

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

14 December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

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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

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God bless you and all your family

O God,

who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's birth,
enable us to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Today's prayer focusses on the Christmas feast of the birth of Jesus. We celebrate the joy that comes from the incarnation (the whole human life of Jesus). God became fully human, one of us. Our deepest joy is that God became human in Jesus and through him we are offered the hope of salvation.

The **First Reading** (Is 35:1-6, 10) gives expression to messianic hope. Towards the end of our reading Isaiah characterises the Messiah as one who opens the eyes of the blind, unseals the ears of the deaf, enables the lame to leap with joy, and the dumb to sing. A recently published text from the Dead Sea Scrolls uses an identical list of wonders to characterise the messianic age. This text coming from just a few decades before Jesus' own time shows us that the language of Jesus would have been readily understood as saying, 'The messianic times are upon us'.

Jesus' message and ministry is one of healing, repentance and the celebration of God's mercy in the reign of God (Matt 11:2-11). This is the context of his summons to conversion of heart. The miracles of healing the blind, deaf and dumb and the dead being raised to life and the poor having good news brought to them are signs of God's ultimate will for all people – a 'beachhead' of the Kingdom of God to give us hope. The poor are 'blessed' because God has adopted their cause and one day God will see that it prevails.

In our **Second Reading** James (Jas 5:7-10) counsels patience, reminding us that all things grow under the right circumstances in due time which cannot be hurried. James also urges us to patience with irritating community or family members. "*Where there is no love put love and you will find love*" (St John of the Cross, the first Carmelite friar recruited by St Teresa, a great poet, teacher and mystic, whose feast day we celebrate this Monday).

Joy in believing might seem an extra in today's challenging climate for faith. Many of us struggle simply to hold on, let alone be exuberant. And yet, of course, there is deep, quiet happiness in faith. Everything is a gift and behind all the gifts stands a Giver. Love is at the heart of it all and, in faith, nothing is ever "lost" or "wasted." Faith, hope and love endure and the greatest of these is love. May we allow ourselves to rejoice in all that God has done for us, and still does for us, in Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Thanks

Last Saturday's celebration of my Golden Jubilee of Ordination was a day of great joy and love. It was relaxed, personal and sincere; more than I ever dared hope for. I am truly grateful and deeply humbled by your love and the appreciation you have shown me. It has been a wonderful privilege to celebrate the Eucharist and the other sacraments with you, and to minister to you in good times and bad. May God bless you and your families always. I will carry you in my heart.

Every blessing, your brother in Christ,
Greg

**Come and celebrate the
joy of Christmas
at
INFANT JESUS
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47 Wellington Road, Morley

*"Where the world saw a manger,
heaven saw a throne"*

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The Catholic Community of Morley invites you to join our

2025 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, 24th December - Vigil Mass at 6:00pm
(Family Mass - children are welcome to come dressed as angels and shepherds and join in the entrance procession)
Carols 30 minutes before each Mass
- Midnight Mass at 12:00am

Christmas Day: Thursday 25th December - Masses at 7:30am and 9:30am
- English/Italian Mass at 11:00am
~NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY~
Carols 30 minutes before each Mass

Our celebrations continue into the new year with normal weekend Mass times resuming for the feasts of the Holy Family, the Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2025

Thank you for your generous support of our 2025 St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Your contributions help us provide emergency assistance and Christmas hampers to individuals and families in our local area who are struggling with the rising cost of living. Your kindness brings hope and reminds those in need that they are not alone.

Wishing you all a safe and blessed Christmas.
Gus Formato, President – St Vincent de Paul Society, Morley/Dianella Conference

If you are interested in joining our Vinnies Conference or learning more about our work, please contact Gus on 0421 374 91.



CALLING ALL ANGELS & SHEPHERDS
At the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Wednesday 24 December at 6pm we encourage the children to dress as Angels or Shepherds on this holy night when Christ was born and join in the entrance procession.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD
Mass for the Feasts of St Stephen (26 December) and Mary, Mother of God (1 January) will be celebrated at 8:30am on both days.

NEWSLETTERS

Copies of the *Safeguarding Newsletter* (Volume 11, Issue 4 – December 2025) are now available in the church foyer. Please feel free to take a copy.

Copies of the latest edition of *The Record* are also available. (Issue 50 - December 2025)

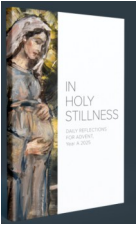


PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS

As Christmas approaches, please consider car-pooling or parking a little further from the church (including at the school) to leave closer bays for visitors, the elderly and the infirm. Please avoid parking in the emergency bays and be mindful of our neighbours. Let's make everyone feel welcome at our Christmas Masses—whether regular parishioners or those visiting after receiving our letterbox invitation. Share the joy of the season with a warm smile!



PLEASE VISIT THE PIETY STALL FOR 2026 CALENDARS AND ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS
"IN HOLY STILLNESS":
DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT, YEAR A
- A new prayer reflection resource for groups and individuals -



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.



LETTERBOX DROP FOR CHRISTMAS AT INFANT JESUS

Invite your neighbours from the Morley/Dianella/Noranda parish area to come and join us for our Christmas liturgies. Please take some fliers and deliver them to the houses in your area (only if you live within the Morley parish boundaries).

The fliers are now in the church foyer. Please mark off the streets you will deliver to so that we don't get multiple invites being delivered. This is such a simple way to show our neighbours hospitality and enable them to share the Good News of Christmas.

Advent Wreath Lighting

The Presider, or an assistant, lights the third candle.

Week Three
Celebrant: Lord Jesus we are full of joy at the thought of your coming.
All: Come, Lord Jesus.
Celebrant: "Be patient do not lose heart" for the Lord our God is coming. It is he who will bring us to safety.
All: Come, Lord Jesus.
Celebrant: "Happy is the person who does not lose faith" they will be great in the sight of God.
All: Come, Lord Jesus.





The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady
in the home of Doug and Annette
Nathanielsz—Ph: 9276 5048

Calendar of Saints

15 Dec: St John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church

! PARISH CENTRE CLOSURE ! - Please note the Parish Centre will be closed to all groups and the Parish Office will also be closed from
Wednesday, 24th December to Sunday, 18th January

Let Us Pray for One Another

Deceased: Maria & Markby Moore, Renato & Norberto Sales, Rachel Oorloff, Bill & Nettie Beukelaar, Norma Ryan;

Anniversaries: Arthur Chemello, William Slyth, Bosco Lu, Carmela Spiccia;

and all those in need of our prayers.

*“The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.”*

THIS WEEKEND —14 December 2025—3rd Sunday of Advent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John Tomczak	Cyril Mathew	Marion Wayne	Tung Nguyen	Tung Nguyen
Altar Servers	Naethan and Meghan	Ria; Lia and Frank	Victoria and Kim		Alyssa and Ruben
Proclaimers	Meghan, Nathan	Rita, Liz	Mike, Chris		Pramila, Adam
Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Sejin; Emily; Teresa and Marcus	Carl; Josie; Kathleen and John	Josephine; Aileen; Marlene; Lucy; Annette and Magdalene		Eloise; Ivor; Thuy and Adam
Hospitality	Emily and Rebecca	Angella and Selina	Deb and Lia		Marina and Molly
Children's Liturgy			Lucy and Phil		
Church Cleaning	Team A—Saturday, 20 December 2025 @ 9.30am				

NEXT WEEKEND —21 December 2025—4th Sunday of Advent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Adrian	Chris Wray	Chris Yapp	Bruce Erneste	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Shawn; Andres and Meldon	Elizabeth and Peter	Crissanto and Cesar		Alex; Dorothy; Bryant and Alden
Proclaimers	Marian, Miroli	Gerri, Bernadette	Mark, Claire		Maureen, Alan
Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Chris; John; Sejin and Emily	Kerryn; Michael; Valerie and Nevellene	Joseph; Christina; Anna; Evelyn; Errol and Patrick		Sr Chau; Sr Le; Sr Oanh and Maureen
Hospitality	Sejin and Donna-Marie	Sally and Phung Anh	Roma and Sr Chitra		Anne and Pramila
Church Cleaning	Team B—time and date to be advised				

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A ® 14 DECEMBER 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Philippians 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say,
rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-6,10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be
glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom
abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to
it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing
for joy.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall
return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their
heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (R. see
Isa 35.4)**

R. Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free. **R.**

The Lord opens the eyes of the blind
and lifts up those who are bowed
down;
the Lord loves the righteous
and watches over the strangers. **R.**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the
widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to
ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all
generations. **R.**

SECOND READING James 5:7-10

Be patient, beloved, until the coming of
the Lord.
The farmer waits for the precious crop
from the earth
being patient with it until it receives the
early and the late rains.
You also must be patient.
Strengthen your hearts,
for the coming of the Lord is near.

Beloved, do not grumble against one
another
so that you may not be judged.
See, the Judge is standing at the doors!
As an example of suffering and
patience, beloved,
take the prophets who spoke in the
name of the Lord.

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
***The Spirit of the Lord now upon
me;
has sent me to bring Good News to
the poor.***
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the
Messiah was doing,
he sent word by his disciples
who said to Jesus,
"Are you the one who is to come,
or are we to wait for another?"
Jesus answered them,
"Go and tell John what you hear and
see:
the blind receive their sight,
the lame walk, the lepers are
cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have good news
brought to them.
And blessed is anyone who takes no
offence at me."

As they went away,
Jesus began to speak to the crowds
about John:
"What did you go out into the

wilderness to look at?
A reed shaken by the wind?
What then did you go out to see?
Someone dressed in soft robes?
Look, those who wear soft robes are
in royal palaces.
What then did you go out to see?
A prophet?
Yes, I tell you, and more than a
prophet.
This is the one about whom it is
written,
'See, I am sending my messenger
ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before
you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of
women
no one has arisen greater than John
the Baptist;
yet the least in the kingdom of
heaven is greater than he."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf

Isaiah 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and
do not fear. Behold, our God will come,
and he will save us.

Historical context

Least and Greatest

Jesus declares that the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater even than John whom he has just finishing praising as greatest of all men. It is an indication that in the kingdom, things are not as they are on earth. The blind, lame, deaf, poor and lepers that Jesus named earlier would have been seen as the very lowest of society. Their afflictions were seen as punishments from God and so it was assumed that they, or their parents, had done something to deserve this punishment. Jesus rejects this interpretation and shows these people to be the most open to responding to his message.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 7:10-14
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 24.
1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (R.7c+10b)
SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7
GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-24