

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

21 December 2025

Fourth 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

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Our opening prayer is familiar from the Angelus. It names the salvific deeds of Christ: his incarnation, passion, death, and resurrection. It asks that we be brought into the glory of Christ's resurrection. It unites theology, piety, devotion to Mary and the Christ-child.

Today's Gospel is from Matthew (Matt 1:18-24) which focuses on Joseph. Through Joseph Jesus comes into the House of David. It is Joseph who receives an annunciation that the child has been conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Israel's history Joseph was famous for his technicolour coat, he had strange dreams, looked after his family, and even went down into Egypt, where Joseph will later take Mary and Jesus. Matthew is writing for a community who have come to faith in Jesus through Judaism. Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us, who fulfils Israel's hopes and longings. Matthew is teaching us about Jesus, his identity and his destiny. This Jesus, a real human being, is also God with us who comes to save us. He fulfilled all that God did before and surpassed it. In this way, Matthew tells us who Jesus is pictorially or graphically and in an accessible and memorable way. Matthew offers us the possibility of stitching the threads of our own story into this tapestry of stories.

Jesus begins his life in an age of anxiety. The future lies hidden from Joseph who is told 'be not to afraid'. He trusts the future into God's hands. When we look at the crib scenes of the child resting peacefully in a manger dare we believe that even we can rest peacefully in our age of anxiety? This is the heart our faith. Everyone who is anyone in the Bible is told not to be afraid. And the assurance "I will be with you" is found throughout starting with the very name of God in Ex 3:14, 'I am who I am'. The God—in whom we live and move and have our being—is there all along, whether we are aware of it or not. Faith is the moment of discovery and recognition.

O God,
teach us to welcome Jesus, the promised Emmanuel,
and to proclaim the good news of his coming
that all may know him, the source of redemption and grace.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ whose birth we celebrate
and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

A blessed Christmas to you and your family, and a happy New Year,

Every blessing, your brother in Christ,

Greg

**Come and celebrate the
joy of Christmas
at
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*"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

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 flyers 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.

! PARISH CENTRE CLOSURE UPDATE !

Please note the parish centre and parish office will be
CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS from Thursday 26th December and will re-open on Tuesday, 27th January 2026.

During this period, a much-needed building maintenance will be carried out. The answering machine and email will be attended - please leave a message and we will get back to you. In case of emergency, please contact the priests in the priory (the building on the left of the church).



Holy Communion at Christmas Mass
Please share with family and friends who might be attending Christmas Mass with us:



Please note that Holy Communion will be offered under both kinds, the Body and Blood of Christ, at our Christmas Masses.
Body of Christ
For those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please be aware that at our parish this will be distributed after those receiving Communion in the hand have done so.
Blood of Christ
The Blood of Christ will be offered by intinction only, and not by drinking from the cup.
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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.



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!



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.



Advent Wreath Lighting

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

WEEK FOUR

Celebrant: Isaiah tells us that a child will be born called Emmanuel, a name that means "God is with us".

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Go tell the Good News that Jesus Christ has come, so that all people may have life everlasting.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and he will be the King of Glory.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.





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

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.

Let Us Pray for One Another

Deceased: Francis Wayne Fitzgerald, Emeliana Montecillo, Beatrice Layam, Norma Ryan, Bosco Lu, Chow Win Kong, Chin Pong Kin;

Recently Deceased: Luciano Mori;

Anniversaries: Gracy Ramunni, Bibiana Scully, George Joseph, Charlotte and Elder Boswell, Fred Ienco;

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—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, Mirolì	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— Wednesday, 24th December 2025 @ 10:00am				

NEXT WEEKEND —28 December 2025—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter	Cyril	David	Marion	Adrian
Altar Servers	Aaditya, Abhay, Aryaan	Ria, Lia, Frank	Andrei, Manuel		Amy, Megan
Proclaimers	Donna-Marie and Sylvia	Sally and Shirley	Chris and Rodney		Georgia and Alan
Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Teresa; Marcus; Chris and John	Sr Madeline; Shirley; Carl and Josie	Sr Chau; Sr Le; Sr Oanh; Sr Chitra; Linda and Marily		Thuy; Ivor; Tristan and Eloise
Hospitality	Roopa and Christina	Quinn and Shirley	Patrick and Kyle		Julie and Adam
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 03 January 2026 @ 9.30am				

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR A ♦ 21 DECEMBER 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf Isaiah 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test."

Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel."

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 24.1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (R.7c+10b).

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the river. **R.**

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false. **R.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation. Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **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 Matthew 1:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!
A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-24

The birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the

virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Isaiah 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Living Word of God

Advent

Emmanuel; God-is-with-us – that's what we celebrate through Christmas and that's what we've been preparing for during Advent. We celebrate God-with-us in a particular time and place through our celebration of the birth of Jesus. But we remember it every year because we also use the Christmas celebration to remind ourselves that God continues to be with us. That is what is so remarkable about the Christmas season: that God-is-with-us now, not just in a stable in Palestine so many years ago, but now! Advent is the time to remind ourselves of this incredible truth and prepare ourselves to acknowledge it once again.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 128. 1-2, 3, 4-5

SECOND READING:

Colossians 3:12-21

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23