

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

23 November 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of
the Universe



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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*Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant that the whole creation, set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.*

Today on the final Sunday of the Church's year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 the feast reasserts the supremacy of Christ in a world which values wealth, arrogance and power and is afflicted by nationalism, and ideological extremism. Today's feast and the Sundays of Advent and the feast of Christmas invite us to meditate on this King and what it means to be his disciple. Advent is a season of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of the Christ child born in the most humble, vulnerable circumstances.

In today's **Gospel** (Lk 23:35-43) the onlookers at the crucifixion of Jesus mock Jesus yelling: "Save yourself". They have contempt for him as yet another failed messiah. The only speaker in his favour is one of the thieves being crucified with him who declares Jesus innocent of the trumped-up charges against him. In his wretched state he asks "Remember me when you come into your kingdom". One who shares the fate of Jesus recognises him as the saviour, who rules through humble service not domination. Paradoxically the inscription above Jesus in his extremity "This is the King of the Jews" is true.

Considering Jesus was a poor Galilean prophet who died an ignominious death our **Second Reading** (Col 1:12-20) is breathtaking. We are invited to thank God for three blessings: a share in the inheritance of the saints; deliverance from darkness; and transference into the kingdom of God's Son. Through the blood of this Son redemption was won and sins were forgiven. It celebrates the pre-eminence of Christ: he is: the image of God; the firstborn; the beginning; the head of the body, the church. "... In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross." Today's feast puts us to the test. We are invited to follow Christ in his compassion, nonviolence and loving care for the poor and excluded. Do we want to live in the reign of a vulnerable God? Do we want salvation in the humble mode of Christ the King, or shall we look for another? In the words of the **Response to the Psalm** (Ps 122/121): "Let us go rejoicing to the house of God".



Blessings,

Greg

Golden Jubilee of Ordination as a Priest
Greg Burke
1975 - 6 December- 2025
Archbishop Timothy Costelloe will preside
at an Anniversary Mass,
on Saturday Morning, 6 December, at 8.30am
Infant Jesus Church, 47 Wellington Road, Morley,

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

~All are welcome to bring a plate of finger food to share~

Tickets are free but essential for catering purposes.

To book please visit [eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au) and search
"Golden Jubilee of Ordination"

(or contact the Parish Centre to register)

BOOKINGS CLOSE 30 NOVEMBER 2025

You're warmly invited to our Annual Community Meeting!
Monday, 24 November 2025 at 7:00pm
Parish Centre

This is a special opportunity for all parishioners to come together as a community. We'll reflect on the past year—and give thanks for the many ways our parish has grown and thrived.

Looking ahead, we'll share plans and initiatives for the year to come. Your ideas, questions, and feedback help shape the future of our parish and ensure that our community continues to be a welcoming, vibrant place for everyone.

Come and be part of the conversation, meet fellow parishioners, and celebrate all that makes our parish so special.

We hope to see you there!

New in Our Website Resources

A new article has been added to our Resources section highlighting the Pope's recent message of God's love for the poor and a call for greater social action. Visit our parish website to read more:

<https://infantjesusparish.org.au/resources/>

Or access the article direct at:

<https://www.osvnews.com/pope-assures-the-poor-they-are-loved-by-god-calls-on-governments-to-act/>

COMMUNITY IN BLOOM

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous donations to the Spring Sale, and a special thank-you to the wonderful volunteers who helped make the day such a great success. Through your support, we raised an amazing **\$6,500**.

Congratulations to our raffle winners:

• **Michelle** – First Prize

• **Sue** – Second Prize

• **Angela, Sharon, John** – Third Prize

Congratulations to all our winners — we'll contact you by phone to arrange prize collection!



The 2025 St Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Christmas Appeal will again be held this year in our parish. The appeal is to ask for money donations so that emergency assistance can be provided to needy people within the Morley/

Dianella area. Often, these people, who are of all ages, in varying circumstances, with differing health problems, including children and the elderly, are in need of help because after spending limited money on increased rent and utility bills, do not have enough money left over to buy enough food.

In the past, the parishioners of the Infant Jesus Parish have been very generous with their donations. It is hoped that your generosity will again continue, so that we can keep helping those who are less fortunate and in need of the basics.

At the conclusion of each mass on the weekend of the **6th and 7th of December, 2025**, our Vinnies members will be stationed in the foyer at the rear of the church to collect your donations. Envelopes will be provided in the pews of the church for those who wish to donate by credit/debit transfer.

The completed envelopes may be placed in the collection baskets or mailed direct to the Vinnies Head Office in Canning Vale. Remember, that with your assistance, we can help needy individuals and families to have a better Christmas by putting some extra food on the table and showing them that there are many caring people in our communities. – Thank you and have a wonderful and safe Christmas, Gus Formato, President Morley/Dianella Conference



Prepare the Way for the Lord
2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION
for Advent

Wednesday 10 December at 7pm

Join us for an hour for this quietly reflective celebration of healing and reconciliation as part of your preparation for Christmas. The word of God is proclaimed 3 times as in Lectio Divina. In the quiet, allow His words to speak to you. The priest will be in full view of all present. Your confession is kept brief in the communal environment, return to your seat for prayer. Don't go home yet! Stay to rejoice and give thanks together as a community as we return to live our new life.

Please note: This is a communal rite, confession to be kept brief, allowing all present the time to access the sacrament. If you feel you will need more time with the priest, please attend the 1st Rite held on Saturdays 10am - 11am or 5pm - 5.30pm.

RETREAT MORNINGS—FREE EVENT
– Advent 2025 –

Infant Jesus Parish Centre

4 & 8 December • 9:30am–12:30pm

Join us for two contemplative mornings of reflection and Advent renewal at the Infant Jesus Parish Centre. Each retreat morning includes two talks—at **9:45am and 11:45am**—with time for quiet prayer and personal reflection.

Please contact the Parish Office to register.



21. Communal Reconciliation – 2nd Rite

The second form of the sacrament of penance is a communal liturgical celebration from beginning to end. After the confessions, the ceremony concludes with a proclamation of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving and a blessing. These are integral to the celebration, not an optional extra.

This week is the twenty-first 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 Therese Badayos
Ph: 0449 151 893

Calendar of Saints

24 Nov: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs

29 Nov: B Denis of the Nativity, OCD priest and Redemptus of the Cross, brother, martyr

PLEASE VISIT THE PIETY STALL FOR 2026 CALENDARS,
CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS AND ADVENT
REFLECTION BOOKS

Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently Deceased: Jean Prosper, Auriel Crompton, Theresia Tham, Americo Colonico, Joe Dilabio, Maureen Lewis;

Deceased: Cecil Francis, Charles Reincastle;

Anniversaries: Eric Sivwright, Glen McGuinness, Giuseppe & Maria Marrapodi, Kevin Collis, Gaetano Delborrello, Diego Morabito;

and all those in need of our prayers.

*“The Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.”*

THIS WEEKEND —23 November 2025— Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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	David Ward
Altar Servers	Shawn and Andres	Ria; Lia and Frank	Victoria and Kim		Alyssa and Ruben
Proclaimers	Tang and Donna-Marie	Gerri and Clare	Claire and Beblin		Pramila and Judy
Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	John; Sejin; Emily and Marcus	Sr Madeline; Shirley; Kathleen and John	Lucy; Annette; Magdalene; Joseph; Christina and Anna		Sr Chau; Sr Le; Sr Oanh and Maureen
Hospitality	Roopa and Christina	Quinn and Shirley	Loretta and Riko		Rita and Olivia
Children's Liturgy			Julia/Jasmine		
Church Cleaning	Team B—Thursday, 27 November 2025 @ 10.00am				

THIS WEEKEND —30 November 2025— 1st Sunday of Advent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Adrian	Chris Wray	David Ward	Chris Lambert	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Aaditya; Abhay and Aryaan	Elizabeth and Peter	Crissanto and Cesar		Alex; Dorothy; Bryant and Alden
Proclaimers	Meghan and Naethan	Sally and Shirley	Sr Chitra and Barbara		Fely and George
Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Chris; John; Sejin and Emily	Kerryn; Michael; Margaret and John	Sr Chau; Sr Le; Sr Oanh; Evelyn; Errol and Patrick		Tristan; Eloise; Ivor and Thuy
Hospitality	Marisol and Eliana	Mavis and Francisca	Roma and Sr Chitra		Maureen and Anthony
Children's Liturgy			Ruby/Judy		
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 06 December 2025 @ 9.30am				

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST—KING OF THE UNIVERSE ♦ 23 NOVEMBER 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Revelation 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: 'It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel.'"

So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 122.1-2, 3-4a, 4b-5, 6-7, 8-9 (R.1)

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **R.**

As it was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David. **R.**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:12-20

Give thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

The Father has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers— all things have been created through him and for him. Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Christ is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mark 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed is the one who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is the one Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 23:35-43

When Jesus had been crucified, the people stood by watching; the leaders scoffed at him saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked Jesus, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

"If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over Jesus, "This is the

King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

gospel focus
A kingdom of inclusion
In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is today that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 122.1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (R. see 1)

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14
GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44

21. Communal Reconciliation: The Second Rite

Most parishes schedule communal reconciliation during Advent and Lent. The official title of this liturgy is “Reconciliation of Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution” or the Second Rite of the Sacrament of Penance.

The Sacrament of Penance ritual book encourages participation in this form of reconciliation which “shows more clearly the communal nature of penance”.

Sometimes the manner of celebration of the second rite of reconciliation conveys the impression that the first half of the liturgy is a communal celebration but the second part a private one, in other words a combination of the third and first rites.

I have attended second rites where, after the introduction, liturgy of the word, and examination of conscience, the priests moved to the privacy of the church’s confessionals and sacristies. One by one, people entered these rooms, often for a considerable length of time, to confess their sins and receive absolution. In fact, from this point on they were just like Saturday afternoon confessions, but with several priests and a much bigger crowd. People were even told to leave after they had had their “turn” and not wait around for the concluding rites.

This is not at all what the second rite envisages. Such poor celebrations turn people away and deprive them of a wonderful opportunity to experience communal reconciliation which “shows more clearly the communal nature of penance”. (Sacrament of Penance #22)

The second form of the sacrament of penance is a communal liturgical celebration from beginning to end. It begins with the community listening to the word of God. The homily emphasises our need for repentance and the infinite mercy of God. During the examination of conscience, the assembly reflects together on where and how they have fallen short of their baptismal commitment to follow Christ.

The individual confession and absolution that follows is communal too in that the penitents approach the confessors in full view of all present. The priests stand at appropriate points around the worship space in such a way that penitents can be seen but not heard by others. This is easily arranged in most churches. Those who wish to confess their sins approach one of the priests. While no restriction is placed on the individual’s confession, good manners and common sense dictate that people limit the time they spend with confessors. More time for integral confession and spiritual guidance is available at the first rite.

It is a moving experience to witness fellow Christians humbling themselves publicly by approaching a confessor for forgiveness. As they do, we pray for them, that they will know the fullness of God’s grace and mercy.

After the confessions, the ceremony concludes with a proclamation of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving and a blessing. These are an integral to the celebration, not an optional extra!

To ensure that the rite is celebrated in a fruitful way, both parishioners and the priests who will take part need to be informed well beforehand about the nature and purpose of the rite and their participation in

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