

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

07 December 2025

Second 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

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Second Collection for Parish - EFT Details

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God bless you and all your family

Collect for the 2nd Sunday of Advent:

*Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.*

Heavenly wisdom is to know and live the beatitudes. When we clothe the poor and feed the hungry, we are in the company of Christ. In care for the poor and the recognition of Christ in all, we are already in his company and experience his mercy.

Today's **First Reading** (Is 11: 1-10) is an expression of messianic hope. It focuses on a saving figure who is to come from the royal house of David. This ideal king will be the Messiah. The Spirit of the Lord will be on him giving him a personal awareness of God and God's will for human beings. He will bring true justice for all but especially for the poor. It will be a new Eden. There will be peace in all creation even in the animal kingdom. Israel will be a light and a 'signal' to the nations of the world. Christians have interpreted this as prefiguring Jesus, the one 'in whom the nations will place their hope' (Matt 12:21; see Rom 15:12).

In the **Second Reading** (Rom 15:4-9) Paul writes to a divided Christian community in Rome. He calls them to 'accept' ('welcome') one another, conscious of the fact that in the person of Jesus, Israel's Messiah, God has reached out beyond Israel to include the Gentiles in the community of salvation. Gentile believers who have received acceptance from God and the hope it brings should lead to be accepting and tolerant towards their more scrupulous Jewish Christian believers who maintain ritual food prohibitions and other Jewish rituals (see Rom 14:1-23).

The **Gospel** today, (Matt 3:1-12) gives us John the Baptist. John's message, 'Prepare a way for the Lord', is the theme of Advent. He calls us to wake up from our complacent slumbers. John calls out arrogance in leaders and challenges structures that do not bear good fruit.

Advent is not so much a penitential season but one of preparation. Preparation means hope and being alive to empowerment. Christ brings us the gift of the Spirit so we and will change and through us unjust situations will change. Metanoia (conversion or repentance) for us means a whole change of mindset, going right down to the roots of our being. It's the only project. Of course it takes time, but the time is now. This is the moment to make straight the paths, to remind ourselves that Christ is alive and the Spirit is active among us.

*God of life abundant, may your Advent call to life and love,
hope and conversion touch us again
and draw us closer to you.
Amen.*

Blessings,

Greg

Advent Wreath Lighting

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

V. Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Baruch when he proclaimed that God will show your splendour.

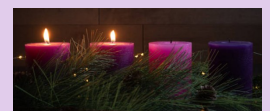
R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you will bring us to the perfect goodness for the glory and praise of God.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.

V. Lord Jesus, you call us to repentance and to prepare the way for you so that all humankind shall see the salvation of God.

R. Come, Lord Jesus.



Golden Jubilee of Ordination – Fr Greg Burke

We give thanks for the celebration of Fr Greg Burke's 50th Anniversary of Ordination on Saturday. Our gratitude to Archbishop Timothy Costelloe for presiding and to all who joined and assisted in making the occasion so meaningful. Congratulations, Fr Greg, on this wonderful milestone!

Hospitality Ministry Meeting

Just a quick reminder that all Hospitality Ministers are invited to our get together on Saturday, 13 December. We'll begin with Mass at 8.30am in the Church, then head over to the Parish Hall for morning tea.
Josephine McManus | Hospitality Ministry Co-ordinator

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 before Monday, 15th December. 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!



Coat Hanger Collection

We still have coat hangers remaining from the recent sale. Please feel free to collect some from the Parish Centre before Christmas. If you lent any for the event, kindly come and take them back at your convenience. Thank you!



Advent Retreat Mornings – 2025

Our first Advent retreat morning on 4 December has now taken place. Thank you to all who attended and helped create a prayerful and reflective morning.

Our next retreat will be held on 8 December, 9:30am–12:30pm at the Infant Jesus Parish Centre. All are welcome.

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.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2025

Our parish will again support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal this weekend, helping local families in the Morley/Dianella area who are struggling with rising living costs and need assistance with basic necessities.

Vinnies members will collect donations after all Masses this weekend, 6–7 December. Envelopes will be available in the pews for those wishing to give via credit/debit transfer.



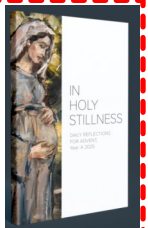
Thank you for your continued generosity in helping provide a brighter Christmas for those in need.

— Gus Formato, President, Morley/Dianella Conference

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

"IN HOLY STILLNESS":

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT, YEAR A
— A new prayer reflection resource for groups and individuals—



Pope Leo XIV's Monthly Intention for December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Prepare the Way for the Lord 2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION THIS Wednesday 10 December at 7pm

Join us for this hour of quiet reflection and celebration of healing and reconciliation, during which you will hear the word of God proclaimed 3 times in the style of Lectio Divina. The quiet between readings allows His words to speak to you. Individual (brief) confession is then held in various areas of the church, after which you return to your seat for prayer. But it's not time to go yet— stay to rejoice and give thanks together as a community before we go out to live our new life, healed and renewed!

Please note: Individual confessions should be kept brief, allowing all present the time to receive the Sacrament.

Pick up an information flyer from the church foyer which will answer many questions about this 2nd Rite of Reconciliation - the what, why and how of confession.



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.

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

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

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The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady
Private adoration this week.

Calendar of Saints

he Immaculate Conception of the
08 Dec: The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
13 Dec: St Lucy, virgin, martyr

PROJECT COMPASSION 2025

OUR PARISH RAISED \$14,296.15 FOR CARITAS AUSTRALIA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently Deceased: Luciano Mori,
Deceased: Janet Freer, Eva Robertson, Matias & Rosalina Sales,
Qui Hung Nguyen;

Anniversaries: Flora & Alphonso Monteiro, Maria Tran Thi Hoan,
J Baotixita Nguyen Duc Han, J Baotixita Nguyen Duc Tuyen,
Antonio Merendino

and all those in need of our prayers.

*“For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord,
my confidence since my youth.”*

THIS 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				

NEXT 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
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				

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A ♦ 7 DECEMBER 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf Isaiah 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his
voice heard in the joy of your heart.

FIRST READING **Isaiah 11:1-10**

On that day: A shoot shall come out
from the stump of Jesse, and a branch
shall grow out of his roots. The spirit
of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit
of wisdom and understanding, the
spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of
knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the
Lord. He shall not judge by what his
eyes see, or decide by what his ears
hear; but with righteousness he shall
judge the poor, and decide with equity
for the meek of the earth; he shall
strike the earth with the rod of his
mouth, and with the breath of his lips
he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness
shall be the belt around his waist, and
faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling
together, and a little child shall lead
them. The cow and the bear shall
graze, their young shall lie down
together; and the lion shall eat straw
like the ox. The nursing child shall play
over the hole of the asp, and the
weaned child shall put its hand on the
adder's den. They will not hurt or
destroy on all my holy mountain; for
the earth will be full of the knowledge
of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.
On that day the root of Jesse shall
stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his
dwelling shall be glorious.

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and
fullness of peace for ever.**

Give the king your justice, O God, and
your righteousness to a king's son. May
he judge your people with
righteousness, and your poor with
justice. **R**

In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no
more. May he have dominion from sea

to sea, and from the River to the ends of
the earth. **R.**

For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy. **R.**

May his name endure forever, his fame
continue as long as the sun.

May all nations be blessed in him; may
they pronounce him happy. **R.**

SECOND READING **Romans 15:4-9**

Whatever was written in former days was
written for our instruction, so that by
steadfastness and by the encouragement
of the scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and
encouragement grant you to live in
harmony with one another, in accordance
with Christ Jesus, so that together you
may with one voice glorify the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore,
just as Christ has welcomed you, for the
glory of God. For I tell you that Christ
has become a servant of the circumcised
on behalf of the truth of God in order
that he might confirm the promises given
to the patriarchs, and in order that the
Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.
As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the
Gentiles, and sing praises to your name."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Luke 3:4,6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight his paths: all
people shall see the salvation
of God.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL **Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared
in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has
come near." This is the one of whom the
prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The
voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his

paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair
with a leather belt around his waist, and
his food was locusts and wild honey.
Then the people of Jerusalem and all
Judea were going out to him, and all the
region along the Jordan, and they were
baptized by him in the river Jordan,
confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and
Sadducees coming for baptism, John said
to them, "You brood of vipers! Who
warned you to flee from the wrath to
come?"

"Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not
presume to say to yourselves, 'We have
Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you,
God is able from these stones to raise
up children to Abraham. Even now the
axe is lying at the root of the trees; every
tree therefore that does not bear good
fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance,
but one who is more powerful than I is
coming after me; I am not worthy to
carry his sandals. He will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit and fire. His
winnowing fork is in his hand, and he
will clear his threshing floor and will
gather his wheat into the granary; but
the chaff he will burn with
unquenchable fire."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Baruch 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the
heights, and behold the joy which comes
to you from God.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm
146.6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 (R. see Isa 35.4)
SECOND READING: James 5:7-10
GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11