



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

13 DECEMBER 2020

## FIRST READING

Isa 61:1-2, 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I exult for joy in the Lord.*

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;  
to proclaim liberty to captives,  
freedom to those in prison;  
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.  
‘I exult for joy in the Lord,  
my soul rejoices in my God,  
for he has clothed me in the garments of  
salvation,  
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,  
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  
like a bride adorned in her jewels.  
‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow,  
as a garden makes seeds spring up,  
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise  
spring up in the sight of nations.’

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lk 1:46-50, 53-54

**R.** My soul rejoices in my God.

1. My soul glorifies the Lord,/ my spirit  
rejoices in God, my Saviour./ He looks on his  
servant in her nothingness;/ henceforth all  
ages will call me blessed. **R.**
2. The Almighty works marvels for me./ Holy  
his name!/ His mercy is from age to age,/ on  
those who fear him. **R.**
3. He fills the starving with good things,/  
sends the rich away empty./ He protects  
Israel, his servant,/ remembering his mercy. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Thess 5:16-24

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to  
the Thessalonians

*May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for  
all things give thanks to God, because this is  
what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the  
gift of prophecy with contempt; think before  
you do anything – hold on to what is good and  
avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect  
and holy; and may you all be kept safe and  
blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming  
of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you  
and he will not fail you.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isa 61:1; Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

## 3rd Sunday Advent, 13 December 2020, Year B

### PARISH INFORMATION

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:** 9am – 3pm  
**Thursday:** 9am – 12.30pm

### PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr Paul Raj  
**Parish Secretary:** Tereza Camacho  
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**Seton Catholic College Website:** <http://www.seton.wa.edu.au/olmc-parish>

### MASS INTENTIONS



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

**10.15am** Parish AGM

#### Monday 14 December ... St John of the Cross

**10am Funeral Mass** for Vee (Teresa) Appleton

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

#### Tuesday 15 December

**9am Mass** for Our Lady of Fatima + Ana Sevelj (RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

#### Wednesday 16 December

**NO 9am Mass - COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Morning Tea** after Mass

**10.30am** Legion of Mary

**6-7pm** Eucharistic Adoration

#### Thursday 17 December

**9am Mass** at Seton Catholic College for Teachers

#### Friday 18 December

**9am Mass** for Antonio & Maria Arraiol (RIP) + Vee Appleton (RIP)

**9.30-10.30am** Eucharistic Adoration

**10.30am Mass** at Hilton Park Aged Care

#### Saturday 19 December

**9am Mass** for Bill & Alcinda Nagel (RIP) + Joao & Agostinha Maocheia (Intentions)

**10.30am Baptism** of Mikhael David Kirk

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent, 20 December

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Luigina D'Alessandro (RIP Birthday) & Giovanna Sgro (RIP Anniversary)

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Ivan Resic (RIP Anniversary)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Dorothy & George Leach (RIP) + Souls in Purgatory



### 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

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent, 13 December

**1<sup>st</sup>:** 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Rom 16:25-27

**Gospel:** Lk 1:26-38

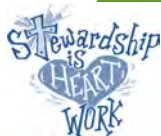


**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.







**STEWARDSHIP: Theology of Stewardship – Giving Thanks in the Bad Times ...** People saw them leaving, and many got to know about it. People from all the towns hastened on foot to the place, arriving ahead of them.”



**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](http://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.



**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.

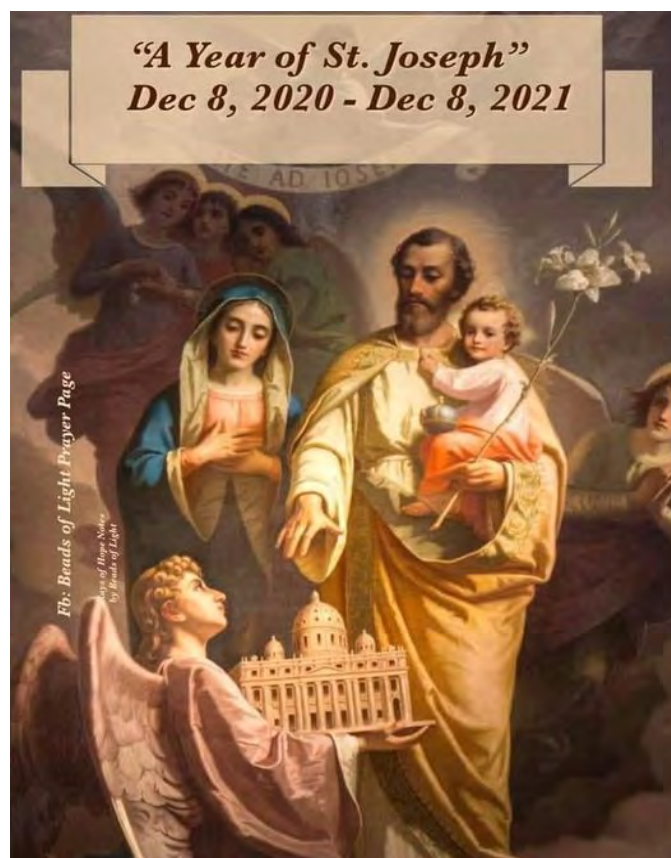


**WA GOVERNMENT UPDATE: Places of Worship are now exempt from the two square metre rule and are able to operate at a 60 percent capacity.** Following the latest WA public health advice, places of worship are now exempt from the two square metre rule. They can operate at 60 per cent capacity if this is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



**Pope Francis has declared a Year of St Joseph in honour of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the saint’s proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. Source – CAN:** The year began yesterday and will conclude on 8 December 2021, according to a decree authorised by the Pope and announced yesterday. The decree said that Francis had established a Year of St Joseph so that “every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith





# OLMC PARISH and ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will". It added that the Pope had granted special indulgences to mark the year. In addition to the decree, Francis issued an apostolic letter dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. The Pope explained in the letter, titled **Patris Corde** ("With a father's heart") and dated yesterday, that he wanted to share some "personal reflections" on the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic," he said, noting that many people had made hidden sacrifices during the crisis in order to protect others. "Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," he wrote. "St Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Pope Pius IX proclaimed St Joseph patron of the Universal Church on 8 December 1870, in the decree **Quemadmodum Deus**.



**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.



**PARISH AGM:** Our Parish Annual General Meeting will be held this 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.*










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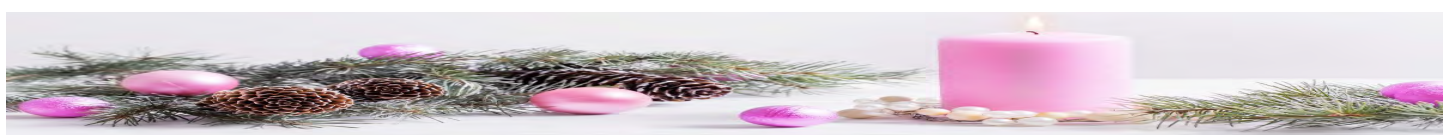
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<p><b>OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA:</b>          God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep each of us from harm And bring us to the joy of heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Lord.          Amen.</p> 	<p><b>SOULS in PURGATORY PRAYER:</b>          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. Amen.</p> 	<p><b>OUR LADY of ALL NATIONS PRAYER:</b>          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.          Amen.</p> 
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<p><b>PRAYER FOR PRIESTS By St Faustina:</b> 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  <b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b>  <b>One Hour with Jesus</b>          Wednesday Evenings          7 – 8pm          Friday Mornings          9.30 – 10.30am</p> 
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<b>WEEK 2</b> <b>DEC 12-13</b> <b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT</b>	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
<b>WEEK 3</b> <b>DEC 19-20</b> <b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT</b>	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Loretta Masnada	Carmel Collova	Gerald Farrell
Sun 7.30am	Mark Ryan	Maureen Cooper	Frank Cooper
Sun 9am	Toni Kalat	Maria Alberti	Joe De Ornelas





## GOSPEL

Jn 1:6-8,19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.*

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,

so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,

only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## JESUS, GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

The build-up to Christmas and the festive season has a way of leaving many people tired and stressed as many tasks call for our attention. It is probably impossible to avoid much of this as the feast of Christmas marks the end of the year and the beginning of the summer break. The readings for today can help each of us to determine more clearly what are our major priorities as Christians in preparing for Christmas.

Within the readings today two dimensions of our preparation are stressed. The first is the call to witness to our faith by sharing in God's life-giving, freeing, and healing love. The second dimension is that of finding time to give thanks and praise to God for the gifts we have received through the presence of Jesus among us.

Isaiah's mission of proclaiming liberty and God's love to those in exile comes out of his own experience of this love. Because of this experience, he is able to be a witness to what God is doing in his own day. John the Baptist provides us with a powerful example of a person of faith who is prepared to stand up and bear witness.

As Paul concludes the letter to the Thessalonians he reminds them that the best way to prepare for the Lord's return is by living at peace with one another and being constant in their prayer. One relationship nourishes the other. Making time for the Lord in prayer enables us to make time for each other.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**