



INFANT JESUS PARISH

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES

~Be the hands and feet of Christ in our community~

One of the best ways to become part of our parish community is by joining a ministry or parish group.

Our parish is a welcoming and vibrant community where people of all ages and backgrounds come together to pray, serve, and grow in faith. Whether you are new to the parish or have been attending for some time, we invite you to become involved through one of the many ministries and groups within our community.

There are many opportunities to share your time, talents, and gifts — whether through hospitality, liturgy, music, outreach, administration, or practical support. Every contribution, big or small, helps strengthen our parish family.

Getting involved is also a wonderful way to meet people, build friendships, and feel more connected to parish life.

What is asked of you?

A willingness to participate, serve others, and become involved in parish life according to your availability and interests.

How will the parish support you?

- *Guidance and training where needed*
- *Flexible rostering to suit your availability*
- *Support and encouragement within your ministry or group*
- *Opportunities for faith, friendship, and community*

We warmly invite you to explore the ministries and groups available and consider where God may be calling you to serve.

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATOR

Young people, especially, have the knowledge and the skills needed to operate the A/V equipment. Nonetheless anyone who is interested in IT can manage this ministry. An awareness of the parts of the Mass is helpful. Support will be provided.
Time commitment is during Mass on a roster.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Prayers of the Faithful bind us together with all the members of Christ's Body throughout the world. Each Sunday we pray for the Universal Church; secular leaders of the world; our own community; the sick and the deceased. It takes approximately one hour a month to prepare the prayers. Online resources are available. Initial training and ongoing support is provided.
Time commitment is 1hr per month on a roster.

COLUMBARIUM

The Columbarium Committee reports directly to the parish priest. They are charged with the operation and maintenance of the Columbarium and ensuring adherence to the parish Columbarium policy. This involves interviewing applicants, liaising with families and suppliers, ensuring the upkeep of structures and surrounds, keeping and storing accurate records and planning for the future needs of the parish. This means that there are a number of diverse roles in which individuals can contribute towards the work of the committee.

HOSPITALITY

Arrive 30 mins early; ensure the church is tidy, prepare any necessary material you have been asked to hand out before or after Mass. Remain after Mass to ensure the bulletins are put back in the stand and all is tidy. Ensure you are aware of what service is on, where facilities of the church are and any current news that you need to be aware of.

Be present to each person and assist when required. Your presence will be especially appreciated when we welcome people on feast days and other celebrations. For these feast days and large celebrations you may be required to usher people to their seats or assist with the Collections. You are always given support to carry out your role. Time commitment is ½hr before and after Mass on a roster.

PIETY STALL

The piety stall is located in the church foyer and offers a range of cards, books and religious items to our parishioners. The stall is opened after Mass and only one volunteer is required. The volunteer is responsible for opening and locking the stall, taking charge of the cash tin and ensuring it is returned to its secure location. Volunteers are needed at all Masses

CHURCH CLEANING

Join a group that cleans on a day that suits you. Consists of lifting the kneelers, vacuuming, window cleaning, cleaning of the pews.
Time commitment is 1.5hrs per month on a roster.

MUSIC MINISTRY - MUSICIANS & CHOIR

St. Augustine once said, "When you sing, you pray twice," and "Singing is for the one who loves." Our relationship with God is rooted in love, and music is a beautiful gift He has given us—a way to express that love in return. Through music, we speak the language of love directly to God. At our baptism, God made His dwelling within us, and through that indwelling, our music becomes a living, sacred offering. Music is a sacramental gift that lifts our hearts beyond ourselves and invites us to share our God-given talents with one another. Above all, the highest purpose of music is to give praise to God—the source of all blessings. We invite you to consider joining our Music Ministry as a singer, musician, or cantor. Time commitment is rehearsal time and during Mass.

ENVIRONMENT

Flower arranging, banner display and doing what is required to prepare the church for the liturgical year's celebrations as well as being available to remove the same. Time commitment is 2hrs per seasonal change

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

To enable the Word of God to be opened up to children, a team of people is needed. There is a program to use and resources are available to do this. Together the children leave Mass with the Children's Lectionary for their session and return at the end of the 'Liturgy of the Word'. Time commitment is at Mass once every 6 weeks.

ALTAR MINISTERS

Altar Ministers - Junior, Senior and Acolytes - assist the Priest during the celebration of the Mass. They assist with the smooth flow of the liturgical rite, enhancing the spirit of worship and prayer. Altar Ministers enable the priest and the congregation to celebrate the Eucharist in a worthy manner.

Junior Altar Ministers

We invite all children who have made their First Holy Communion to this ministry. Training and formation is given during the year. They will be guided by the Acolyte or Senior Altar Minister during the celebration of the Mass. It is a great way for our young people to grow in understanding and appreciation of the Eucharistic celebration. Time commitment is 1 or 2 Sundays every 6 weeks on a roster.

Acolytes and Senior Altar Ministers

Inviting all men and women over the age of 18 to this ministry. Instruction and initiation into these ministries is done at a Diocesan level where you will learn in detail what your role involves. It also includes instruction and support at a parish level and on-going formation. These ministries give you an opportunity to participate in the liturgy in a unique and special way. Time commitment is 1 or 2 Sundays per month on a roster

OFFICE ADMIN

If you have IT or social media skills and would like to assist with our parish office, your skills would be appreciated.

SVDP

The St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) conference for the Morley/Dianella area is made up of volunteers, who are also largely Infant Jesus (IJ) parishioners and we are located in the IJ parish. The parish priest is very supportive of our group and provides facilities for accommodating our meetings and food pantry.

Vinnies is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ and the poor with love, respect, justice, hope, joy and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. We offer a "hand up" to people in need, who may be caught up in an emergency situation by providing food and assistance with paying bills.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

This ministry is for bringing communion to people in their own homes or aged care or hospital when they are unable to attend mass due to illness or infirmity. If you would be able to help with this, you would be on a roster and training would be provided before you begin. There are many parishioners who rely on volunteers to receive regular communion.

COLLECTORS

The Collector's Ministry assists at weekend Masses, ensuring that the two collections are taken up in a timely and efficient manner. Each Mass has a Collector's team leader and 4 - 6 volunteers assist at all five weekend Masses. This ministry is best suited to those who usually attend Mass at the same time each week.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Circumstances in the Catholic Church and the world have opened up to the laity, a role in assisting Priests in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during the Mass. You are invited to join us in this important Ministry. You will be assisting at Mass and may also be involved in taking **Communion to the sick outside of Mass**. Training will be provided.

Time commitment is during Mass on a roster as well as training.

PILGRIM STATUE

The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady has been visiting family homes for many years in our parish. It is a beautiful time of prayer and fellowship that you can support by bringing the statue to local homes on the nominated Mondays and collect the following Monday.

POWERPOINT OPERATOR

During each of the masses we need someone to run the powerpoint for all our overhead texts. If you have basic computer skills and are 10 yrs or older this would be a helpful way to help the smooth running of Mass.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

If you feel called to support others in their journey through grief, we welcome you to join us in this meaningful work. The Bereavement Support Group offers compassionate care to parishioners who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Through prayerful and practical support as well as a monthly Bereavement Mass, our volunteers help the bereaved during their time of mourning.

MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Team are a group of willing hands who are ready to assist the maintenance manager with the ongoing maintenance of the parish buildings and gardens when required. Skilled jobs are outsourced to qualified trades, but sometimes all that is required are a few extra hands to do basic tasks - a simple way to serve the parish.

PREP

If you have time on Wednesday afternoons during school term time to bring the Good News to our parish children who do not attend Catholic schools, the Parish Religious Education Program can use your help. You would be working with a wonderful committed team and using an easy-to-follow program and given all the help you need.

AFTER MASS TIDY UP

There is a need for help after Mass to collect any papers or objects left in the pews. If you could spare a few minutes after the Mass you attend to collect and tidy up it would greatly assist us to keep our environment welcoming for the following Masses.

PAS

Each month, Morley Parish hosts an Inclusive Liturgy—a welcoming Sunday Mass for people of all abilities, followed by fellowship and morning tea. Personal Advocacy Service requires volunteers who can help foster a welcoming environment for families with disabilities to create a more inclusive community that benefits everyone.

CATERING/SOCIAL COMMITTEE

There is currently no social group operating in the parish, but this would certainly be a desirable addition to our parish community life. A social group would work with the parish secretary to plan, organize and prepare for parish social events. Such a group would offer a variety of ways for volunteers to be involved, depending on their particular talents or interests - from food preparation at home to decorating, creative thinking, planning, hands on help or helping in the kitchen. A great way to make new friends.

PROCLAIMERS

'Bring the living Word of God to the liturgical assembly'

Good readers combine faith with skills to become faithful proclaimers of the Word of God.

2 or 3 rostered Masses in a 3-month period with flexibility to accommodate for changing needs.

Training and practise prior to first roster date. Ongoing support from coordinator and team members.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

The mission of the Keeping In Touch group is simple - to keep in contact with or elderly or ill parishioners who are no longer able to attend Mass or be involved in the life of the parish. This may be by a simple phone call, or perhaps a visit for a chat and a cuppa. This ministry has been in recess for some time and we would love to have some keen people start it up again.





Volunteer

Your Church Family Needs You



DISCOVER HOW YOU CAN SERVE

Please

PRAY & REFLECT

and take the steps to

Say 'YES!'

You can register your interest in your preferred ministry or group by scanning the QR code and completing your details via the link.