at 5.30pm/6.00pm/6.30pm OR

6th November (Thursday) at 5.30pm/6.00pm

11. Pope Francis on the Penitential Act

Prayers in the Roman Rite are concise but rich in meaning. One can have beautiful meditations on these prayers. Very beautiful! Returning to meditate on these texts, even outside the Mass, can help us understand how to address God, what to ask and which words to use. May the Liturgy become for all of us a true school of prayer

This week is the twelfth 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 Sujay Jacob - Ph: 0469 589 535

Calendar of Saints

08 Sept: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
13 Sept: St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor

For those who want to know more about the bible I highly recommend the webpage of an Irish classmate of mine, Augustinian Fr Kieran O'Mahony, OSA. Kieran is an excellent scholar and a reliable guide. You can explore his extensive website which includes comments on the Sunday Readings and even some current events you can explore and, I suggest, subscribe at tarsus.ie. - Greg

Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently Deceased: Grazia Ruffo, Maria Italiano, Floyd Allan Gomes;

Deceased: Matias & Rosalina Sales, Glen de Silva, Dionysius Hendricks, Edwin Bowers;

Anniversaries: Gaetano Puglia, Anna S Nguyen, Lily Santa Maria, Giosue D'Alessandro, Settimio D'Alessandro, Vincenzo Masciulli, Uliana Starvaggi, Lilianne Conier, George & Helen Budge, Den Roberts, Lilia Ababat;

and all those in need of our prayers.

***"Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,
who walk in the light of your presence."***

THIS WEEKEND —07 September 2025—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Cyril Mathew	Chris Yapp	Marion Wayne	Adrian David
Altar Servers	Shawn; Andres and Matthia	Ria; Lia and Frank	Crissanto; Cesar and Manuel		Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	Meghan and Naethan	Joanne and Gerri	Sr Chitra and Beblin		Maureen and Alan
Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Sejin; Marcus; Teresa and Emily	John; Valerie; Nevellene and Michael	Sr Chau; Sr Le; Sr Oanh; Patrick; Aileen and Errol		Ivor; Adam; Maureen and Eloise
Hospitality	Sejin and Donna-Marie	Sally and Phung Anh	Deb and Lia		Julie and Adam
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 13 September 2025 @ 9.30am				

NEXT 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				

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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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING Wis 9:13-18

For who can learn the counsel of God?
Or who can discern what the Lord wills?
For the reasoning of mortals is worthless,
and our designs are likely to fail;
for a perishable body weighs down the soul,
and this earthly tent burdens the thoughtful mind.
We can hardly guess at what is on earth,
and what is at hand we find with labour;
but who has traced out what is in the heavens?
Who has learned your counsel,
unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high?
And thus the paths of those on earth were set right,
and people were taught what pleases you,
and were saved by wisdom.

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90.3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17 (R.1)

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn us back to dust, and say,
"Turn back, you mortals."
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers. **R.**

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants! **R.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philem 1: 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 119:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,

and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 14:25-33

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, spouse and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

"Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

"So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." ✕

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Living the gospel

Give up my possessions?

We live in an era of extraordinary wealth in some countries contrasted against extraordinary poverty and need in other countries. Accumulation of possessions has become a driving force in our society. Flat screen televisions, iPods, multiple computers, games consoles, portable DVD players, multifunction cell phones are all 'must-have' items. The thought of surrendering such items may be almost impossible to consider. However, Jesus' message about being a disciple calls to us. How can some people in the world surround themselves with such luxuries while others don't have enough to eat? Does the love of 'possessions' blind us to the needs of others?

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Num 21:4-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

SECOND READING: Phil 2:6-11

GOSPEL: Jn 3:13-17