



THE SAVING WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

29 NOVEMBER 2020

FIRST READING

Isa 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and
come down — at your Presence the mountains
would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but
you act like this for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,

we are all the work of your hand.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 79:2-3, 15-19. R. v. 4

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see
your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, / shine forth
from your cherubim throne. / O Lord, rouse up
your might, / O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, / look
down from heaven and see. / Visit this vine
and protect it, / the vine your right hand has
planted. **R.**



3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen, / the man you have given your
strength. / And we shall never forsake you
again. / give us life that we may call upon your
name. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians.

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces
you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank
him that you have been enriched in so many
ways, especially in your teachers and preachers;
the witness to Christ has indeed been strong
among you so that you will not be without any
of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting
for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he
will keep you steady and without blame until
the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ,
because God by calling you has joined you to
his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

■ The word of the Lord.



OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

1st Sunday Advent, 29 November 2020, Year B

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Thursday: 9am – 12.30pm

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Parish Secretary: Tereza Camacho
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MASS INTENTIONS

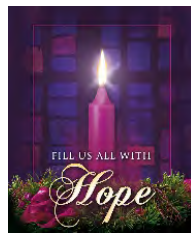


1st Sunday Advent, 29 November

Saturday 6pm Mass for Souls in Purgatory + Melissa Carosella (Intentions)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Souls in Purgatory + Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Matilda Abreu (RIP) + John & Maria Maocheia (Intentions)



Monday 30 November ... St Andrew

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group + **Mass 7.30pm**



Tuesday 1 December

9am Mass for Matilda Abreu (RIP) + Emilio Jurica (RIP)

Wednesday 2 December

9am Mass for John & Maria Maocheia (Intentions)

Morning Tea after Mass

10.30am Legion of Mary

6-7pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 3 December ... St Francis Xavier

8.15am Mass at Seton Catholic College

Friday 4 December ... St John Damascene

9am Mass for John & Maria Maocheia (Intentions) + Emilio Jurica (RIP)

9.30-10.30am Eucharistic Adoration



Saturday 5 December

9am Mass for John & Maria Maocheia (Intentions)

2nd Sunday Advent, 6 December

Saturday 6pm Mass for John & Maria Maocheia (Intentions)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for John & Maria Maocheia (Intentions) + Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Joe De Sousa Family (Intentions)



WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to Fr Paul. We could like to know a bit about you and your family. You can also fill in a Parishioner Registration Form and join in the Parish Planned Giving Program.



PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Gordon Smith, David Azzaro, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Vee Appleton, Dermot McKernon, Judith Greer, Edward Fortune, Lou Collova, Franca Kalat, Joan McGrath, Zdenka Mravljincic, Maria Alberti ...



2021 SACRAMENT DATES

To Be Confirmed

CONFIRMATION:
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:
RECONCILIATION:



RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30-10am
and 5.15-5.45pm
Or by appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS

Suggested Offering
\$15 per Mass.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2nd Sunday Advent, 6 December

1st: Is 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd: 2 Pet 3:8-14

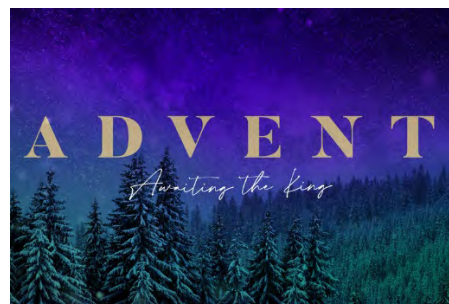
Gospel: Mk 1:1-8



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.





OLMC PARISH and ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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STEWARDSHIP: Theology of Stewardship – Giving Thanks in the Bad Times ... “The apostles returned to Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and what they had taught. He said to them, ‘Come by yourselves to an out of the way place and rest a little.’”



CARMEL OF THE HOLY TRINITY GIFT SHOP: The Carmelite Sisters have established an online shop to assist with maintenance works and to preserve their Chapel and Monastery buildings. Please visit their shop online at: www.holytrinitycarmel.com.au.



OLMC PIETY STALL: Open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday mornings before and after 9am Masses. Please contact Marion on 0415 917 496 for more information.



5c & 10c COIN FUNDRAISING: Please support our 5c & 10c fundraising by taking a canister and filling with coins and returning to the parish office or church foyer. We hope to reach \$180,000.00 dollars with fundraising to be able to commence building our Parish Centre.



2021 COLUMBAN CALENDARS: The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. The calendars are selling in the church porch for \$10.00 each.



COVID-19 PHASE 4 IS STILL IN PLACE: As you would be aware, the Western Australian Government has announced a further deferral to the commencement of Phase 5 of the WA COVID-19 roadmap. Based on the latest health advice, Phase 4 of the WA COVID-19 roadmap has been extended. The new date for Phase 5 is yet to be announced. Phase 5 would see remaining restrictions removed, except Western Australia’s hard border and access to remote Aboriginal communities. *Fr Paul Raj.*



REVISION OF ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTIVES: On 24 June 2020, Archbishop Costelloe SDB issued directives for Churches and Chapel within the Archdiocese of Perth which reflected the introduction of Phase 4 of the Western Australian government’s COVID 19 roadmap. These directives are available on the Archdiocese of Perth’s website. In light of the Western Australian government’s extension of Phase 4, the Archdiocese is currently reviewing current health advice with the view to revising and reissuing the Archdiocesan guidelines as soon as is practicable. **The Archdiocese has given permission to go ahead with**

Confirmation. Altar Servers and Acolytes are now free to hold the Liturgy Prayers for the Celebrants. Altar Servers welcome back to the Ministry. I thank you for your patience and understanding as the Archdiocese undertakes this process and the relevant due diligence required in the engagement of expert advice. **In our Community:** ✨Keep the social distancing. ✨Use sanitiser when entering the church. ✨Wash your hands often if necessary. ✨If you are unwell, stay home. ✨If you feel coughing, sneezing due to spring weather, it is ok to wear a mask. **Support your church and priests.** Thank you to all who have been supporting our Parish and priests financially. We need your continuous support to get back to normal financially. Please consider joining in our planned giving programme. *Fr Paul Raj.*



CHRISTMAS CARDS: We have Christmas Cards for sale at the back of the church. The price is \$2.50 for 8 cards. This is a great way of staying in touch with family and friends, near and far.



SVDP HILTON: While we thanking you for your generosity we now are asking for your support to make up Christmas Hampers for the needy families of our Parish. We placed a box at the church

foyer for Breakfast Food, Canned and Packaged Food and Christmas Goodies. WE also appreciate money donations which can be put in the poor box at the left-hand side as you are exiting the church. Once again Thank You for your generosity and wishing you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas. *Kind regards, Charlie Jones.*



CLEAN AND SANITISE THE PEWS: You can see the wipes in the church in many places. You are requested to clean, wipe and sanitise your pews / seats, before you leave the church. Your support to keep our church hygienic is much appreciated. *Thanks heaps – Fr Paul.*



OLD MAGAZINES: Parishioners, please do not bring and place at the back of the church old magazines, medals, booklets, leaflets, etc. It is against COVID-19. Also, after people use the bulletin, either take home or dispose in the bin. *Thank you – Fr Paul.*



ADVENT 2020 WITH BRUCE DOWNES THE CATHOLIC GUY:

Join me and people all around the world and Expect the Unexpected! Sign up for a free daily email devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent. Starting 29 November 2020. You'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register now or for more information:



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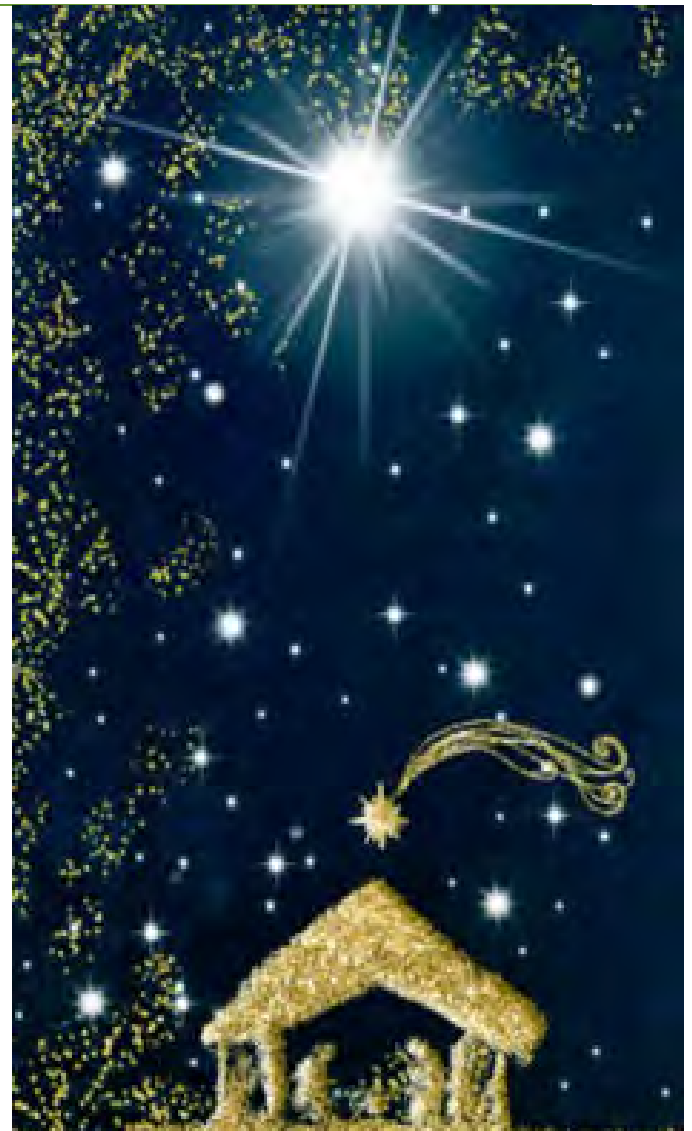
My Jesus, I believe that
You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually
into my heart.

I embrace You as if
You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me
to be separated from You.
Amen.



2020 Christmas Mass Times

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
82 Collick Street, Hilton, 08 9314 7733

Christmas Eve 24 December
6.30pm Carols ... 7pm Vigil Mass
10pm Carols ... 10.30pm Mass
No Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 25 December
8.30am Carols ... 9am Mass

When you are Lonely,
I wish you **LOVE**
When you are Down,
I wish you **JOY**.
When you are Troubled,
I wish you **PEACE**.
When things look Empty,
I wish you **HOPE**.
When you feel Hopeless,
I wish you **FAITH**.

Purple Flower










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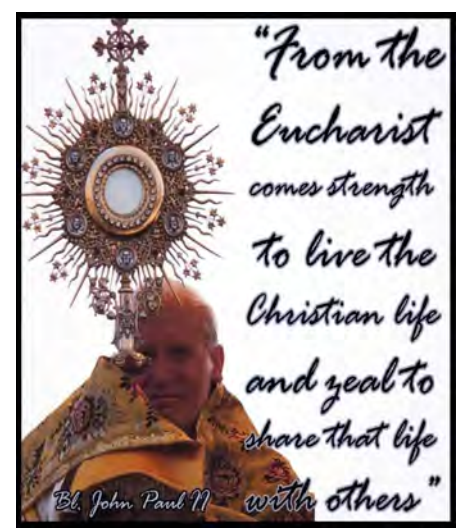
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| <p>OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA: God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep each of us from harm And bring us to the joy of heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Lord. <i>Amen.</i></p>  | <p>SOULS in PURGATORY PRAYER: Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home, and in my family. <i>Amen.</i></p>  | <p>OUR LADY of ALL NATIONS PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. <i>Amen.</i></p>  |
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| <p>PRAYER FOR PRIESTS By St Faustina: O my Jesus, I beg you on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to you, O Lord. Lord, give us holy priests; you yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for you can do all things.</p>  | <p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hilton EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION One Hour with Jesus Wednesday Evenings 7 – 8pm Friday Mornings 9.30 – 10.30am</p>  |
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| WEEK 5 NOV 58-29 1 ST SUNDAY ADVENT | COMMENTATOR | READERS | ACOLYTE |
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| Sat 6pm | Martha Kalat | Sjonny Walker | Gerald Farrell |
| Sun 7.30am | Diane Richards | Kath Bowskill | Gerry Miller |
| Sun 9am | Toni Kalat | Franca Kalat | Ken Hla |
| WEEK 1 DEC 5-6 2 ND SUNDAY ADVENT | COMMENTATOR | READERS | ACOLYTE |
| Sat 6pm | Martha Kalat | Kiara Camacho Tereza Camacho | Joe De Ornelas |
| Sun 7.30am | Diane Richards | Jenny Troy | Gerry Miller |
| Sun 9am | Monica Cook | Franca Kalat | Ken Hla |



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark.

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will
come.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad; he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Today we welcome Fr Chris Monaghan CP as our reflection writer. Fr Chris is President of Yarra Theological Union, University of Divinity, where he teaches both Old and New Testament. In his reflection, he will consider briefly each of the Scripture readings set down for the Sunday.

We are very grateful and thank Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, of the Jesuit College of Spirituality, University of Divinity, for his insightful reflections on the Gospels over the past three years.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE CALL TO CONVERSION

As Advent begins, we set out once again to prepare our hearts for the great feast of God's humble presence among us. Expectation and complacency, longing and listlessness, can all be found in our hearts as we prepare for Christmas. Today's readings speak of our need for God's presence and our thankful response of faithfulness.

The reading from Isaiah is a passionate plea for renewal and change. The people have been left to their own devices for too long. If God would only tear open the heavens and come down, the mountains would melt before God's presence. Isaiah hopes that the hearts of the people of Israel should also melt so that God the great potter, could once more mould, shape, and breathe life into their hearts.

Paul's perspective is one of thanksgiving for the gifts that have already been given as the community waits for the Lord's return. Such gifts are given to sustain us as we wait for the moment when Jesus will finally be revealed in glory.

It is one thing to be grateful for blessings and gifts received but the Gospel calls us to take the next step of using these gifts faithfully. The parable of the master who leaves his servants in charge during his absence is as relevant today as in the days of Mark. It is important to note that each of the servants is entrusted with a task to be faithfully completed. As Advent begins each one of us is given the task of preparing our hearts and lives to welcome the Lord.

Christopher Monaghan CP