



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

06 DECEMBER 2020

FIRST READING

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord,

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v. B

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and
grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,/ peace for his
people./ His help is near for those who fear
him/ and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**



2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;/ justice
and peace have embraced./ Faithfulness shall
spring from the earth/ and justice look down
from heaven. **R.**

3. The Lord will make us prosper/ and
our earth shall yield its fruit./ Justice shall
march before him/ and peace shall follow his
steps. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Pet 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter.

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will



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2nd Sunday Advent, 6 December 2020, Year B

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Thursday: 9am – 12.30pm

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Paul Raj
Parish Secretary: Tereza Camacho
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OLMC Primary School RE: Julie Kay
OLMC Primary School: 9269 2000
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MASS 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)

Monday 7 December ... St Ambrose

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group



Tuesday 8 December ... Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Mass for John & Maria Maocheia (Intentions)

Wednesday 9 December ... St Juan Diego

9am Mass for John Randall (RIP)

Morning Tea after Mass

10.30am Legion of Mary

6-7pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 10 December ... Our Lady of Loreto

8.15am Mass at Seton Catholic College

Friday 11 December ... St Damasus

9am Mass for John & Maria Maocheia (Intentions)

9.30-10.30am Eucharistic Adoration



Saturday 12 December ... Our Lady of Guadalupe

9am Mass for Holy Heart of Jesus + Ivan & Maria Antich (RIP)

3rd Sunday Advent, 13 December

Saturday 6pm Mass for Concezio D'Alessandro (RIP Birthday)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Neville Mathanda (RIP)



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 Mravljinc, 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

3rd Sunday Advent, 13 December

1st: Is 61:1-2, 10-11

2nd: 1 Thess 5:16-24

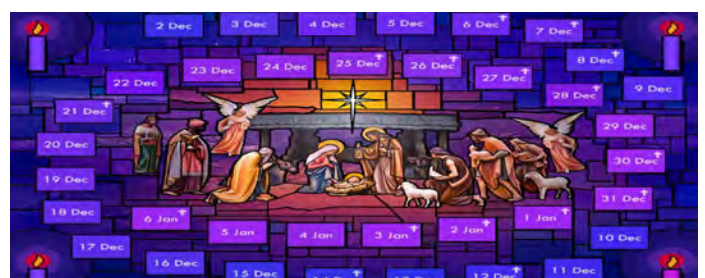
Gospel: Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.





STEWARDSHIP: Theology of Stewardship – Giving Thanks in the Bad Times ... People were coming and going in great numbers, making it impossible for them to so much as eat. So Jesus and the apostles went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place.



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.



WA GOVERNMENT UPDATE: Places of Worship are now exempt from the two square metre rule and are able to operate at a 60 percent capacity. Following the latest WA public health advice, places of worship

are now exempt from the two square metre rule. They can operate at 60 per cent capacity if this is a larger number than what was allowed under the two square metre rule. This change comes into effect immediately. From Saturday, 5 December 2020, places of worship will be required to maintain a contact register, in electronic or written form. Maintaining a contact register will assist the WA Health Department with COVID-19 contact tracing, which is one of the most effective measures in controlling the spread of COVID-19 if an outbreak occurred. A free, simple, and secure contact register app, **SafeWA**, has been developed by the WA Government to make it easy for businesses and venues to check in patrons. It can be downloaded from the **Apple App Store** or **Google Play Store**. A written contact register must also be available for people who choose not to use the **SafeWA** app to register attendance. For more information: • See the Places of worship to operate at a greater capacity under health advice media statement. • Visit COVID-19 coronavirus: Contact registers. The Archbishop's directive of Friday 27 November 2020 will be updated and re-issued prior to Saturday 5 December 2020 to reflect these updates. *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. 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:** ✨ 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 change of weather, it is ok to wear a mask. ✨ Hands-free holy water will be available soon. **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 eight cards. This is a great way of staying in touch with family and friends, near and far.



CATHOLIC MISSION'S 2020 CHRISTMAS REFLECTION IN WORD & MUSIC: As part of this year's Advent season, Catholic Mission will present a Christmas

Reflection on Modern Slavery on Wednesday 9 December from 6.30pm - 8.30pm at St Patrick's Basilica in Fremantle. It will be a beautiful evening of sacred classical music interspersed with inspirational readings and a keynote meditation by Professor Francis Campbell, Vice Chancellor of Notre Dame University. Due to COVID-19 protocols, seats are limited and will need to be booked via www.trybooking.com/BNAMI. For those who are unable to make it, the event will be live-streamed & online via www.catholicmission.org.au/perth2020. For more information & a digital copy of the Reflection booklet email Francis at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au or phone 9422 7933.



PARISH AGM: Our Parish Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 13 December 2020 after 9am Mass. The venue will be our Church at 10.15am. Please get your cup of Coffee or Tea and gather. All the leaders of the Parish Groups are requested to submit a brief report. *Fr Paul Raj.*





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

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.



THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

 **IT DOES NOT PERTAIN** to the Nativity (birth) of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

 **IT DOES NOT PERTAIN** to Jesus' conception in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

 **IT PERTAINS** to the conception of the Virgin Mary in the womb of Her mother St. Anne, wherein she [Mary] was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin by God's grace in view of the merits of Jesus Christ.

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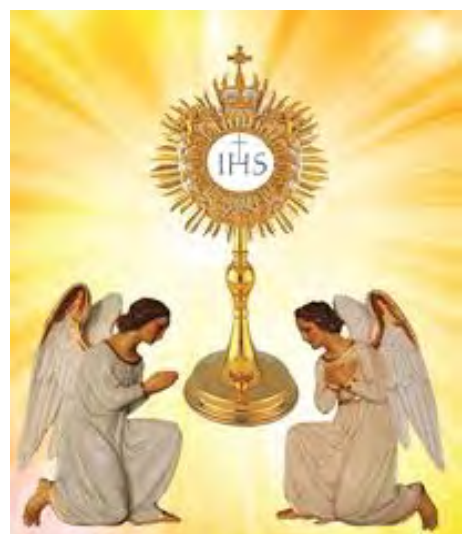
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<p>OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA: God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep 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 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
WEEK 2 DEC 12-13 3 RD SUNDAY ADVENT	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Kiara Camacho Tereza Camacho	Simon Overton
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Kath Bowskill	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Vicky Rafala	Marion Randall	Frank Cooper



be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

BELIEF IN GOD'S PROMISES

The life of faith is one in which the believer is inevitably called to deal with the tension between God's promises and our present experience. When the people of Israel were dragged into exile their experience was that their God was powerless to save and that the ancient promises had been forgotten. It is at precisely this moment that Isaiah dares to proclaim a message of hope in the midst of desolation, pardon instead of punishment, and that the God who can subdue all things will again stoop to gather the weak and lead them home.

Peter's Christians were clearly worried by the fact that the Risen Lord had not come back in glory as they expected. How could this be interpreted other than as a sign that God's plans had somehow changed, or that God no longer cares? Peter's response is that, despite appearances to the contrary, God's delay should be seen as an opportunity for us to make ready for the Lord's return. It is a moment of grace rather than a sign of God's lack of fruitfulness.

When John the Baptist declared that the longed-for Messiah was near, his contemporaries must have wondered if it was possible. How could this come to pass when the province of Judah was powerless under the rule of the Roman empire?

Advent is always a reminder that the call to believe comes to us in the midst of the complexity of life. It meets us head-on with a challenge: are we prepared to take the risk of believing in God's promises?

Christopher Monaghan CP