



# THE SAVING WORD

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH / B

27 DECEMBER 2020

## FIRST READING

Gen 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

A reading from the book of Genesis.

*Your own son shall be your heir.*

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless . . .' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 104: 1-6, 8-9, R. vv. 7, 8

**R.** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, / make known his deeds among the peoples. / O sing to him, sing his praise; / tell all his wonderful works! **R.**
2. Be proud of his holy name, / let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. / Consider the Lord and his strength; / constantly seek his face. **R.**



3. Remember the wonders he has done, / his miracles, the judgements he spoke. / O children of Abraham, his servant, / O sons of the Jacob he chose. **R.**

4. He remembers his covenant for ever, / his promise for a thousand generations, / the covenant he made with Abraham, / the oath he swore to Isaac. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

*The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.*

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

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



#### 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)

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



#### Monday 28 December

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



#### Tuesday 29 December

**9am Mass** for George & Lyn McLennan (RIP) + Lucija & Ivan Resic (RIP)

#### Wednesday 30 December

**9am Mass** for Agosto & Joe Fernandes (RIP) + Bartul & Marija Ivelja (RIP)

**Morning Tea** after Mass

**10.30am** Legion of Mary

**6-7pm** Eucharistic Adoration



#### Thursday 31 December

**9am Mass** for Singleton family (RIP)

#### Friday 1 January ... New Year's Day

**9am Mass** for Alfredo Da Silva (RIP)

**9.30-10.30am** Eucharistic Adoration



#### Saturday 2 January

**9am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

#### The Epiphany of the Lord, 3 January

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Matilde Abreu (RIP)

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Maria Martins (RIP)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Jerry Abreu (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, Dermot McKernon, Judith Greer, Edward Fortune, Lou Collova, Franca Kalat, Joan McGrath, Zdenka Mravlinic, 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 Epiphany of the Lord, 3 January

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Is 60:1-6  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Eph 3:2-3, 5-6  
**Gospel:** Mt 2:1-12





**STEWARDSHIP: Theology of Stewardship – Giving Thanks in the Bad Times ...** It was now getting late and his disciples came to him with a suggestion. ‘This is a deserted place

and it is already late. Why do you not dismiss them so that they can go to the crossroads and villages around here and buy themselves something to eat?’



### 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.



### 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.*



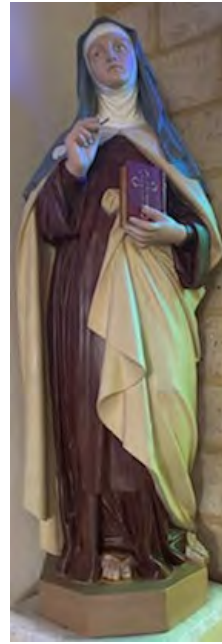
### THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH – Prayer of Pope Leo XIII to St Joseph:

To you, O Blessed Joseph, we come in our trials, and having asked the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently ask your patronage also. Through that sacred bond of charity which united you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the fatherly love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you to look graciously upon the beloved inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by his blood, and to aid us in our necessities with your power and strength. O most provident guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ. Most beloved father, dispel the evil of falsehood and sin. Our most mighty protector, graciously assist us from heaven in our struggle with the powers of darkness. And just as you once saved the Child Jesus from mortal danger, so now defend God’s Holy Church from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity. Shield each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your help, we may be able to live a virtuous life, to die a holy death, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. 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.



**ST TERESA OF AVILA STATUE IN THE CARMELITE SHRINE:**

The statue of St Teresa of Ávila which has been placed in the Carmelite Shrine is from the old St Teresa of Ávila Mass Centre in Coolbellup. The statue of St Teresa was brought over from Melbourne by Fr Greg Moore O’Carm in 1972 for the then newly created Mass centre in her honour. Her statue remained at the centre both during its use and following its closure. It was thought that St Teresa’s statue should have a place in the Shrine as it is dedicated to three of the Carmelite order saints, these being: St Teresa of Avila, St Therese of Lisieux and St Teresa

Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein). Fr Paul gave his consent to place St Teresa in the Carmelite Shrine and we thank him and appreciate his kind consideration. St Teresa of Avila is known for her spiritual writings and was elevated to doctor of the church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI and was the first woman to be so honoured.

*Feast of the Holy Family*



"It is in the Holy Family, the original 'Church in miniature' that every Christian Family must be reflected."

ST. JOHN PAUL II

**Holy Family of Nazareth**

*O Glorious Saint Joseph, chosen by God to be Guardian of the Holy Family, whose protection is so great, so strong, in union with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and our saviour Jesus Christ, send down from heaven a blessing from God to protect us from any harm, strengthen us in body, soul and spirit, we ask this through thy powerful intercession, Holy Family Pray for us. Amen.*



**"If we could say please, sorry and thank you more in our families, how happier places our homes would be."** Pope Francis



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### 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.  
**Amen.**



### 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. **Amen.**



### 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. **Amen.**



**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.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hilton

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**One Hour with Jesus**  
Wednesday Evenings  
7 – 8pm  
Friday Mornings  
9.30 – 10.30am



<b>WEEK 4</b> DEC 26-27 THE HOLY FAMILY	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Katie Hughes	Enrico D'Alessandro
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Monica Cook	Elizabeth Sabella	Gerald Farrell



It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Heb 1: 1-2

**Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!**

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

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

*The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

*Longer form Lk 2: 22-40*

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# Reflections on the Gospel

## **GOD AT WORK IN THE FAMILY**

In today's readings, there is a tension between dreams and reality, between hope and fear, that helps us situate ourselves as we reflect on the Holy Family and our own experience of family life. The letter to the Hebrews speaks rightly of Abraham and Sarah as being models of faithfulness, however, this should not blind us to the very real struggles they experienced.

At times both Abraham and Sarah had lost heart and become fearful that God's promises were only a false hope after all. Abraham had decided to make one of his young relatives his heir. Sarah hoped that her slave Hagar would give them the son they longed for. In the end, God would realise the promises made to them despite their attempts to take matters into their own hands!

As Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple they bring all their hopes and fears for him as they wonder how his life will unfold. Simeon and Anna recognise that God is powerfully at work in this child but Simeon also warns how Jesus' life will be marked by both success, as well as rejection. What Simeon and Anna have the eyes to see is that God's saving plan will be at work in all that will befall him.

While models of family life are placed before us today it is important not to judge ourselves too harshly. Abraham and Sarah had their difficulties, and Mary and Joseph did not always understand how God was at work in their family either!

**Christopher Monaghan CP**