



THE SAVING WORD

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / B

03 JANUARY 2021

FIRST READING

Isa 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come,

the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 71:1-2, 7-13. R. v. 11

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice, / that he may judge
your people in justice / and your poor in right
judgement. **R.**

2. In his days justice shall flourish / and peace
till the moon fails. / He shall rule from sea to
sea, / from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts /
shall pay him tribute. / The kings of Sheba
and Seba / shall bring him gifts. / Before him
all kings shall fall prostrate, / all nations shall
serve him. **R.**



4. For he shall save the poor when they cry /
and the needy who are helpless. / He will have
pity on the weak / and save the lives of the
poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same
inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been
entrusted by God with the grace he meant
for you, and that it was by a revelation that I
was given the knowledge of the mystery. This
mystery that has now been revealed through
the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets
was unknown to any men in past generations;
it means that pagans now share the same
inheritance, that they are parts of the same
body, and that the same promise has been made
to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! / We have seen his star
in the East; / and have come to adore the
Lord. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew.

We have come from the East to worship the King.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in
Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some



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MASS INTENTIONS



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)



Monday 4 January

10am Funeral Mass for Philip Aylward
NO 7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group



Tuesday 5 January

9am Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 6 January

9am Mass for Joe & Leonor de Sousa Intentions
Morning Tea after Mass
10.30am Legion of Mary
6-7pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 7 January

NO 9am Mass

Friday 8 January

9am Mass for Manuel Januario Garces & Joselina Batista Gomes (RIP)
9.30-10.30am Eucharistic Adoration



Saturday 9 January

9am Mass for Maria & Gabriel Pereira (RIP)

Baptism of the Lord, 10 January

Saturday 6pm Mass for Hernando Aguiar (RIP)
Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)
Sunday 9am Mass for Alfredo & Margarida Goncalves (RIP) + **Baptism of** Indiana Rose Kenny
11am Baptism of Dion Paul Tassone



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

Baptism of the Lord, 10 January

1st: Is 55:1-11
2nd: 1 Jn 5:1-9
Gospel: Mk 1:7-11



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.



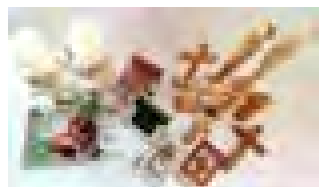


OLMC PARISH and ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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STEWARDSHIP: Theology of Stewardship – Giving Thanks in the Bad Times ... ‘You give them something to eat,’ Jesus replied. At that they said, ‘Are we to go and spend two hundred days’ wages for bread to feed them?’ ‘How many loaves have you?’ Jesus asked. ‘Go and see.’”



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.**



THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH – Prayers to St. Joseph (piercedhearts.org): Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Virginal Father of the Child Jesus. Patron of the Universal Church. God confided to the care of St Joseph His most precious treasures... Blessed are you St Joseph,

witness of the glory of God here on earth! Blessed and glorified be God who chose you! Blessed and glorified be the Son who obeyed you! Blessed and glorified be the Holy Spirit who sanctified you! Most Blessed be Mary who loved you!



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.








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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. Amen.</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. Amen.</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. Amen.</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</p> <p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</p> <p>One Hour with Jesus</p> <p>Wednesday Evenings 7 – 8pm</p> <p>Friday Mornings 9.30 – 10.30am</p> 
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WEEK 1 JAN 2-3 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	COMMENTATOR	READER	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 JAN 9-10 BAPTISM OF THE LORD	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	Tino Chiwariro	Frank Cooper



Reflections on the Gospel

SAVIOUR OF ALL PEOPLE

Today's feast of the Epiphany is the only Sunday in the three-year cycle in which the readings remain exactly the same. That in itself should lead us to take seriously Isaiah's summons to lift up our eyes, look around, and see that all people are called to sing God's praises as equals.

Changing our point of view is not always easy, and the process of seeing, understanding and accepting the point of view of the other person is challenging. What is really our attitude to those who see the world differently to ourselves?

The people of Israel were encouraged to see themselves as the people specially favoured by God. They had suffered much at the hands of foreign nations who were more likely to destroy their Temple than worship in it. Isaiah's entreaty to see the nations around them as people who were also searching for the living God required a significant change of perspective.

Paul continues to develop Isaiah's vision as he seeks to open the eyes of Jewish Christians to the fact that the mystery of God's plan is now revealed in Jesus Christ. Now the old barriers which had existed between Jews and Gentiles have been torn down. Now all people can share in the same inheritance, promises, and relationship with God. It is Matthew who gives the forceful reminder that the first people to recognise Jesus' kingship were outsiders. It is not only their presents but their presence that provides a precious gift.

Christopher Monaghan CP

wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea', they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders
of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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