



# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

20 DECEMBER 2020

**FIRST READING** 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

**A reading from the second book of Samuel**  
*The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.*

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 88: 2-5, 27, 29, R. cf. v. 2

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; / through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts



for ever, / that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; / I have sworn to David my servant: / I will establish your dynasty for ever / and set up your throne through all ages.' **R.**

3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, / my God, the rock who saves me.' / I will keep my love for him always; / for him my covenant shall endure. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Rom 16:25-27

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.*

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

## 4th Sunday Advent, 20 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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### MASS INTENTIONS



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

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

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

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

#### Monday 21 December

**NO 7-9pm** Holy Trinity Prayer Group

#### Tuesday 22 December

**9am Mass** for Manuel Serrao (RIP) + Antun & Margarita Cucevic (RIP) + Irene Burrow (RIP)

**6pm Viewing** and **7pm Rosary** for Vincenzo Favazzo

#### Wednesday 23 December

**9am Mass** for Fr Douglas Henden (RIP) + Souls in Purgatory

**Morning Tea** after Mass

**10.30am** Legion of Mary

**2pm Funeral Mass** for Vincenzo Favazzo

**6-7pm** Eucharistic Adoration

#### Thursday 24 December

**NO 9am Mass**

**6.30pm Carols** and **7pm Vigil Mass** for Luis Jose & Antonio Arraiol (RIP)

**10pm Carols** and **10.30pm Mass** for Jose & Eva Fernandes (RIP)

#### Friday 25 December ... The Birth of Jesus

**8.30am Carols** and **9am Mass** for Antonia & Deolinda Freitas (RIP) + Martina & Felipe Nadela (RIP Anniversary)

**NO 9.30-10.30am** Eucharistic Adoration

#### Saturday 26 December

**9am Mass** for Manuel & Deolinda Freitas (RIP) + Dulcie Mary Theseira (RIP)

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & St Joseph, 27 December

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Gabriela Campos (RIP) + Kruno Skratulja (RIP) + Rosa Perroni (Birthday)

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

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Agostinho & Maria Da Silva (RIP) + Maria Randazzo & Fae Lo Presti (Health)



### 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

#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & St Joseph, 27 December

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

**Gospel:** Lk 2:22, 39-40



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.





# OLMC PARISH and ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

## 4th Sunday Advent, 20 December 2020, Year B



**STEWARDSHIP:** **Theology of Stewardship – Giving Thanks in the Bad Times ...** “Upon disembarking, Jesus saw a vast crowd. He pitied them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them at great length.



**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.



**5¢ & 10¢ COIN FUNDRAISING:** Please support our 5¢ & 10¢ 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.*



**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:** Please contact Antonietta Skelton ON 0428 821 534 if your child (6 years and upwards), would like to be involved in the 9am Mass on Christmas Day. Children need to be present for rehearsals from **10am to 12pm on Wed 23 and Thurs 24 December**. Children must attend **BOTH REHEARSALS** if they want to be involved. They will need to be at church by **8.30am on Christmas Day**. All costumes and other items are provided. The children will also do the readings for that Mass. Any parents or other relatives that has a current “Working With Children Check”, is welcome to attend and / or assist with rehearsals. **Altar servers are also needed. They just need to turn up on Christmas Day.** Please contact Antonietta if your child can be an altar server for the Mass. Many Thanks and God Bless.



**THANK YOU MESSAGE AND BLESSINGS FROM CATHOLIC MISSION:** All of



us at the Perth Catholic Mission Office wish you a Holy Christmas and offer our gratitude for your prayers and generosity towards those in need despite the current economic challenges and worries about friends and family in Australia and overseas. Your Mission donations strengthen God's loving presence amidst the on-going global pandemic. At Christmas, we are reminded that this presence came in the form of a helpless infant born of refugee parents into the poverty of a manger - a scene of life, hope and peace replicated in poor communities in the developing world where our missionaries work. Please remember them and those they serve in your Christmas prayers.

so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the Loving of Fathers. O St Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press him to my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

**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.



**NOVENA PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH - Over 1900 Years Old:**  
 O St Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord;



**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










# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

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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. <i>Amen.</i></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. <i>Amen.</i></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. <i>Amen.</i></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 3</b> DEC 19-20 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT	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
<b>THURS - FRI</b> DEC 24-25 CHRISTMAS	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
<b>Christmas Vigil</b> 24 December 7pm Mass	Tereza Camacho	Maureen Cooper	Frank Cooper
<b>Christmas Night</b> 24 December 10.30pm Mass	Toni Kalat	Franca Kalat	Simon Overton
<b>Christmas Morning</b> 25 December 9am Mass	Monica Cook	Children	Joe De Ornelas



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*You will conceive and bear a son.*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## MYSTERIOUS WAYS OF GOD

If the history of God's dealings with us teaches us anything, it is that God's ways don't always match up with what we expect. David's rise to power was an unexpected one. He could not have foreseen being chosen from among his brothers, or that he could have defeated Goliath. He knew that behind all these events the God of Israel had been at work. As soon as his kingdom was firmly established, he set out to build a Temple to the God who had made it all possible. Despite his good intentions God had other plans. Rather than David building a house to honour God, it is God who will build a royal house for David.

The last thing Mary would have expected was that the promises made centuries before to David would come to fruition in her own life and that the child born to her would be both Son of God and Israel's king. Two thousand years later we are still coming to terms with the meaning of Gabriel's annunciation to Mary – what must it have been like for her? And yet, it is in the midst of this unsettling and unexpected news that her remarkable faith and confidence in God shines through as she responds: 'Let what you have said be done.'

Years later, as Paul concludes his letter to the Christians of Rome, he ponders all the mysterious ways of God. He invites us to respond with praise and wonder to the gift we have been given in Jesus, God's most unexpected and most welcome surprise.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**