

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

25 January 2025



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

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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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God bless you and all your family

Dear sisters and brothers,

This Monday, Australia Day, I will complete my term as Parish Priest of Morley. I have been PP of Morley on three occasions. This time it has been for eight and a half years. It has been a privilege, a time of grace, healing and love.

I am grateful for this blessed time among you. My sincere and grateful thanks to you all for the overwhelming expressions of support and appreciation during my time in Morley. I am grateful for the blessings I have received during this time. May God bless you always,

Now it is time for me to return to be with my Carmelite brothers in Varroville where, incidentally, I joined the Carmelites on 11 February, 1969. Pray for me as I will for thee that we may merrily meet again (cf. Prayer of St Thomas More).

Blessings, Fr. Greg

I've said it before and I'll say it again; God has a sense of humour!

In May of 2022, I came here as a newly ordained deacon and from that moment I have experienced the warmth, generosity, love, and support of the members of the Infant Jesus Parish Community. As you may recall, I left after a few months so that I could be ordained a priest in Sydney with the view of returning (I'm like the prodigal son, without the pig's husks!).

It is here in Morley, under the tutelage of Frs. Greg and John that I have begun to learn the art of pastoral ministry as a priest. For that I am eternally grateful! Now, less than four years after my arrival, I assume the role of Parish Priest. But you may be asking, "Where is God's humour in all of this?"

As you may know, I was in the Diocesan Seminary in Brisbane for two years. However, after an Advent placement in a parish, I strongly felt that I was not being called to be a parish priest, but rather to be a consecrated religious dedicated to the contemplative life. Hence, why I entered the Discalced Carmelite Order. Indeed, for the great majority, men do not enter this Order to be a parish priest; our charism is oriented toward spiritual direction, giving retreats, and the interior life. "Pew," I thought, "I'm safe." But, clearly God had other plans! And, to my surprise, here we are.

In a conversation with Fr Greg - who also shared similar sentiments - he revealed that when one accepts the role of Parish Priest with openness and humility, one is given a great opportunity to grow, be enriched, and experience the spiritual life grounded in reality. It is with this hope that I take up this role, asking for your continued support, love, and prayers. I pray that just as God deals with us with a certain level of humour, this be a time where grace and humour can carry us as we navigate this period of transition.

Yours in Christ, Fr Ad.

What a wonderful way to begin the parish new year!

Thank you to everyone who gathered for our community celebration on Friday — those who attended the Mass of Thanksgiving, and those who were able to stay on for our shared meal and fellowship. It was a truly lovely time together.

A heartfelt thank you also to all the helping hands — before, during, and after — who contributed to the festivities in the church, at the BBQ, and right through to the final tidy-up. A special shout-out to our liturgy ministries, cooks, and kitchen team for their generosity and hard work.



PARISH OFFICE & PARISH CENTRE OPENS ON TUESDAY 27 JANUARY

- Welcome back everyone!

We invite all to come and experience the parish centre, over a cuppa or when you join one of the many groups that meet in the centre.

AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 26th January

ONE MASS AT 8.30AM ONLY

The Parish office and centre will be closed for the holiday

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. Enrolments for 2025 will be held on **Wednesday 5th February 2025 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.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

WHAT IS IT? Children's liturgy is an opportunity for children aged 3-8yrs to participate in an age appropriate liturgy of the Word. The priest calls the children forward at the beginning of Mass and the group leaders then gather the children to bring them to the parish centre to break open the Word through shared reading and activities. The children return to the church at the offertory procession and join their parents. Parents are welcome to accompany their children throughout the children's liturgy.



HELP NEEDED-Leaders/Parent assistants

Our Children's Liturgy team is looking for leaders/parent assistants to help with the children's liturgy during Sunday 9.30am Mass. Five new assistants or leaders are needed. No experience necessary, just a

loving heart and a commitment to your roster. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Monday, 2nd February 2026

Please note that electric candles will be provided for the Masses. You may bring your own candles to be blessed for use at home.



Finding Peace in the Storm - Nurturing Mental Health, Self-Love, and Healing from Trauma

Date: Saturday, 14 February 2026

Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm

Location: Good Shepherd Lockridge

Be inspired by Nicole Cummins, a Catholic Counsellor and Dr. Anne Burlinson; along with a testimonial by Una Glennon (Ciara Glennon's mum)

Tickets available at :

godlywomenwithfaith.com/events/upcomingevents/

THE FRIARS ARE LOOKING FOR A COOK

After many years of serving up wonderful meals for our Carmelite Friars, their cook has decided to retire.



If you would be able to help by preparing midday meals during the week (either in the priory kitchen or in your own home), then please speak to Fr John or phone him on 0466586581.

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISH Looking forward to sharing 2026 with everyone

All Are Welcome

Tai Chi - a sedate exercise session, great fun with the group, starting Tuesday 3rd February 9.45-11am.

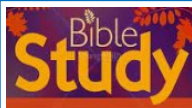
Chair Yoga - a gentle yoga class in the Parish Hall starting Mondays 8:00am.

Meditation Groups - Christians do meditate. All are welcome to join us and learn how. Fridays @9.30am

Bible Study with Fr Adalbert - Thursday evenings starting 6th February at 6:30pm (see notice below)

Playgroup - Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30am during school terms in the Parish hall. Follow *InfantJesus Playgroup* on Facebook for updates and information.

Many other groups meet in our parish - please check the foyer boards for their details and all that is happening in our parish.



We are restarting the Infant Jesus Bible Study Group on Thursday 5th February, 2026

We will follow the same structure as last year:

Place: Parish Centre Library Room

Time: 6.30pm-8pm, every Thursday (during school term)

Structure:

- 6.30pm-7pm: Shared reflection time on our experience of the previous week
- 7pm-8pm: Prayerful exploration and discussion on the following Sunday's Gospel

Feel free to come either at 6.30pm or 7pm.

Whilst I will endeavour to facilitate as many of the sessions as I can, there will be times when other participants will lead the group. As such, this year there will be a greater emphasis on equipping participants with resources and skills so as to help members open up discussions about the Bible and its impact on our lives.

Do come along if you wish to deepen your understanding of the Catholic Faith and what it means to bring the Good News to those in need.

I look forward to seeing you there and then.

In Christ,
Fr Adalbert

OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

This Tuesday, 27th January, the parish office and parish centre will re-open for all groups and visitors. We look forward to welcoming everyone back and we welcome Fr. Adalbert as our new parish priest (and boss!).

COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE \$10 each

Available from the piety stall or parish office—pick one up for yourself or a friend.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the month of January

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Calendar of Saints

28 Jan: St Thomas Aquinas, priest doctor



PILGRIM STATUE of Our Lady

This week is private devotion

Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently deceased: Annie McGonigal,

Deceased: Brent Naughton, Maureen Lewis, Rex Frugtneit, Luciano Mori, Bill & Nettie Beukelaar

Anniversaries: Maria & Giuseppe Marrapodi, Peter Meek, Bernard Spears, Henry Spears;

The Sick of the Parish: Gavin Carvalho, Jacinta Lee and all who are in need of our prayers.

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”

THIS WEEKEND — 25 January 2026—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time				
Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy	Chris W	Chris Y	Tung
Altar Servers	Aaditya, Abhay, Aryaan	Tim, Dan, Aaron	Volunteers Please	Alyssa, Ruben
Proclaimers	Naethan, Meghan	Rita, Valerie	Bablin, Tony	George, Fely
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Marcus, Teresa, Aadi, Sejin	Sr. Madeline, Margaret, Kathleen, Kerry	Vienna, Linda, Marilyn, Tanya, Joan, Roma	Adam, Fely, Thuy, Ivor
Hospitality	Emily, Eliana	Quinn, Shirley	Cynthia, Barbara	Maureen, Anthony
Church Cleaning	Team C, Saturday 31 January at 9:30am			
NEXT WEEKEND — 1 February 2026—The Presentation of the Lord				
Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Adrian	David	Chris Y	Tung
Altar Servers	Nathan, Lachlan, Matthia	Elizabeth, Peter, Paul	Andrei , Manuel	Amy Megan
Proclaimers	John, Teresa	Sally, Shirley	Barbara, Rodney	Judy, Marion W
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Emily, Chris, John, Marcus	Margaret, Michael, Shirley, Sr. Madeline	Aileen, Josephine, Marlene, Lucy, Annette, Magdalene	Adam, Thuy, Ivor, Maureen
Hospitality	Sejin, Donna-Marue	Mavis & Francisca	Deb, Lia	Fely, Steve
Church Cleaning	Team D, Thursday 5th February at 10.00am			
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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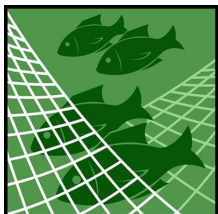
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The Living Word of God NRSV

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C ♦ Sunday 25 January 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf Psalm 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and
splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

FIRST READING Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

The Lord spoke to me and said:
"There will be no gloom for those who
were in anguish. In the former time the
Lord brought into contempt
the land of Zebulun and the land of
Naphtali, but in the latter time he will
make glorious the way of the sea,
the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of
the nations. "The people who walked in
darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep
darkness- on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation, you have
increased its joy; they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
"For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders.
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of
Midian."

(Quiet Reflection Time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid? R.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I
seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the
days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple. R.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of
the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage; wait for
the Lord! R.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that all of you be in agreement
and that there be no divisions among
you,
but that you be united in the same mind
and the same purpose.
For it has been reported to me by
Chloe's people
that there are quarrels among you, my
brothers and sisters.
What I mean is that each of you says,
I belong to Paul,
or "I belong to Apollos,"
or "I belong to Cephas,"
or "I belong to Christ."
Has Christ been divided?
Was Paul crucified for you?
Or were you baptized in the name of
Paul?
For Christ did not send me to baptize
but to proclaim the gospel,
and not with eloquent wisdom
so that the cross of Christ might not be
emptied of its power.

(Quiet Reflection Time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus preached the good news of
the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!*

GOSPEL Matthew 4:12-17

Since many have undertaken to set
down an orderly account of the
events that have been fulfilled among
us, just as they were handed on to us
by those who from the beginning
were eyewitnesses and servants of the
word, I too decided, after
investigating everything carefully from
the very first, to write an orderly
account for you, most excellent
Theophilus, so that you may know the
truth concerning the things about
which you have been instructed.

Jesus, filled with the power of the
Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a
report about him spread through all
the surrounding country. He began to
teach in their synagogues and was
praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he
had been brought up, Jesus went to
the synagogue on the sabbath day, as
was his custom. He stood up to read,
and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah
was given to him. He unrolled the
scroll and found the place where it
was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release
to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's
favour."

And Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it
back to the attendant, and sat down.
The eyes of all in the synagogue were
fixed on him. Then Jesus began to say
to them, "Today this scripture has
been fulfilled in your hearing." ✠

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf Psalm 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

**Historical
context**
Repent
Throughout the Old Testament, the people of
Israel repeated a cycle of behaviour. When
their relationship with God was strong, they
upheld the covenant and they prospered.
They would forget that their prosperity lay in
being in right relationship with one another
and with God and so they would neglect
those relationships. They would turn so
far away that some tragedy or oppression
would befall them. Out of their despair they
would recognise their need for God and
they would 'repent' and re-establish their
relationship with God. Jesus' call to repent
is a call to looking at the relationship with
God in a whole new way.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 5:12