

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

11 January 2026

The Baptism of the Lord



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

Calendar of Saints

17 Jan: St Anthony, abbot

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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered for children aged 3–8 years during the Sunday 9.30am Mass. Children leave the church at the beginning of Mass to reflect on the Sunday Gospel in an age-appropriate way through prayers, songs, and activities, before returning to Mass at the Preparation of the Gifts. We are seeking **new volunteers for 2026** to assist with this important parish ministry. Training and resources are provided, and volunteers serve on a roster during school terms. For more information or to register your interest, please contact Lucy at the parish office: secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au

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/>



The PARISH OFFICE and PARISH CENTRE are now closed to all groups and will reopen on Tuesday 27 January. The answering machine will be attended to - please leave a message and we will get back to you.

Recently Deceased: Francesco Fanelli, Aleida Angelina Jutte, Gwendoline Aylmore, Domenico Pizzata;

Deceased: Arthur Chemello, Kathleen Hartley;

Anniversaries: Alex Zuccarino, Malcolm Pereira, Fred Ienco;

and all those in need of our prayers.

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

STARTING OUR PARISH YEAR WITH A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

All parish families are invited to the parish's Thanksgiving Mass and BBQ Dinner!
Friday, 23rd January - 6pm Mass
followed by a sausage sizzle on the lawn

RSVP by Thursday, 15th January for catering purposes.

We hope that you and your family will be able to join us for the Mass and the simple meal afterwards. Please register your attendance. If you are not able to attend, be assured that you and your family will be in our prayers and will be celebrated with gratitude during Mass.

RSVP - please email the number of people attending to Lucy at secretary@infantjesusparish.org.au or leave a message on the phone on 9276 8500 or put your name (and number of people attending) on the list in the foyer.

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.



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.

1800RESPECT: 1800RESPECT is the national domestic, family and sexual violence counselling, information and support service. If you or someone you know is experiencing, or at risk of experiencing domestic, family and sexual violence, you can call 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732, text 0458 737 732 or visit www.1800respect.org.au for online chat and video call services: Available 24/7; Call, text or online chat Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm AEST (except national public holidays): Video call (no appointment needed) In an emergency, call 000 Interpreter: 13 14 50

NEXT WEEKEND — 18 January 2026 — 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sun 11:00am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Chris Lambert	David Ward	Chris Lambert	John Tomczak
Altar Servers	Shawn, Andres and Meldon	Elizabeth and Peter			Amy and Megan
Proclaimers	Marian and Miroli	Gerri and Joanne	Claire and Sr Chitra		Maureen and Georgia
Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Sejin, Emily, Chis, John	Valerie, Nevellene, Josie, Carl	Errol, Patrick, Sr Chitra, Joseph, Christina, Evelyn		Thuy, Ivor, Tristan, Maureen
Hospitality	Roopa, Cristina	Angela, Selina	Roma, Josephine		Rita, Olivia
Church Cleaning	Team B, Thursday, 22nd January 2026 at 10:00am				



The Living Word of God NRSV

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A ♦ SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 20256

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf Matthew 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

FIRST READING Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

"I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness."

(Quiet reflection time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 29.1-2, 3ac-4, 3b+9c-10 (R.11b)

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour. **R.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. **R.**

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. **R.**

SECOND READING Acts 10:34-38

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius.

"I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

(Quiet reflection time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mark 9:7

**Alleluia, alleluia!
The heavens were opened and
the Father's voice was heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear
him.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so for now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness." Then John consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON John 1:32,34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Leave it like this

There is comfort to be found in the words Jesus spoke to John, "Leave it like this for the time being." We can sometimes be frustrated by the slow pace of change in the world and in our own lives – we often want things to happen immediately, if not yesterday! But Jesus' words convey a sense that there is an order to things a right time for them to come about. "Leave it like this for the time being" says, let things unfold in their own time without being anxious; work for change, but there is a proper time for things.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34