

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

05 October 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

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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

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God bless you and all your family

Collect: *Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.*

Christian prayer in troubled times rests on faith in God's salvific loving kindness and mercy: our sins are forgiven, punishments waived and our prayers are surpassed.

Today's **First Reading** is from the prophet Habakkuk (Hab 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4) who lived at a time of considerable turmoil. There was a breakdown of honest administration and socially just society. He asked why God allows this situation to continue. God assured him that divine intervention will come but he did not say when it will come. What is required now is persevering trust in God who is close to those who suffer. Habakkuk concluded 'the righteous person lives by their faith' (or 'faithfulness').

In the **Gospel** (Luke 17:5-10) the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith in response to his teaching about forgiveness. Jesus tells them their little faith is actually enough to perform miracles. He uses the image of the mustard seed which is very small but the mulberry tree is large with an extensive root system. The moral is to take the risk of faith so as to clothe oneself with the power of God. It is people of faith who release God's power in the world. Faith is not about obtaining miracles or drawing attention to oneself. Faith is motivated, above all, by gratitude for who God is and what he has already done.

In the **Second Reading** (2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14) Paul encourages Timothy to guard the treasure of faith entrusted to us. May our faith, a gift of the Holy Spirit, carry us forward, sustain us in trials, and enable us to bear witness to the God who is always faithful. Today's liturgy asks us if we are ready to pray, "Lord, increase our faith!". If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

111th Migrant and Refugee Sunday October 4-5

Immigration has long been a cornerstone of Australia's growth, diversity, and resilience. As a nation built on migration, we have welcomed people from every corner of the globe - each bringing unique gifts, cultures, and faith traditions that have enriched our communities. The Catholic Church has long stood in solidarity with migrants and refugees, advocating for their dignity and inclusion. In Australia in 2025 we are called to welcome, support, and embrace those who arrive from other lands. We must "regard it as a solemn duty to help in the placing and absorbing of immigrants into our community and in making them feel at home amongst us". In Pope Leo's message he wrote this call to hospitality and generosity "is for us to become living witnesses to hope in a community that recognises migrants and refugees as brothers and sisters, part of a family in which they can express their talents and participate fully in community life." Full resources from Pope Leo and the Australian Bishops on Migrant and Refugee Sunday can be found on our Parish website from Monday 6th October.

Fr Ranson Rapirap, OCD

Fr Ranson (known as Fr Sam) will be with us while Frs. John and Ad are on pilgrimage. Fr Sam is a Filippino Carmelite who has been stationed at our priory outside Sydney for four years. This is his first ever visit to Western Australia. Please make him very welcome.

Blessings, Greg



111TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES | JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2025



The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which coincides with the Jubilees of Migrants and of the Missions, is "MIGRANTS, MISSIONARIES OF HOPE." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has created online resources — including liturgies for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews—to help celebrate this special day.

Resources available at: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2025>



BEREAVEMENT MASS

Our next Bereavement Mass will be held on
**Tuesday, 07 October 2025 at our
9.00am Mass.**

GOD'S WORD 2026

Daily Reflections

God's Word 2026 is available for purchase now from Gatto Christian Shop for \$21.95 a copy, or we can get one for you. Please contact the Parish Office on 9276 8500 to order your copy.



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NEXT WEEKEND's Catholic Mission

Appeal will invite you to partner with our missionaries in Zambia to help vulnerable women overcome poverty and to give

birth safely. Your gift will also assist many other similar Catholic Mission programmes throughout the developing world. Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided, or going online at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/mission>. Should you be keen to support the work of Catholic Mission through a bequest, or as a volunteer, or in other ways, please email Francis Leong at fleong@catholicmission.org.au to explore the possibilities.

OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is dedicated to Our Lady, and we are encouraged to pray the Rosary in our homes and in our parish. Through Mary's intercession, may we grow closer to her Son, Jesus.

Praying the rosary is a simple but profound way to meditate on the life of Jesus and to grow closer to Mary who will always lead us to her Son.

Guides to praying the rosary and rosary beads are available from the piety stall or parish office.



Holding the rosary is like holding our Blessed Mother's hand. Pray the rosary everyday. Abandon yourself in the hands of Mary. She will take care of you.—Padre Pio

Mobility Aid

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



Community in Bloom

Infant Jesus Parish Clothing and Bake Sale

Our spring Clothing and Bake Sale for the parish

and wider community will take place on
Saturday, 15th November 2025

Thank you for the generous donations — evening wear, cocktail wear, handbags in excellent condition, kids' dress-ups, and coat hangers are all still welcome. Donations may be dropped at the Parish Centre during opening hours.

We'll also hold a Bake Sale on the day.

Please contact the Parish Centre if you can assist with baked goods or help on the day.



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 ^h 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 for any enquiries.

16. From Confession Box to Reconciliation Room

After Vatican II the sacrament of penance was revised and three new rites of reconciliation replaced the Tridentine ritual.

This week is the sixteenth 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

This week in the home of
Agnes and Hilary

Calendar of Saints

07 Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary

Legion of Mary Torchlight Procession: Please note that the annual procession around Lake Monger has been **cancelled**. An alternative date has not yet been set.

Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently Deceased: Wanda Kiec, Sergio Legni, Lucia D'Ascanio;

Deceased: Adrian Joseph Dias, Carmela Rossi, Jean Doyle, Charmaine Vanderwal;

Anniversaries: Fr Raymond Clasby, OCD; Fr John Vernard Smith, OCD, Francesco Cincotta, Antonino Gullotti, Liette Bru, Patricia Pereira;

For the Sick: Hilda Chin and all those in need of our prayers.

*"The Lord will not reject his people;
he will never forsake his inheritance."*

THIS WEEKEND —05 October 2025—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy Nicoletto	Cyril Mathew	David Ward	Marion Wayne	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Shawn and Andres		Victoria; Jules and Kim		Alex; Dorothy; Bryant and Alden
Proclaimers	Donna-Marie and John	Liz and Gerri	Rod and Lia		Maureen and Georgia
Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Emily, Marcus, Chris, John	Valerie, Nevellene, John, Michael	Sr Chau, Sr Le, Sr Oanh, Lucy, Annette, Magdalene		Adam, Maureen, Tristan, Eloise
Hospitality	Emily and Rebecca	Angela and Selina	Loretta and Riko		Maureen and Anthony
Church Cleaning	Team C— Saturday, 11 October 2025 @ 9.30am				

NEXT WEEKEND — 12 October 2025—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Chris Lambert	Josephine Joseph-McManus	Chris Lambert	David Ward
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay and Aryaan		Andrei and Leah		Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	Sylvia and Tang	Rita and Clare	Claire and Mike		Eloise and Adam
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Sejin; Emily; Marcus and Chris	Margaret; Sr Madeline; Kerryn and Kathleen	Joseph; Christina; Anna; Evelyn; Errol and Patrick		Ivor; Thuy; Adam and Maureen
Hospitality	Sejin and Donna-Marie	Sally and Phung	Sophie and Caroline		Fely and Steve
Church Cleaning	Team D— Friday, 17 October 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

Cf. Est 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

FIRST READING Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Habakkuk called out to the Lord:
"O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you 'Violence!'
and you will not save?
Why do you make me see
wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise."
Then the Lord answered me and said:
"Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith."

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9
(R.7c+8a)**

**R. If today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the
rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with
thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him
with songs of praise! **R.**

O come, let us worship and bow
down, let us kneel before the Lord,
our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the
people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his
voice!

Do not harden your hearts, as at
Meribah, as on the day at Massah
in the wilderness, when your
ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my work. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14

I remind you, Timothy, to rekindle
the gift of God
that is within you through the
laying on of my hands;
for God did not give us a spirit of
cowardice,
but rather a spirit of power
and of love and of self-discipline.
Do not be ashamed, then,
of the testimony about our Lord or
of me his prisoner,
but join with me in suffering for the
gospel,
relying on the power of God.
Hold to the standard of sound
teaching that you have heard from
me,
in the faith and love that are in
Christ Jesus.
Guard the good treasure entrusted
to you,
with the help of the Holy Spirit
living in us.

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The word of the Lord stands for
ever: it is the word given to
you, the Good News.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord,
"Increase our faith!"
The Lord replied,
"If you had faith the size of a
mustard seed,
you could say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the
sea,'
and it would obey you.
"Who among you would say to
your slave
who has just come in from
ploughing or tending sheep in the

field,

'Come here at once and take your
place at the table?'

Would you not rather say to him,

'Prepare supper for me,

put on your apron and serve me
while I eat and drink;

later you may eat and drink?'

Do you thank the slave for doing
what was commanded?

So you also,

when you have done all that you
were ordered to do, say,

'We are worthless slaves;

we have done only what we ought
to have done!'" ✕

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Lam 3: 25

The Lord is good to those who
hope in him, to the soul that seeks
him.

gospel focus

Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:14-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 97(98):1-4

SECOND READING:

2 Timothy 2:8-13

GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

16. From Confession Box to Reconciliation Room

Contrary to what some comedy shows would have us believe, the dark and disarming 'confession box' has disappeared from most Catholic churches and been replaced by what is commonly known as a 'reconciliation room'.

As with several aspects of the post-Vatican II reforms, some people found it hard to accept this change because they understood that confessionals had been around 'since the year dot'! In fact, they were a relatively recent phenomenon, being introduced only after the Council of Trent in the 16th century.

In the early years of Christianity, reconciliation with the Church by someone guilty of serious sin (adultery, murder, denying the faith) was a very public, strict and lengthy process. The sinner would confess to a bishop, be enrolled in the 'Order of Penitents' (a long period of preparation for readmission to the Church) and carry out an assigned penance with other public sinners.

When the community was convinced that the sinner had shown true contrition and was prepared to commit to living again as a Christian, he or she would be blessed and absolved of sin and welcomed back to the eucharistic table. The celebration of reconciliation took place in the cathedral church with the bishop as presider. This was the one and only chance for reconciliation with the Church, the 'one plank' left to the 'drowning sinner' and was sometimes referred to as a second baptism. This penitential system, which evolved gradually over many decades, was called 'canonical penance'.

A different form of penance was brought to Europe by Irish monks in the 7th century. It was private, repeatable and simple and was known as the Celtic or monastic system. It most often took place in the confessor's study. Absolution was given at the time of confession rather than after the penance had been completed.

For many years both forms of penance were practised, but at the Fourth Lateran Council in 1215 private penance was chosen as the form to be followed in most of the Christian world.

At first, penance was held face to face in the church. Later a screen separating the confessor and penitent was introduced to respect rules of modesty that forbade any private face-to-face encounters between clerics and women. Men were never forced to use the screen.

So the confessional was invented and placed in the main worship space of the church for the practical reason of protecting the reputation of confessors and female penitents, not to provide anonymity. It was a place for confessing sin, hence the name 'confessional', but the granting of absolution and the celebration of reconciliation also took place in the 'box'.

After Vatican II the sacrament of penance was revised and three new rites of reconciliation replaced the Tridentine ritual. The old confession box, which was invented for the confession of sin, is not an adequate place for the celebration of the liturgy of reconciliation.

Liturgy Lines by *Elizabeth Harrington*