

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

15 March 2026

4th Sunday of Lent, Year A.



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

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7.30am, 9.30am, 11.00am (English & Italian)
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Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and
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Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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Dear Parishioners,

Last week we briefly looked at prayer and the teachings of St Teresa of Jesús. This week, we consider fasting (and penances in general) and St John of the Cross. Of the three Lenten observances, the penance of fasting has arguably been the least understood and practiced. There are those who simply consider such practices as relics of the past that modern Christianity has somehow overcome. Others emphasise the spiritual dimension of fasting to such an extent as to minimise or reject any reference to the body.

Whilst the Lenten observance of fasting is *primarily* aimed at greater spiritual conversion and renewal, it would be incorrect to say that the bodily component is not necessary. For St John of the Cross, both the spiritual *and* bodily dimensions of fasting (and penance) are necessary in the Christian life.

This is because St John of the Cross embraced the Catholic position that the human person is a substantial unity of body and soul. This unity, consequently means that what affects the body affects the soul and vice versa. Indeed, St John argues that for the human person to reach the goal of union with God (the ultimate end of the Christian vocation), both dimensions of the human person need to be purified, sanctified, and transformed.

Whilst espousing the important role of bodily fasting and corporeal penances, he did caution us against practices that fostered vices such as *spiritual pride* and/or *spiritual gluttony* (he branded such forms of practices as merely “penances of beasts” (see *The Dark Night*)).

For St John of the Cross, the aim of fasting and other penances is for the whole person – body and soul – to become ordered to God’s will. Therefore, penances must lead one to grow in all the virtues, especially faith, love, and humility. Fasting and other penances ought to change us from being self-centred and selfish to selfless and self-giving.

The teachings of St John of the Cross on penance is often linked with the concepts of spiritual detachment and mortification. Whilst his treatment of these subjects can at times be intense, imposing, and intimidating, his ultimate aim is show us what it means to be totally free so as to be more receptive to God’s transforming grace. If you are interested in learning more, I would suggest reading St John of the Cross’ work *The Ascent of Mount Carmel* and *The Dark Night*.

I leave this cursory treatment with some of the saint’s counsels which he gives in *Ascent of Mount Carmel* (Book 1, Chapter 13, no. 11) to encourage us to keep seeking God, the All.

To reach satisfaction in all, desire satisfaction in nothing.

To come to possess all, desire the possession of nothing.

To arrive at being all, desire to be nothing.

To come to the knowledge of all, desire the knowledge of nothing.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Ad.

The Scrutinies

Over these Sundays of Lent, our Church celebrates the rituals known as the Scrutinies during Mass. These are part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and are celebrated for the Elect—those preparing to receive Baptism at the Easter Vigil. This weekend we celebrate the Second Scrutiny. These rites invite the Elect to reflect deeply on their lives and continue their spiritual preparation for Baptism. During the Scrutinies, prayers are offered asking Christ to strengthen them, free them from sin, and help them grow in holiness.

As the whole community will renew its baptismal promises at Easter, we too are invited during this Lenten time to examine our lives and ask whether we are truly living as disciples of Christ.

Please continue to keep our Elect in your prayers, that all that needs healing within them may be strengthened by God's grace, and that all that is good and holy may flourish.

Parish Busy Bee – Saturday 21 March, 9:00am

Our Parish Busy Bee is happening on Saturday, 21 March, beginning at 9:00am, as we prepare our church and grounds for Easter.

There is plenty to be done — gardening and weeding, pruning, sweeping paths, cleaning windows, light maintenance and general tidying. There are jobs for all abilities, and many hands truly do make light work.

We are hoping for a wonderful turnout from our parish community, as a big effort is needed to have everything ready for the celebration of Easter. Even an hour of your time would make a real difference.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church foyer and indicate where you are able to help. We would greatly appreciate as many helpers as possible!

Community / Christian service hours opportunity—High School students are welcome to use this opportunity to complete their community service hours. Please call Lucy at the parish office on 9276 5800 to register your interest.

Cook Needed for the Carmelite Friars

The Carmelite Friars are seeking a cook for weekday midday meals. Meals may be prepared either in the priory kitchen or in your own home. This is a paid position.

If you may be interested, please speak with Fr John or phone 0466 586 581.

Episcopal Visitation – Saturday 28 March

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us at 8:30am for an Episcopal Visitation by Bishop Sproxtton. The Mass will include the Installation of Fr Ad, a special moment for our parish community.

Morning tea will follow outside the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate, and let the parish office know if you can assist with catering or set-up.

Parish Pastoral Council – Expressions of Interest

Parishioners are invited to express interest in joining the Parish Pastoral Council to help guide and support the life of our parish.

Please contact the Parish Priest or parish office for more information on 9276 8500.

Palm Sunday – Celebrated by Bishop Sproxtton

Sunday, 29th March 2026

We warmly invite all parishioners, together with your relatives and friends, to join us as we celebrate Palm Sunday. This year, our Masses will be celebrated by Bishop Sproxtton.

Please note that palms or branches will not be supplied at the church. As Scripture tells us, "...leafy branches that they had cut in the fields..." (Mark 11:8). We therefore invite you to bring a branch from your garden or a nearby shrub when you come to Mass.

Morning tea will be held in the Parish Centre following the Sunday 9:30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share as we gather together in community.

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday 18 March at 7:00pm

Please take an information leaflet from the church foyer. Join us for an hour of quiet reflection and healing as part of your Lenten preparation for Easter. The Word of God will be proclaimed three times in the spirit of Lectio Divina. In the silence, allow His Word to speak to your heart. The priests will be in full view of all present. Confessions are to be kept brief, after which you return to your seat for prayer — please do not leave straight away. Remain to give thanks together as a community, rejoicing in our renewed friendship and new life with God.

Joseph Cardijn Library – Monthly Reflections

Pat Branson, who cares for the Joseph Cardijn Library in the St Joseph Room, has begun publishing a monthly series of reflections on books from the library. New reflections will be published on the second Tuesday of each month.

Parishioners are welcome to subscribe and read the reflections online free of charge.

Subscribers will receive notifications of new posts and can read and comment at no cost.

The first reflection, *Found in the Joseph Cardijn Library*, is available at:

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
21–22 March 2026**

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Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the month of March

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



Calendar of Saints

17 March - St Patrick, Bishop.
19 March - St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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.

Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently deceased: Daina Lee Harding, Maria Antonia Del Riccio, Mercia O'Brien, Richard and Rita Keegel, Carmela Redice, Herbert Freytag, Iluminada (Lumy) Zinni;

Deceased: Arthur Chemello, Brent Naughton, Mauren Lewis, Bill & Nettie Beukelaar, Elaine Veronica Luscombe, Charles Reincastle;

Anniversaries: Gerald Wright, Felix Lamela Sr., Bert Rigg;

The Sick of the Parish: Gavin Carvalho, Tony Chew; and all who are in need of our prayers.

"Lord, remember us, for the love you bear your people."

THIS WEEKEND - 15 March - 4th Sunday of Lent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Jeremy	Cyril	Chris Y	Chris L
Altar Servers	Shawn, Andres	Elizabeth, Peter, Paul	Andrei, Manuel	Amy, Megan
Proclaimers	Marian, Miroli	Rita, Gerri	Personal Advocacy Mass	Alan, Judy
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Marcus, Teresa, Aadi, Sejin	Shirley, Sr Madeline, Kathleen, Margaret	Sr Chitra, Marilyn, Tanya, Vienna, Joan, Roma	Ivor, Maureen, Adam, Thuy
Hospitality	Sejin, Donna-Marie	Barb, Veronica	Patrick, Christie	Rita, Olivia
Children's Liturgy			No children's liturgy	
Church Cleaning	Team B, Thursday 19 March at 10.00am			

NEXT WEEKEND - 22 March - 5th Sunday of Lent

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John	Chris W	Josephine	Andy
Altar Servers	Aaditya, Abhay, Aryaan	Ria, Lia	Victoria, Kim	Alex, Dorothy, Bryant, Alden
Proclaimers	Teresa, Sabrina	Clare, Joanne	Chris, Lia	Alishia, Adam
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Emily, Chris, John, Marcus	Carl, Josie, Michael, Kerry	Annette, Aileen, Marlene, Lucy, Magdalene, Josephine	Sr Chau, Sr Le, Sr Oanh, Ivor
Hospitality	Loretta, Roopa	Angela, Selina	Deb, Lia	Maureen, Anthony
Children's Liturgy			Eboney/Lucy	
Church Cleaning	Team C, Saturday 28 March at 9.30am			

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel Jn 9:1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the disease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.

God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life.

This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world.

We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14
SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 129. R. v.7
GOSPEL READING: John 11:1-45