

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

18 January 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

Fr. Greg Burke, OCD Parish Priest
Fr. John Pallippadan, OCD Assistant Priest
Fr. Adalbert Imperial, OCD Assistant Priest



The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady

In the home of Amanda & Mark—Ph: 0414 169

Goodbye Fr. Greg, Welcome Fr Adelbert—
our new Parish Priest

As of 26 January 2026, Fr Adalbert Imperial will take up office as Parish Priest of Infant Jesus Morley and will serve the parish in this role until the Carmelite Chapter meeting in August 2026.

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.



The Parish Office and Parish Centre are now closed to all groups and will reopen on Tuesday, 27 January. While we are closed, the answering machine will still be checked. Please feel free to leave a message with your name and contact details, and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Thank you for your understanding, and we wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Parish Religious Education Programme

Classes for children not attending Catholic schools are held in our parish centre Each Wednesday during school term from 4.15pm to 5.20pm starting 11 February 2026.

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.



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has volunteered in the many ministries and groups that helped our parish community thrive throughout 2025.

~If you'd like to volunteer in our parish or view information on what is involved in the different ministries please scan the QR code and complete your details via the link.
<https://infantjesusparish.org.au/volunteer/>



Recently Deceased: Evelyn Quadros, Ioli Catena Galipo, Margaret Collopy;

Deceased: Luciano Mori;

Anniversaries: Audrey Ross, P.K. Pailo, Margaret Caldwell, Giuseppina & Vincenzo Caccamo

and all those in need of our prayers.

"Praise be to God, for he has heard my cry for mercy."

PARISH THANKSGIVING MASS AND BBQ

The parish Thanksgiving Mass and BBQ Dinner will be held on

Friday, 23rd January, with Mass at 6:00pm, followed by a sausage sizzle on the lawn.

We look forward to gathering with those who have already registered as we begin the parish year together in thanksgiving and community.

Please keep our parish family in your prayers as we celebrate this occasion.



FAREWELL FR. GREG!

As the Parish Thanksgiving Mass will be Fr. Greg's last time with us all, we will have a "wishing well" for him at the BBQ. If you would like to bring a cash gift to contribute to the wishing well, please bring it along with you on the night.

CAN YOU HELP?

We need some helping hands with our BBQ dinner. If you are available to help on Friday 23 Jan to help with preparation of salads and onions we would love to hear from you. Please email Lucy at secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au or leave a message on 9276 8500.

Clothing Donations

Please note that the clothing donation bins have been removed due to ongoing vandalism. As a result, clothing donations are not to be left in the church foyer.

Parishioners wishing to donate clothing are asked to take items directly to the St Vincent de Paul shop in Dewar Street, Morley, or to another charity shop of their choice.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. This will help prevent items being left unattended and ensure donations reach those in need appropriately.



NEXT WEEKEND — 25 January 2026 — 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy	Chris W	Chris Y	Marion	Tung
Altar Servers	Aaditya, Abhay, Aryaan	Tim, Dan, Aaron			Alyssa, Ruben
Proclaimers	Naethan, Meghan	Sally, Valerie	Bebbin, Tony		Alishia, Fely
Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Marcus, Teresa, Aadi, Sejin	Sr Madeline, Margaret, Kerry, Kathleen	Vienna, Linda, Marilyn, Tanya, Joan, Roma		Adam, Fely, Thuy, Ivor
Hospitality	Emily, Rebecca	Quinn, Shirley	Cynthia, Barbara		Maureen, Anthony
Church Cleaning	Team C, Saturday 31 January at 9:30am				



The Living Word of God NRSV

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A ♦ 18 JANUARY 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Psalm 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me,
"You are my servant, Israel,
in whom I will be glorified."

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength.

He says,
"It is too small a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 40.1+3a, 6, 7-8, 9 (R.7-8)

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God. **R.**

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required. **R.**

Then I said, "Here I am;
In the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart." **R.**

I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1:1-3

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus
by the will of God,
and from our brother Sosthenes.
To the church of God that is in Corinth,
to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,
called to be saints,
together with all those who in every place
call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him to become children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him
and declared,
"Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
This is he of whom I said,
'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me
because he was before me.'

I myself did not know him;
but I came baptizing with water for this reason,
that he might be revealed to Israel."

And John testified,
"I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove,
and it remained on him.
I myself did not know him,
but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me,
'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain
is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'
And I myself have seen and have testified
that this is the Son of God."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf Psalm 22:5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Living the gospel

Pointing the way

John the Baptist fills the role of 'pointing the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to 'point the way' towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's 'Look, there he is!' However, the way we choose to live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might utter. Consistently treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 27.1, 4, 13-14 (R.1a)

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-17