

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

30 November 2025

First Sunday of Advent



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

Fr. Greg Burke, OCD Parish 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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Second Collection for Parish - EFT Details

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God bless you and all your family

*Grant your faithful, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.*

Advent opens with a call for us to run to meet Christ. The Christ to whom we run is not the infant but the Christ who will come "in glory and majesty" at the end of time. The prayer has a sense of energy and purpose. The goal is to be gathered intimately in Christ. To 'possess' means to fully belong and to be taken up by Christ is our perfection, our belonging and our fulfilment.

The **First Reading** (Is2:1-5) catches the Advent sense of the coming of Christ as the liberating Second Coming. The place of peace, teaching and fulfilment is already here, on the mountain of the Lord. It is not the Lord who is coming but the nations who are coming to the mountain of the Lord. Everyone is welcome. All stream to the Word. All seek peace and right judgement. Isaiah shows a true path, and peace reigns. This is our hope for the Second Coming of Christ. The **Response** to the Psalm sets the mood: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord!

In the **Second Reading** (Rom 13: 11-14) Paul calls his readers to prepare, to be awake and alert. His focus was on the behaviour of the Roman Christian community and their reluctance to leave behind pagan social norms. There is a sexual element here around promiscuity, and an emphasis on self-control, proper conduct toward neighbour and right relationships. The community has lost some of its character and become complacent. Believers were sleepwalking into the coming presence of Christ, and were less willing to embrace the implications of faith, and so less able to embrace the return of their Lord. Paul challenges us today to be awake.

The **Gospel** (Matt 24: 37-44) cautions us that we cannot take the return of Christ for granted. We hear the call: Wake Up! We are not to let the ordinary concerns of life overwhelm us. Matthew calls the community to be alert, not alarmed, acting always as if Christ's coming were imminent. The Gospel invites us not to postpone living fully until some future, unreal moment, but to start in real time, now, today. As St Paul puts it, See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! (2Cor 6:2)

Advent is a season of encouragement. It takes us back to our original spiritual quest which brought us to God in the first place.

*Stir up our hearts Lord,
with a great longing for you in our lives.
Let us feel again that deep restlessness of heart,
the royal road to you.*

Amen.

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 and search
"Golden Jubilee of Ordination"

(or contact the Parish Centre to register)

BOOKINGS CLOSE 30 NOVEMBER 2025



BEREAVEMENT MASS

Our next Bereavement Mass will be held on
Tuesday, 02 December 2025 at our 9.00am Mass.

Seeking Child Proclaimers for Christmas Eve Family Mass

We are inviting children aged 10 and above to help proclaim the Word at our Christmas Eve Family Mass on Wednesday, 24th December 2025 at 6:00pm.

If your child is confident reading and would like to take part in this special celebration, please contact the parish office to register your interest.

All readings will be provided, and two short practices will be arranged.

We look forward to our young parishioners helping bring the Christmas story to life!



In recognition of IDPD 2025, we reaffirm our commitment to an inclusive and accessible Church that celebrates the leadership and participation of people with disability. We encourage everyone to champion inclusive practice and explore resources from the Australian Disability Network to help make our parish a place where all feel they belong.

New on Our Parish Website

The collated 2025 Finance and Ministry Reports following the recent ACM are now available on the parish website. **Printed copies are also available in the church foyer.**

Visit:

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

Join us for Chair Yoga in the Parish Centre Hall starting February 2026, every Monday from 8–9am. Relax your body, soul, and mind with gentle Hatha Yoga. Gold coin donation. For details, text Nalini (Trainee Yoga Teacher) on 0425 366 970.



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.



BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Priest blesses the wreath and the assembly with the sprinkling of holy water, using these or similar words:

Let us pray: May the sprinkling of this water remind all of us gathered here of our first sharing in the grace of baptism. During this time of Advent may we prepare for the Lord's coming with open hearts and minds. May this wreath be a symbol to us of this time of prayerful watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord now and for all time.

The Priest or an assistant lights the first candle.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you come among us now as we read the prophet Jeremiah's words who promised that there shall be honesty and integrity in the land.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, that we may love one another and the whole human race as you did.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, we must stay awake as you will come again as the Son of Man.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**





The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady
Private adoration this week.

Calendar of Saints

03 Dec: St Francis Xavier, priest

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Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently Deceased: Luciano Mori, Victor Kyaw, Martin Estuche, Margaret Krajancich, Mary Criss Ambayan, Thomas Matthews;

Deceased: Elsie Nunis, John Stit, Philip Matthews, Peter Meek, Ceferino & Amy Lee, Constance Fernando, Members of the Peters Family, Anthony Family, and Holmes Family;

Anniversaries: Jennifer Cooke, Romeo Carey, Frank Bonfiglio, Kevin Collis;

and all those in need of our prayers.

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				

NEXT WEEKEND —07 December 2025—2nd Sunday of Advent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Bruce Erneste	Chris Lambert	Josephine Joseph-McManus	John Tomczak	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Nathan; Lachlan and Matthia	Tim; Dan and Aaron	Andrei and Manuel		Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	Teresa and John	Liz and Bernie	Chris A and Lia		Alan and Maureen
Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Teresa; Marcus; Chris and John	Valerie; Nevellene; Sr Madeline and Shirley	Sr Chitra; Linda; Marilyn; Tanya; Joan and Roma		Eloise; Adam; Maureen and Tristan
Hospitality	John T and Milly	Barb and Veronica	Cynthia and Barbara		Fely and Steve
Children's Liturgy			Ebony/Dawn		
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 12 December 2025 @ 10.30am				

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf Psalm 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.

In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 122.1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (R. see 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.** To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as 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.**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers." **R.**

For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good. **R.**

SECOND READING **Romans 13:11-14**

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy.

Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Ps 85:7**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 24:37-44**

Jesus spoke to his disciples:

"As the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

"Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

GOSPEL FOCUS
Get Ready!
Jesus draws a parallel between the people in Noah's time and the people of his own time. What it reflects is a complacency that periodically overtook the Jewish people. When the people bound themselves to God in covenant their lives gradually became better. Inevitably, their lives improved to such a state that they forgot God was responsible for their blessings. They ignored their relationship with God and became complacent about their good fortune. Ultimately, their comfort was brought to an end and they recognised once again their need for God. Jesus calls the people to get ready because the pattern is repeating itself.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm

72.1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (R. see 7)

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-9

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12