

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

22 March 2026

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A.



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

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Morning Mass: Monday - Friday: 7am & 9am

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7.30am, 9.30am, 11.00am (English & Italian) and 6pm

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God bless you and all your family

Dear Parishioners,

Previously, we drew upon the teachings of St Teresa and St John of the Cross as we explored prayer and fasting (penance), respectively. This week, we look at almsgiving (charity) in the life and teachings of St Thérèse of the Infant Jesus (better known as St Thérèse of Lisieux or the “Little Flower”). If prayer helps establish a strong relationship with God, then penance helps one to be more receptive to God’s transforming grace. Prayer and penance, however, would amount to nothing if they did not bear the fruit of charity expressed concretely in the Lenten observance of almsgiving.

Often, we see almsgiving as primarily the giving of money or other resources to those in need. What is always important to recognise, however, is that the essence of almsgiving is charity towards another. As such, almsgiving is the living out of the second part of the “Greatest Commandment” – the love of neighbour. By extension, *any* thought, word, or act done in charity towards another constitutes a form of almsgiving.

St Thérèse understood that no one was ever so poor as to be unable to give to another. As a Carmelite with little material wealth (having made the vow of obedience, chastity, and *poverty*), she found ways of being incredibly charitable towards her sisters in the community. These were countless little, ordinary events in daily life that offered the opportunity to be charitable often in the most hidden of ways. In *The Story of the Soul*, she recounts many events (often with great humour), which helped shape her doctrine of the “Little Way.” Foremost in her teachings, St Thérèse encouraged all to make acts of love with the greatest of humility and confidence in God, no matter how small or insignificant the acts may seem. She especially taught how loving those who were the most challenging purified one’s heart to become more patient, understanding, and compassionate. In all things, St Thérèse understood the centrality of love: love of God necessarily communicates itself in love of neighbour!

I would highly recommend reading *Story of the Soul*. The Institute of Carmelite Studies (ICS) offers a study guide which is exceedingly useful in understanding this spiritual masterpiece (the below quote comes from this translation). If you have read *Story of the Soul*, another entirely worthwhile book is *Her Last Conversations* (trans. Fr John Clarke, OCD) where her sisters took down St Thérèse’s words during the saints’ dying months. In it, you see St Thérèse’s doctrine being lived out as she experienced the Cross.

Finally, below is an extended quote, which ranks as one of the most sublime understandings of the Christian vocation to love. Here St Thérèse, after mediating upon St Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians (cf. 1 Cor 12-13), exclaims:

“I finally had rest. [...] Charity gave me the key to my vocation. I understood that if the Church had a body composed of different members, the most necessary and most noble of all could not be lacking to it, and so I understood that the Church had a Heart and that this Heart was BURNING WITH LOVE. I understood it was Love alone that made the Church’s members act, that if Love ever became extinct, apostles would not preach the gospel and martyrs would not shed their blood. I understood that LOVE COMPRISED ALL VOCATIONS, THAT LOVE WAS EVERYTHING, THAT IT EMBRACED ALL TIMES AND PLACES. . . . IN A WORD, THAT IT WAS ETERNAL! Then, in the excess of my delirious joy, I cried out: O Jesus, my Love . . . my vocation, at last I have found it. . . . MY VOCATION IS LOVE! Yes, [...] in the heart of the Church, my Mother, I shall be Love. Thus I shall be everything, and thus my dream will be realized.”

This Lenten Season may our prayer and fasting indeed bear the fruit of a greater, deeper love of God and neighbour.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Ad.

Mass Requests

If you would like a Mass to be offered for a loved one, you are warmly invited to take a Mass request envelope and form from the church. Instructions are provided on the envelope. To be included in the weekend bulletin, please submit your Mass requests by Tuesday.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Fifth Sunday of Lent 21–22 March 2026

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.

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Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES
ON HOLY THURSDAY**

Holy Thursday – Washing of the Feet

Parishioners are invited to take part in the Washing of the Feet during the Holy Thursday Mass, a powerful sign of Christ's call to serve one another in love and humility.

If you would like to participate, please give your name to Vienna Pizzino on 0413 628 042.

A sincere thank you to all who generously gave their time and energy at our recent Parish Busy Bee. Your efforts in cleaning, gardening, and preparing our church and grounds are greatly appreciated as we ready for Easter.

Your contribution helps keep our parish a welcoming and beautiful place for all.

COME TO THE PARTY! EASTER VIGIL AFTER MASS CELEBRATION Saturday 4th April 2026

All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited to join in celebrating with the newly baptised members of our parish following the Easter Vigil in the parish centre.

To help make this a joyful occasion, please bring a savoury plate of finger food to share. A celebration cake will be provided by the parish.

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.

ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY CHRISTIAN MEDITATION RETREAT

Meditation is a universal spiritual practice. It is a practice found at the core of all the great religious traditions. It can be practiced by anyone and in Christianity we understand it as a form of prayer. The retreat day will offer its history, some of its benefits and how to practice this ancient art. Christian Meditation can be traced to the writings of John Cassian (4th century). He learnt it from the Desert Fathers and Mothers. There are Christian Meditation groups already operating throughout the Perth metropolitan area. You may care to learn about this simple quiet way to enhance and nourish the gift of silence. Facilitators: Stephanie Woods and John Coleman. **Tuesday 29 July, St Catherine's House of Hospitality, 113 Tyler St, Tuart Hill. Registration, 9am. Retreat runs from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Cost, \$30.00** including morning tea and lunch. Please advise dietary requirements when booking. RSVP (please leave a return phone number if leaving a message on the answering machine) to stcatherines@westnet.com.au or Sr Elizabeth, 08 9443 9020.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION

All parishioners are warmly invited to the Episcopal Visitation on **Saturday 28 March at 8:30am**, during which the Installation of Fr Ad will take place. Morning tea will follow—please bring a plate to share and contact the parish office if you can assist with catering or set-up.

Bishop Sproston will also celebrate Palm Sunday Masses at the **6:00pm Saturday Vigil** and **9:30am Sunday**. Please bring a branch from your garden to be blessed, as palms will not be supplied. Morning tea will follow the 9:30am Mass in the Parish Centre.

Parking Reminder

A gentle reminder to parishioners parking on the verge to please ensure that no part of your vehicle is on the footpath. While it may seem minor, this can result in a fine if reported and may cause inconvenience to pedestrians. Thank you for your consideration and for helping maintain a welcoming environment for all.

World Day of Prayer – Thank You

A sincere thank you to all who joined our **World Day of Prayer** on Friday 6 March at Infant Jesus, reflecting on *"I will give you rest: Come"* (Matthew 11:28–30). The prayer service for Nigeria was followed by a peaceful shared lunch.

We are especially grateful to Joanne and Ivor Byrd and team, our readers and leaders, the choir and musicians, and all who assisted with hospitality and audio-visual support.

We also thank Fr Adalbert for his presence and homily. We were pleased to welcome around 50 people from Infant Jesus Parish, St Martin's Anglican Church (Noranda), and Noranda Uniting Church. Your generous offering of **\$788.10** will support the work of the Bible Society in Nigeria.

With thanks,
Tracey Hardman IJP Convenor

As the liturgies over Holy Week are very different, this is a reminder that the week commences with Passion/Palm Sunday (BYO branches or palms). The main procession, (we gather under the tree) is at 9:30am Mass.

The Triduum, (one great feast lasting 3 days) commences Holy Thursday 2 April at 7:00pm. There is no final blessing and the liturgy continues Good Friday 3 April, commencing with no greeting and closing with no final blessing but time for quiet veneration of the cross.

There is only one Mass on Easter Saturday 4 April at 7:00pm. The Easter Vigil! We will commence the liturgy by gathering outside by the fire at 7:00pm. This Mass is longer than usual and we only experience it once a year. People will be baptised at this Mass.

On Easter Sunday, 5 April we all sing alleluia at the usual Mass times, He is risen.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES:

Holy Thursday, 2nd April: Morning Prayer 8am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday, 3rd April: Morning Prayer 8:00am
Station of Cross 9:30am
Confession 10:30am
Passion of the Lord 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, 4th April: Morning Prayer 8:00am
Confession 10:00am
Easter Vigil 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, 5th April: Mass at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11am, 6pm

Calendar of Saints

25 March - The Annunciation of the Lord.



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: Herbert Freytag, Francisco Asensio, Iluminada (Lumy) Zinni;

Deceased: Michelangelo Rossi;

Anniversaries: Denys Pegrum, Dean Pegrum, Raffaele Ardizzone, Antonio and Pompea Viola, Rachel Oorloff, George DeVos, Rose Magbanna-Lee;

and all who are in need of our prayers.

"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope"

THIS 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
Children's Liturgy	-	-	Ebony, Lucy	-
Hospitality	Loretta, Roopa	Angela, Selina	Deb, Lia	Maureen, Anthony
Church Cleaning	Team C, Saturday 28 March at 9.30am			

NEXT WEEKEND - 29 March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter	John	David	Ruben
Altar Servers	Nathan Matthia	Aaron, Frank	Crissanto, Cesar	-
Proclaimers	Tang, Donna Marie, Chris	Joanne, Gerri, Sally	Tony, Lia, Beblin	Fely, Pramila
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Teresa, Aadi, Sejin, Emily	Margaret, John, Valerie, Nevellene	Joseph, Christina, Evelyn, Patrick, Errol, Linda	Maureen, Tristan, Fely, Adam
Children's Liturgy	-	-	Julia, Monica	-
Hospitality	Marisol, Eliana	Sally, Phung	Sophie, Caroline	Fely, Steve
Church Cleaning	Team D, Friday 3 April at 11:00am (Good Friday)			

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

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FIRST READING Ezekiel 47:12-14

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

(Quiet Reflection Time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 129. R. v.7

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you,
O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord. **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not

in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

(Quiet Reflection Time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See John 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know

that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him ✠

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66