

Infant Jesus Parish

Welcome to Morley

3 May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A.



Served by Teresian Carmelite Friars

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✦ In Our Church

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

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:

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God bless you and all your family

Dear Parishioners,

As Christians, we are often encouraged to read, study, and pray the Bible. But, when we open the Bible, we can find ourselves rather perplexed and left wondering what certain passages could mean. There are characters committing violence and behaving in immoral ways; there are parts that do not yield a straightforward interpretation due to these parts being written in symbolic language, ancient linguistic structures and literary devices. Then one must also consider the cultural, social, geo-political, and/or religious context of the author who lived thousands of years before us and in a totally different part of the world.

There are courses available, but these can be time consuming and not always accessible due to various factors. The internet, however, does offer a readily available way of exploring one's faith, but, again, certain sites and perspectives can leave one more perplexed and uncertain. So, what are we to do?

We ought to pray!

During my formal studies in Scripture, one of my most cherished Biblical professors reminded us that the field of Biblical Studies is, first and foremost, a *sacred art*. As such, one ought to pray before, during, and after engaging with Scripture. As one reads the Bible, so the Bible – the Living Word of God – reads us, inviting us to be transformed. This is important! In addition, our transformation happens with, in, and through the Church.

In Her wisdom and pastoral care for us, the Church has so organised our Sunday liturgies to include all the important passages of Scripture in a three-year Cycle (Year A, B, and C). For significant feast days and special liturgical seasons, certain passages have been chosen to help us deepen in our knowledge of a particular mystery (or aspect of our faith). During the Easter Season, we, as a Church, are bidden to reflect especially on the Resurrection.

This Sunday – the Fifth Sunday of Easter – we read John 14:1-12. For those who have ever attended a Catholic funeral, this passage (at least the first half) may sound familiar; indeed, it is one of the most common Gospel passages chosen. With this in mind, what does John 14:1-12 teach us about death, life after death, and Jesus' promise of the Resurrection to those who trust in Him?

This type of question is a popular approach to the Bible, which I offer you as a means of personally and prayerfully engaging with Scripture. In formal Biblical studies, this approach to Scripture is what is known as a "thematic approach." The basic elements of this approach, which is very accessible to non-scholars, are as follows:

1. Choose a **topic** or **theme** (in this case death, the afterlife, and Resurrection).
2. Consider what one already knows about this theme (write any thought that may come to mind; this is a time to review one's knowledge and lacunae).
3. Read the works of other people on this topic (especially those of saints, philosophers, theologians, as well as Church documents) to expand one's understanding.
4. **Importantly**, read the Scripture passage **throughout** and **in between** these steps, all the while **praying** for guidance from the Holy Spirit.
5. When questions arise, consult trusted resources such as Catholic Commentaries, Biblical dictionaries, and/or concordances; consider also speaking to a trusted and learned religious, cleric, or friend.
6. Pray before, during, and after engaging with Scripture, and allow Scripture to remain in your mind and heart as you go about your daily life.

I believe this is a relatively simple way of allowing Scripture to be a part of one's life; this approach is a powerful and intentional way of allowing Jesus – the Word of God – to speak to us in our life. Periodically, I will write about other approaches to help you in your spiritual journey and exploration of Scripture.

In all things, I sincerely hope that you will take time to read and re-read the Bible so that Jesus may lead us on the sure *Way* to the Father, impart *Truth* through the Holy Spirit, and give us *Life* that endures for ever.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Ad.

**Relic of St Carlo Acutis
St Bernadette's Church**

Parishioners are invited to venerate the Relic of Carlo Acutis, a young Italian saint known for his love of the Eucharist, at St Bernadette's Church (49 Jagan St, Mount Hawthorn) at the following times:

- Saturday: 9.00am – 9.00pm
- Sunday: 9.00am – 6.00pm

All are warmly invited to come and pray.



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"The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus."

St Carlo Acutis (1991–2006)

Mother's Day Raffle – This Weekend Only
To celebrate Mother's Day, a raffle will be held this weekend only.

Prizes:

1st Prize – Mary statue

2nd Prize – Hamper

Tickets: \$2 each or 3 for \$5

All proceeds will support parish needs.
Winners will be drawn on Monday, 4th May.



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Infant Jesus Bible Study Group

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

Infant Jesus Playgroup

Our parish playgroup is a welcoming space for babies, toddlers, and preschool-aged children, along with their parents, grandparents, and carers. It's a great opportunity to connect with other families in the parish community while the little ones play, learn, and grow together. We meet weekly on a Wednesday from 9:30am—11:30am during school term time with toys, activities, and songs. All are welcome—no booking required. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

National Mass Attendance Count 2026

The National Mass Attendance Count is held every 5 years and begins this weekend (2–3 May). It will take place over the four weekends of May. You may notice a simple head count being taken before Mass. This will not disrupt the liturgy and is an important exercise to assist with pastoral planning across the Archdiocese. Thank you for your cooperation.

RCIA Sponsors Needed

Our parish is seeking parishioners willing to serve as sponsors for those preparing to enter the Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Sponsors accompany candidates and catechumens on their journey of faith, offering support, encouragement, and witness. If you are a practising Catholic and would be willing to share in this important ministry, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office or speak with the Parish Priest for more information.

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 on 9276 8500 for more information. **Expression of Interest forms are also available in the foyer.**

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These items are prayerfully made by the community and are a meaningful way to support the ongoing life of the monastery. They also make thoughtful gifts for special occasions and liturgical seasons.

Items are available for purchase online at www.jamberooabbey.org.au.

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for the Month of May

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY

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Let Us Pray for One Another

Recently deceased: Bryan Lewis;

Deceased: Peter Meek, Maria Moore, Francis Wayne Fitzgerald, Santos Sulib, Bebelion Dechos, Marvin Montecillo, Charles Reincastle;

Anniversaries: Casimiro & Anna, John Stilt, Rosamma Joseph, Giosue D'Alessandro & Rosaria Masciulli, Ashley Roze;

and all who are in need of our prayers.

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life."

THIS WEEKEND - 3 May - Fifth Sunday of Easter.

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	John	David	Chris Y	Tung
Altar Servers	Nathan, Lachlan, Matthia	Ria, Lia	Victoria, Kim	Alex, Dorothy, Bryant, Alden
Proclaimers	Teresa, Tang	Sally, Shirley	Josephine, Leah	Fely, Alan
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy, Sejin, Emily, Andrew	Michael, Kathleen, Shirley, Sr Madeline	Sr Chau, Sr Le, Sr Oanh, Patrick, Errol, Linda	Melissa, Maureen, Fely, Thuy
Hospitality	Loretta, Roopa	Sally, Lia	Deb, Lia	Joanne, Karina
Children's Liturgy			Julia/Jasmine	
Church Cleaning	Team A, Saturday 9 May at 9.30am			

NEXT WEEKEND - 10 May - Sixth Sunday of Easter.

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter	John	Marion	Andy
Altar Servers	Naethan, Meghan, Meldon	Aaron, Frank	Crissanto, Cesar	-- --
Proclaimers	Marian, Miroli	Liz, Gerri	Sr Chitra, Tony	George, Judy
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Marcus, Aadi, John, Chris	Carl, Josie, John, Margaret	Marilyn, Tanya, Vienna, Sr Chitra, Roma, Joan	Tristan, Ivor, Mellisa, Maureen
Hospitality	Marisol, Eliana	Quinn, Shirley	Sophie, Caroline	Rita, Olivia
Children's Liturgy			Lucy/Phil	
Church Cleaning	Team B, Thursday 14 May 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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The Living Word

Fifth Sunday of Easter , Year A

3 May 2026

FIRST READING:

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

(Quiet Reflection Time)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v.22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

SECOND READING:

1 Peter 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

(Quiet Reflection Time)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I Am you may be too. You

know the way to the place where I am going.'

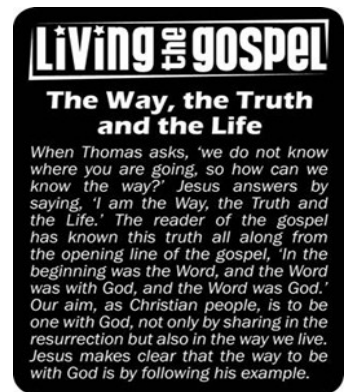
Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever Believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.' ✠



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. see v.1

GOSPEL READING: John 14:15-21