

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

26th October 2025

30th 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

*Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.*

In this ancient collect we pray for an increase of God's gifts which endure into eternal life. We then ask that we may love what God commands.

Through these gifts, we now have a taste of eternal life and the fullness of the divine promises.

The **First Reading** (Ecclus 35:12-14, 16-19) tells us the Lord does not listen to the prayers of the powerful of this world but to the orphans and widows—those in the greatest distress. The Lord listens with understanding to our story until it is complete.

The parable in the **Gospel** (Luke 18:9-14) targets 'some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else.' The Pharisee in the story is smugly focused on himself. Reflecting current prejudices, he blithely condemns others. His attitude damages all his relationships and cripples his own growth. His prayer is an opportunity to help God keep score. Clearly, he worships a false god. He is a caricature. Nonetheless, do we see something of him in ourselves?

On the other hand, the tax collector simply asks God to be merciful, truthfully acknowledging that he is a sinner. God's response reverses both verdicts. The one who came to God's house in his own eyes a sinner went home with God's favour ('justified'); the one so sure of his virtue, went home without it. This parable brings hope to people today who find themselves or their children caught in situations judged objectively 'sinful' according to traditional norms whether in the area of sexuality, or marriage. General moral rules and norms must be applied with respect for persons and pastoral understanding of their situations. As Jesus says: "You judge by human standards. I judge no one." (John 8:15)

God's judgement is grounded in understanding, acceptance, mercy and liberation. "By her very nature the Church is in solidarity with the poor, the excluded, the marginalized and all those considered the outcast of society." "Love for the Lord, then, is one with love for the poor ... contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history. In the poor, he continues to speak to us." Pope Leo XIV in *Dilexi Te*.

Paul's confidence as he reviews his life in the **Second Reading**, (2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18) looks not to his own achievements but to the generosity and faithfulness of God. As I approach my own ordination golden jubilee I take this to heart.

*Lord, as we affirm your gifts and rejoice in them,
help us to be honest and acknowledge our full story, warts and all,
that we come before you aware that
we are always in need of your grace.*

Blessings,

Greg



THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SOULS SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER at 6:00pm

At the 6:00pm Mass on All Souls Day, there will be an opportunity for you to place a candle on the sanctuary in memory of your loved ones. **ONE**

candle per family please, so that there will be enough for all. After Mass there will be a blessing of the columbarium niches and then all are invited to the parish centre for a cuppa.

This year we have the Book of Remembrance for parishioners to write the names of their departed family members and friends, to remember, and pray for the repose of their souls. Special envelopes are available to make an offering.

Golden Jubilee of Ordination as a Priest

Greg Burke

1975 - 6 December- 2025

The Carmelite Community and Infant Jesus Parish, Morley invite you to celebrate with us the 50th Anniversary of Greg's ordination as a priest in the Teresian Carmelite community.



Archbishop Timothy Costelloe will preside at an Anniversary Mass, on Saturday Morning, 6 December, at 8.30am Infant Jesus Church, 47 Wellington Road, Morley, (Priests are welcome to concelebrate)

This will be followed by brunch to which you are cordially invited.



Bookings open next weekend via Eventbrite.
Tickets are free but essential for catering purposes.



Calling All Faith-Filled Volunteers! Catechists Needed for 2026

Our parish is seeking catechists for the 2026 school year, to assist with our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) and Sacramental

Preparation. Catechists play a vital role in nurturing the faith of our young people who are not attending Catholic schools, helping them grow in love for God and His Church.

No prior teaching experience is required. Training, resources, and ongoing support is available from the Archdiocesan Catechist Service and our parish team. To learn more or express interest, please contact: Sue Goodwin, prep@infantjesusparish.org.au

DRAW NEAR PROJECT

The Archdiocese of Perth's Draw Near Projects invite parishes to reach out and support refugees, asylum seekers and migrant families in practical ways. To donate or discover more about the West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office please visit <https://wacmro.perthcatholic.org.au>

Advent Reflection Group

We're looking for someone willing to lead an Advent Reflection Group in the Parish Centre.

Resources and support will be provided.

If you can help, please contact **Lucy at the Parish Office on 9276 8500.**



Infant Jesus Parish Playgroup

A big thank you to **Victoria** for her wonderful work running Playgroup each Wednesday this year! We're now looking for a new coordinator to keep this much-loved group going. Playgroup runs **Wednesdays during school term** and is a fun, friendly space for little ones and their families.

If you can help please contact the Parish Centre. We'd love to keep Playgroup alive!

San Rocco Feast

The San Rocco Association warmly invites you to their Grand Feast in honour of San Rocco.

**SUNDAY 9TH NOV AT ST MARY'S LEEDERVILLE
40 FRANKLIN STREET, LEEDERVILLE**

10am Re-enactment of the life of St Rocco

10:30am Bilingual (Italian & English Mass)

11:30am Procession (Reciting Rosary) followed by Benediction.

Community in Bloom

Our Spring Clothing and Bake Sale is on **Saturday, 15 November 2025** — everyone's welcome!

Bring your friends and neighbours for a great community day. We're still accepting quality clothing, evening wear, handbags, kids' dress-ups, and coat hangers.

Donations can be dropped at the Parish Centre during opening hours or in the box in the church foyer.

We'd also appreciate the loan of clothes racks and free-standing mirrors in the week leading up to the sale.

There'll also be a **Bake Sale** — if you can contribute baked goods or help on the day, please contact the Parish Centre.

PICK UP A PAMPHLET FROM THE CHURCH FOYER TO SHARE WITH FRIENDS AND HELP SPREAD THE WORD!

You'll also be able to **register your offer of help** in the foyer closer to the date.

16. Bless You

A service of blessing usually consists of readings from scripture, praise of God, and petition for our needs. As with any liturgy, it is essential that a blessing be prepared and celebrated in a way that ensures the full, conscious and active participation of everyone present.

This week is the eighteenth 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.



The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady
In the home of Sujay Jacob
Ph: 0469 589 535

Calendar of Saints

28 Oct: Sts Simon and Jude, apostles

Thank you to all who joined us for the whole school Mass on Thursday, 23rd October. We welcome you to join us for the next school Mass on **Thursday, 20 November 2025.**

Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently Deceased: Armando Diaz, Lorraine Hartley;
Deceased: Peter Meek, Members of the Thompson Family, Brent Naughton;

Anniversaries: Sylvia Mestichelli, Frank Spiccia, Catena & Leone Spiccia, Sydney Simons, Maria Rosa Tassone, Sergio Legni, Mario Alessandrini, Trung Do, Tan Nguyen;

Sick: Gavin Carvalho;
and all those in need of our prayers.

“The Lord’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him.”

THIS WEEKEND —26 October 2025—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Adrian	Chris Lambert	Chris Yapp	Marion Wayne	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Shawn and Andres	Tim; Dan and Aaron	Andrei and Manuel		Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	Meghan and Naethan	Sally and Shirley	Sr Chitra and Mark		Alan and Fely
Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Chris; John; Sejin and Emily	Michael; Margaret; Sr Madeline and Kerry	Josephine; Aileen; Marlene; Lucy; Annette and Magdalene		Eloise; Ivor; Adam and Thuy
Hospitality	Marisol and Eliana	Mavis and Francisca	Deb and Lia		Anne and Pramila
Children’s Liturgy			Dawn/Anne		
Church Cleaning	Team B—Thursday, 30 October 2025 @ 10.00am				

NEXT WEEKEND —02 November 2025—The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Cyril Mathew	Josephine Joseph-McManus	John Tomczak	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay and Aryaan	Ria; Lia and Frank	Victoria and Kim		Alyssa and Ruben
Proclaimers	Sabrina and Donna-Marie	Clare and Gerri	Rod and Tony		Maureen and Georgia
Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Marcus; Chris; John and Sejin	Josie; Carl; Shirley and Kathleen	Sr Chau; Sr Le; Sr Oanh; Joseph; Christina and Anna		Maureen; Tristan; Eloise and Ivor
Hospitality	John T and Milly	Barb and Veronica	Sophie and Caroline		Julie and Adam
Children’s Liturgy			Lucy/Phil		
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 08 November 2025 @ 9.30am				

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf Psalm 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord
rejoice;

FIRST READING

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

The Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
He will not show partiality to the
poor but he will listen to the prayer
of one who is wronged.
The Lord will not ignore the
supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out
her complaint.

The one whose service is pleasing
to the Lord will be accepted,
and the prayer of such a person will
reach to the cloud.

The prayer of the humble pierces
the clouds, and it will not rest until
it reaches its goal; it will not desist
until the Most High responds
and does justice for the righteous,
and executes judgment.
Indeed, the Lord will not delay.

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 34.1-2, 16-17, 18+22 (R.6)

**R. The Lord hears the cry of the
poor.**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his
praise shall continually be in my
mouth. My soul makes its boast in
the Lord; let the humble hear and
be glad. **R.**

The face of the Lord is against
evildoers, to cut off the
remembrance of them from the
earth. When the righteous cry for
help, the Lord hears, and rescues
them from all their troubles. **R.**

The Lord is near to the broken
hearted, and saves the crushed in
spirit. The Lord redeems the life of
his servants; none of those who
take refuge in him will be
condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being
poured out as a libation,
and the time of my departure has
come.
I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.

From now on there is reserved for
me the crown of righteousness,
which the Lord, the righteous
judge, will give me on that day,
and not only to me but also to all
who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to
my support, but all deserted me.
May it not be counted against
them!

But the Lord stood by me
and gave me strength, so that
through me the message might be
fully proclaimed and all the
Gentiles might hear it.
So I was rescued from the lion's
mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every
evil attack and save me for his
heavenly kingdom.
To him be the glory forever and
ever. Amen.

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

***God was in Christ, to reconcile
the world to himself; and the***

good news of reconciliation

He has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable
to some who trusted in themselves
that they were righteous,
and regarded others with
contempt:

"Two men went up to the temple to
pray, one a Pharisee and the other
a tax collector.

The Pharisee, standing by himself,
was praying thus, 'God, I thank you
that I am not like other people:
thieves, rogues, adulterers,
or even like this tax collector.
I fast twice a week;
I give a tenth of all my income.'

"But the tax collector, standing far
off, would not even look up to
heaven, but was beating his breast
and saying, 'God, be merciful to
me, a sinner!'

"I tell you, this man went down to
his home justified rather than the
other; for all who exalt themselves
will be humbled, but all who
humble themselves will be exalted."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf Psalm 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your
saving help and exult in the name of
our God.

Living Gospel
Competitive prayer!
For the Pharisee, his prayer is a competition. He prays aloud so that others can hear him and be impressed. Perhaps he thinks that God is as impressed as those who look up to him? His prayer is also an opportunity to make himself look good at the expense of another. Certainly, prayer is a time to celebrate with God our triumphs and successes, but above all it is an opportunity to be truly honest with God and with ourselves. The prayer of the tax collector is the most honest of prayers. This honesty is what is impressive; not the competitive showing off.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 27.1, 4, 13-14 (R.1a or 13)

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

GOSPEL: John 20:11-18

18. Bless You

The first two definitions of the verb ‘to bless’ in my Collins English dictionary are: to consecrate or render holy, beneficial, or prosperous by means of a religious rite; to give honour or glory to a person or thing as divine or holy.

Blessings are used frequently, and in both senses of the word given above, in Catholic ritual. People ask for rosary beads or other religious articles to be blessed. We bless ourselves with holy water as we enter a church. The psalms frequently use phrases such as “Bless the Lord, my soul, bless the Lord!” The celebration of Mass concludes with a blessing and dismissal.

Blessings are sometimes incorporated into another ritual, such as the blessing of the rings in the Order of Matrimony and the blessing of the holy oils at the Chrism Mass. At other times they are celebrated as rituals in their own right (pun intended!) For example, a ceremony of the Blessing of the Fleet is held annually in the Whitsundays.

Judging by the number of phone calls I receive from people seeking help with preparing a service of blessing, one of the Church’s best-kept secrets is the official ritual book entitled Book of Blessings. This book was promulgated in Latin as *De Benedictionibus* in 1984. It was then translated into English by ICEL. The edition published in the USA in 1989 is the one that has been approved for use in Australia. It is a most useful resource and should be included among the liturgical books of every Catholic parish.

The six sections of the Book of Blessings contain rituals for every conceivable occasion – from blessing animals and factories, to pilgrims and new pastors. The first chapter has blessings for people, the second for buildings and equipment used in human activity, the third for objects found in churches (new baptismal font or chalice, for example), the fourth for devotional aids (religious medals, etc), and the fifth for feasts and seasons (including that elusive blessing of the Advent wreath!). The final chapter picks up any possible people or occasions that haven’t already been dealt with.

As with any liturgy, a blessing is a celebration of the priesthood of Christ. We all share in that priesthood through our baptism and we can all, when appropriate, give or celebrate a blessing. The Book of Blessings identifies a hierarchy of ministers who exercise the ministry of blessing. At celebrations involving the whole diocese, the bishop is the minister. A priest normally presides at a blessing involving the local community, but a deacon or layperson may preside in his absence. Indeed, there are some blessings, especially those associated with home and family, where lay people are the most appropriate presiders.

A service of blessing usually consists of readings from scripture, praise of God, and petition for our needs. As with any liturgy, it is essential that a blessing be prepared and celebrated in a way that ensures the full, conscious and active participation of everyone present. Gestures such as the sprinkling of water or the assembly raising their arms in blessing enrich the celebration by involving people and emphasising the meaning of the ritual.

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