

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

22 February 2026



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

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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
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**Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of
Mt. Carmel:** Wednesday 6.30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday 9.30 - 10.30am

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:

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God bless you and all your family

Dear Parishioners,

If Catholicism had a version of "New Year's resolution" it probably would be the *personalise* Lenten observance one chooses each year. "For Lent, I'm giving up chocolates, Netflix, social media. Or perhaps I'll take up cold showers, pray more, fast on Fridays..."

These are not necessarily bad things. In fact, these things can be very beneficial spiritually. But these observances can all too easily devolve into a self-improvement project with little attention to cultivating a deeper relationship with God. I know I have made that mistake in the past. So, how can we better align our intentions with the spirit of the Lenten Season?

As the Church reminds us, Lent is a season particularly marked by prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. Like a tripod, these traditional Lenten observances are so interlinked that if one is missing then our whole thing collapses. Prayer aims to help us with our relationship with God, almsgiving with our neighbour, and fasting with ourselves. Prayer, almsgiving, fasting – God, neighbour, ourselves!

Given that this year we especially focus on the Gospel of Matthew, a good way to unify our intention is by choosing one of St Matthew's beatitude. Read and study one of the beatitudes, and reflect: is my prayer, for example, leading me to be a peacemaker? Do my actions promote and cultivate peace in my work and home? Is the peace that only Jesus can give pervading and ordering my soul? You may, of course, choose any of the Beatitudes and use that to unite your Lenten Observance.

For my part, I have chosen "Blessed are the poor in spirit." And given my new role, I have sought the works of St John Mary Vianney – the *Curé d'Ars* – patron saint of parish priests. Interestingly, St John Mary links this beatitude with the virtue of humility, and in one of his sermons gives advice on how to practice both interior and exterior humility. With my desire to be a good shepherd, this year I have taken up St John's teaching on humility as my personal Lenten observance with the ultimate hope that my relationship with God, others, and myself will lead me to better serve you all, my dear parishioners. Let us continue to pray for each other.

This Lenten Season, may our prayer lead us to greater selflessness and so move us to serve our brothers and sisters with a greater spirit of peace, generosity, and love.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Ad.

Visitation from Auxiliary Bishop Donald Sproston

We are delighted to welcome Auxiliary Bishop Donald (Don) Sproston for a special visitation on **Saturday 28 March at 8:30am**. This Mass will also be the Installation Mass for Fr Ad, and we warmly invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating this significant occasion for our parish community. Following the Mass, there will be morning tea in the Parish Centre, providing an opportunity to meet and greet Bishop Sproston and connect with other parishioners. We hope you can join us for both the Mass and the morning tea to make this a truly memorable event.

~Please pray for our RCIA candidates and catechumens ~

At the 9:30am Mass this Sunday, our RCIA catechumens and candidates will take part in the Rite of Reception of Names and the Rite of Sending. In these rites, those preparing for Baptism (catechumens) and those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church (candidates) publicly express their desire to continue their journey towards the Sacraments of Initiation. Our parish community affirms their commitment and promises ongoing prayer and support as they are "sent" to the Bishop for the Rite of Election — an important step in the Church's process of Christian initiation.

On Wednesday 25th, our catechumens and candidates will attend the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their preparation for the joy of Easter.

If you are interested in joining the RCIA program for 2026/27, we are currently taking expressions of interest. We also warmly invite parishioners who may feel called to serve as sponsors to contact the Parish Office to support Fr Ad in this important ministry.

Stations of the Cross – Fridays during Lent

A reminder that this year, Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday evenings throughout Lent, beginning this **Friday 20 February**.

Mass will be celebrated at **6:30pm**, followed by the Stations of the Cross at **7:00pm**. Come and journey with Christ through His Passion this Lent. All are welcome!



World Day of Prayer Friday 6 March 2026

Join us for prayer in the Church at 10:30am, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre at 11:30am. Please bring a plate to share for lunch.

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement celebrated by Christians around the world, offering an opportunity to pray for, learn from, and support other communities. This year, the focus is on **Nigeria**, highlighting the faith, hope, and resilience of the Nigerian people. All are welcome to join in this special day of prayer and reflection.



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**Project Compassion
Donation Envelopes:**
How do I use them?

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for *Uniting Against Poverty* with us this Lent.

CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome our recently baptized little ones and pray that God will bless, guide and protect them.

Della Rankin, Sophie McDermott, Bianca Scarvaci, Sasha Keel, Alessio Lemme, Julian Lemme, Christian Cole, Isabella Caratozzolo, Elliott Luc, Isla Bolton-Aro, Mila Bolton-Aro, Claire Setiadi, Luigi Carbone, Kira Bajesta, Jordy Keay and Dante Lukan.

May God protect and watch over you, little ones, guiding you towards a life of faith and love.



BaptistCare Midland – Morrison Garden is seeking volunteers who speak fluent Italian to meet with and spend time with their Italian residents. For more information, please contact Ian Hewson, Head Chaplain, on 0488 389 757 or email ian.hewson@baptistcare.org.au.

We are grateful to Nalini for generously offering to lead Chair Yoga sessions in our Parish Centre. These gentle, accessible sessions are suitable for all ages and abilities.



Chair Yoga takes place on Monday mornings at 8:00am in the Parish Centre. All are welcome. A small contribution to assist with costs is appreciated.

LENTEN ENVIRONMENT

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, the Church observes a simpler and more restrained environment as a sign of penance and preparation for Easter.

We kindly ask parishioners not to place flowers in the church during Lent.

Thank you for helping us maintain the spirit of this holy season.

Infant Jesus Playgroup is underway for 2026!

Join us every Wednesday from 9:30–11:30am. The group is best suited to children aged 0–4 years accompanied by their parents, grandparents or carers.

If you are able to lend a hand with setting up and packing away at the beginning and end of each session, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Sessions are donation-based, and there is no need to commit to a full term — come along when you can!



First Sunday of Lent 21–22 February 2026

Project Compassion 2026 shares four stories from around the world. We'll meet Sisilia from Tanzania, Mon-oranjon from Bangladesh, Manaini from Fiji and Ahmad from Gaza.

Each of this year's stories highlights unique challenges, yet they are united by the determination to rise above adversity and to build brighter, more hopeful futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

Please donate today.

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Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

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Thank you for standing with us, as we

Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

Lenten Resources

Lenten resources are available at the Piety Stall after the 7:30am and 9:30am Sunday Masses, or from the Parish Office.

COMPASSIO—\$10
(WOLLONGONG)



THE JOURNEY
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(BRISBANE)



Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently deceased: Evelyn Quadros, Jim McLernon, Leonard Chua, Peggy de Rozario, Annie McGonigle;

Deceased: Danny, Edwin Bowers, Paul Portelli;

Anniversaries: Carmela Alvaro;

and all who are in need of our prayers.

*“God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.”*

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY



This week is private devotion.
If you would like our Lady to visit your home,
please write your name down on the list in the
foyer.

THIS WEEKEND — 22 February 2026—1st Sunday of Lent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John	Cyril	Chris Y	Chris L
Altar Servers	Aaditya, Abhay, Aryaan	Elizabeth, Peter, Paul	Andrei, Manuel	Amy, Megan
Proclaimers	Sabrina, John	Joanne, Liz	Josephine, Leah	Maureen, Alishia
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Aadi, Sejin, Emily, Chris	Margaret, Kathleen, Kerry, Sr Madeline	Tanya, Joan, Roma, Josephine, Aileen, Marlene	Sr Chau, Sr Le, Sr Oanh, Adam
Hospitality	John, Milly	Sally, Phung	Jovana, Victoria	Julie, Adam
Church Cleaning	Team C, Saturday 28 February at 9.30am			

NEXT WEEKEND — 1 March 2026—2nd Sunday of Lent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Adrian	Chris W	Josephine	Andy
Altar Servers	Nathan, Lachlan, Matthia	Ria, Lia	Victoria, Kim	Alex, Dorothy, Bryant, Alden
Proclaimers	Naethan, Meghan	Valerie, Nevellene	Barbara, Beblin	,Marion, Pramila
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	John, Marcus, Teresa, Aadi	John, Carl, Josie, Margaret	Lucy, Annette, Magdalene, Joseph, Christina, Evelyn	Adam, Thuy, Ivor, Maureen
Hospitality	Roopa, Cristina	Quinn, Shirley	Roma, Riko	Brenda, Vinola
Church Cleaning	Team D, Friday 6 March at 10.30am			

PLEASE NOTE - If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

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The Living Word

First Sunday of Lent, Year A

22 February 2026

First Reading Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-19 (or Shorter form Rom 5:12, 17-19)

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mt 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

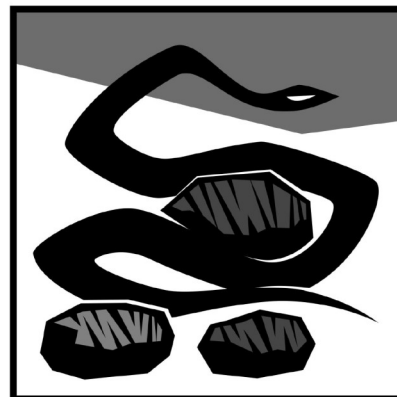
Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power.

These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others.

How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'. The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ.

We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1-9