



INFANT JESUS PARISH MORLEY



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Today with grateful hearts we celebrate Christmas, our parish feast. When the Infant Jesus was born in Bethlehem the Angels sang God praises: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' (Luke 2: 13-14) No one is excluded from God's love and peace. May God abundantly bless you all. May your families know his peace, joy and love at this time and always. May our world find peace through the Prince of Peace, Jesus himself.

The shocking events in Bondi raised difficult questions for everyone. Our hope is that what unites us is greater than what divides us. Here are some appropriate reflections from Pope Francis's Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*:

Ancient conflicts thought long buried are breaking out anew, while instances of a myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalism are on the rise... Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day... Amid the fray of conflicting interests, where victory consists in eliminating one's opponents, how is it possible to raise our sights to recognize our neighbours or to help those who have fallen along the way? I invite everyone to renewed hope, for hope "speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning."

Our love for others, for who they are, moves us to seek the best for their lives. Only by cultivating this way of relating to one another will we make possible a social friendship that excludes no one and a fraternity that is open to all. Love also impels us towards universal communion. As Jesus told us: "You are all siblings" (Mt 23:8). A journey of peace is possible between religions. Its point of departure must be God's way of seeing things. We believers are challenged to return to our sources, in order to concentrate on what is essential: worship of God and love for our neighbour, lest some of our teachings, taken out of context, end up feeding forms of contempt, hatred, xenophobia or negation of others. The truth is that hatred and violence have no basis in our fundamental religious convictions, but only in their distortion.

*Lord God, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace.
Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.
May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. Amen.*

May there be peace on earth and goodwill among all people.

Love and every blessing of the Infant Jesus this Christmas and always,

Fathers Greg, John and Ad and the whole team at Infant Jesus Parish.



Whether you are visiting, looking for a place to be with God, or a parishioner here at Infant Jesus Morley, we are delighted to have you here with us this Christmas.

We invite you to come often and linger a while - the church is open everyday until 12.00pm if you wish to spend time with God privately or with the community (after our regular Church services which can be found on Pg 3); the parish centre is a hive of activity throughout the year (see the back page for the many groups that meet here); our parish staff and volunteers are always happy to assist with any enquiries during office hours or at church services.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES

Please continue celebrating with us throughout the Christmas Season and into the New Year.

Friday 26 December – Feast of St. Stephen

Mass at 8.30am only (Boxing Day public holiday)

Sat/Sun 27 & 28 December – The Holy Family

Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.00am (Eng /Italian) & 6pm

Thursday 1 January – Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 8.30am only (New Year public holiday)

Sat/Sun 3 & 4 January – The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.00am (Eng /Italian) & 6pm

Sat/Sun 10 & 11 January – The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.00pm

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.00am (Eng /Italian) & 6pm

The Parish Office and Parish Centre
ARE CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS NOW

and will reopen on

Tuesday 27 January 2025

The answering machine and the parish email will be attended to during the break - please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Wishing everyone the blessings of Christmas today and throughout the New Year!



Columban Calendars are still available for purchase.
\$10 each — plenty still available.



Please purchase from the Piety Stall in the Church
foyer after 7:30am or 9:30am Sunday Masses.

~ PEACE, JOY, AND SAFE TRAVELS ~

Wishing all our parishioners and visitors a wonderful Christmas
and a safe journey to those who will be travelling over the
holidays

Parish Religious Education Program

Classes for children not attending Catholic schools are held in our parish centre each Wednesday during school term from 4.15pm to 5.20pm. Enrolments for 2026 will be held on **Wednesday 4th February 2026 from 2.30pm-4.30pm** or email prep@infantjesusparish.org.au for an on-line enrolment form. Please note that two years of classes are required before the reception of any of the Sacraments.

Let the little children come to me....

Helpers needed - do you have time on Wednesday afternoons during school term time to bring the Good News to our parish children who do not attend Catholic schools? You would be working with a wonderful committed team and using an easy-to-follow program, with all the help you need. Please email Sue at prep@infantjesusparish.org.au



NEW TO OUR PARISH?

WELCOME!

If you have recently joined our church community, please make yourself known to our hospitality ministers and priests, or complete a **New Parishioner Information Form**, available in the church foyer, and return it to one of the priests, hospitality ministers or the collection bags at Mass.



LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH - REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Support your parish community into the future by leaving a gift to your parish community in your will. This is a way of ensuring that our Christian mission and the pastoral outreach of the many parish ministries continue and grow, both for today's needs and for those of our children and grandchildren. For more information, please take an information leaflet "Leaving a Legacy of Love" from the bench in the foyer or contact Darren at the parish office either by phone 9276 8500 or email accounts@infantjesusparish.org.au

Please join us on

New Year's Eve

11pm Adoration & Reflection
12am Midnight Mass
followed by Refreshments

Schoenstatt Shrine

9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon

This is an open-air event
please bring a chair.

THE FIRST COLLECTION

Why we give and how our money is used

Since the earliest days of the church, the Christian community has accepted the responsibility of supporting those who are charged with taking the Gospel to the world. When Jesus commissioned his Apostles to go out and share the Good News, he said, *"When you travel, don't take a walking stick. Also, don't carry a bag, food, or money. Take for your trip only the clothes you are wearing. When you go into a house, stay there until it is time to leave."* Lk 9:3-4. In other words, they were commissioned to trust in the generosity of the community for their daily needs. And in 1 Timothy 5:18, we hear *"the labourer deserves to be paid."* In giving to the first collection at Mass, we are continuing this responsibility of supporting our priests so they can continue their mission of sharing the Good News in the Morley area.



When the Carmelite friars were invited to take responsibility for the Parish of Infant Jesus in 1955 by the Archbishop of Perth, they accepted financial responsibility for the parish as well. Unlike Diocesan priests, our Discalced Carmelite Order priests receive no financial support from anyone but us—the parishioners of Morley. The money received in the first collection, therefore, needs to cover all their living expenses; food, clothing, cars, petrol, maintenance, household & medical expenses — in other words everything needed for their work and daily life.

With prices rising and the First Collection decreasing in recent years, we need to recall Christ's confidence in the people of his Church — that they will care for his Apostles and Evangelists so that they can focus on carrying out his mission in the world.

In lieu of giving to the First Collection at Mass, you may prefer to give your support by 'Tap and Give Terminal' available in the church foyer or direct deposit by using these details:

Account Name: Carmelite
BSB: 066 132 **Account No:** 0080 0015
Reference: [your name]

In Our Church (& more on the back page)

Public Holidays & Saturdays Morning Prayer 8am; Mass 8.30am
Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri 6.40am
Morning Mass: Monday-Friday 7am & 9am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.00am
 (English / Italian) and 6pm

Children's Liturgy during school terms at Sunday 9.30am Mass for children 3-8 years of age (volunteer helpers needed)

Personal Advocacy Mass for People with Intellectual Disabilities at 3rd Sunday 9.30am Mass (February-November)

Reconciliation: Saturday 10-11am and 5.00-5.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings, Sacraments and Hall Bookings:
 Please contact the Parish Office Ph: 9276 8500
 Email: secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au
 (leave a message if office is unattended)



Post Christmas Clean-up? Don't throw it away!

There are many charities who can use your unwanted items:

CARE BAGS — supporting children entering emergency care - will accept new children's clothing, toys & books.

STARTING OVER SUPPORT— housing families in crisis - will accept any clean household items (including electrical appliances in good working order) and linen.

ENVELOPE WITH STAMPS — for the Sisters of St Joseph

Any donations for the above can be left in the foyer of the church and we will pass them on to the relevant charities.
Thank you!

CANS AND BOTTLES - Containers for Change - please use our scheme ID number C10437245 when you return your containers and we will receive the refunds directly into the parish account to help with day to day expenses of the parish.



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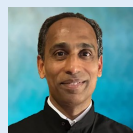
MEET THE TERESIAN FRIARS WHO SERVE OUR PARISH

INFANT JESUS MORLEY



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NAME OF GROUP	MEETING DAY AND TIME	PLACE
<u>STUDY, SUPPORT & SOCIAL GROUPS</u>		
PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) for children not attending Catholic schools	Wednesdays school terms 4.15pm-5.20pm Enrolments Wednesday 4 February 2026	Parish Centre
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP	1st Tuesdays of the month 9am Mass, followed by morning tea	Church and Parish Centre - Atrium
PLAYGROUP (0-4 years of age)	Wednesday 9.30-11.00am	Parish Centre - Hall
ST VINCENT DE PAUL	Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm	Parish Centre - Library
TAI CHI	Tuesday 9.45-11.00am	Parish Centre - Hall
CHAIR YOGA	Mondays 8:00am—9:00am	Parish Centre - Hall
<u>PRAYING GROUPS</u>		
BIBLE STUDY	Thursday 6.30pm	Parish Centre - Library
CENACLE PRAYER GROUP	Monday after 9am Mass: 9.30-10.15am	Church
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Friday 9.30-10.30am	Church
HEALING MASS	2 nd Wednesday 9.00am Mass	Church
INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER GROUP	Thursday 2.00-3.00pm	Church - Chapel
MEDITATION	Fridays 9.30am	Parish Centre - Library
NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL	Wednesday 6.30-7.00pm	Church
PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES	Weekly roster in the church foyer	At home, private devotion
ROSARY after 9am Mass Tuesday-Thursday and after Saturday 8.30am Mass	Tuesday – Thursday 9.30-9.45am Saturday 9.00-9.15am	Church
TERESIAN PRAYER	1 st and 3 rd Monday 5.30-6.30pm	Church
OTHER GROUPS - There are many ways to assist in the Parish, especially in the various Liturgical Ministries, Parish Baptism Group, Sacramental Programme, Cleaning Groups, committees, event volunteering and more. Enquire at the Parish Office - Lucy and Theresa would love to hear from you.		

All are welcome to join any of the groups running in the Parish listed above or to just drop in to say hello and have a cuppa!

Many groups and individuals meet in our Church and Parish Centre during the week. The Parish Centre houses the Parish Hall, meeting rooms, library, offices and a fully equipped kitchen...and also a gift and card stall you can browse through on Monday-Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm. The Parish also hosts many events throughout the year - we enjoy great comradery as we socialise or work towards a common goal.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE YOUR BUSINESS
REPRESENTED HERE?**

YOU CAN!

PHONE DARREN ON 9276 8500
- leave a message and he'll be in touch soon