



THE SAVING WORD

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD / B

10 JANUARY 2021

FIRST READING

Isa 55:1-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Come to the waters; listen to my words and you shall have life.

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good
things to eat and rich food to enjoy,
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.
See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,
a leader and a master of the nations.
See, you will summon a nation you never knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you,
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will
take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who
speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from
the heavens and do not return without watering
the earth, making it yield and giving growth to
provide seed for the sower and bread for the
eater, so the word that goes from my mouth
does not return to me empty, without carrying
out my will and succeeding in what it was sent
to do.

■ The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Isa 12:2-6. R. v. 6

R. You will draw water joyfully from the
springs of salvation.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, / I trust, I shall
not fear. / For the Lord is my strength, my song, /
he became my saviour. / With joy you will draw
water / from the wells of salvation. **R.**

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his
name! / Make his mighty deeds known to the
peoples! / Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord / for he has done
glorious deeds, / make them known to all the
earth! / People of Zion, sing and shout for
joy / for great in your midst is the Holy One
of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Jn 5:1-9

A reading from the first letter of St John

The Spirit, the water and the blood give witness.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do

what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world – our faith.
Who can overcome the world?



OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

The Baptism of the Lord, 10 January 2021, Year B

PARISH INFORMATION

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Parish Priest: Fr Paul Raj
Parish Secretary: Tereza Camacho
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MASS INTENTIONS



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) + Ron Barton (RIP Anniversary) + Antonia & Stephen Ivelia (RIP)
11am Baptism of Dion Paul Tassone



Monday 11 January
NO 7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group



Tuesday 12 January
9am Mass for Tina Bartolomeu (RIP)

Wednesday 13 January
9am Mass for George & Dorothy Leach (RIP)
Morning Tea after Mass
10.30am Legion of Mary
6-7pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 14 January
9am Mass for Simone Crees (Birthday Intentions) in Honour of St Joseph

Friday 15 January
9am Mass for Emilio Jurica (RIP)
9.30-10.30am Eucharistic Adoration



Saturday 16 January
9am Mass for Samuel William Crees (Birthday Intentions) in Honour of St Joseph

2nd Sunday Ordinary, 17 January
Saturday 6pm Mass for Parishioners Intentions
Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Urbano Monding (RIP Anniversary) & Honorata La Rosa (RIP Anniversary)
Sunday 9am Mass for Marta & Nicholas Kalat (RIP)
11am Baptism of Andrew Costa



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

2nd Sunday Ordinary, 17 January

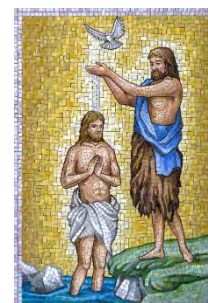
1st: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19
2nd: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20
Gospel: Jn 1:35-42



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.





OLMC PARISH and ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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STEWARDSHIP: **Theology of Stewardship**

– **Giving Thanks in the Bad Times ...** “When

they learned the number they answered, ‘five, and two fish.’ He told them to make

the people sit down on the green grass in groups or parties. The people took their places in hundreds and fifties, neatly arranged like flow beds.



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.**



CONDOLENCES: To Antoinetta Skelton and family on the recent death of Cono Randazzo who was Antonietta’s father. You are all in our prayers and thoughts.



SVDP CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2020: **Job well done to all involved...**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Hilton Conference and the many people / families who received a hamper this year,

would like to thank the teachers and students from both Seton College and OLMC Primary School who supplied the groceries for, and packed so many fantastic hampers, and to the parishioners and friends who assisted our members in delivering them. **THANK YOU.** Our Conference members visited one hundred and ten households during the year, and many of those on numerous occasions. All were included on this year’s hamper list. Over the last couple of years, there has been an increase in single people and single parent families requesting assistance, and fewer large families. So, with that in mind, this year we placed a special request to our two schools to decrease the size of the hampers with the surplus food going towards making extra hampers. The schools responded magnifically, with the number of hampers received from both schools tallying 86 – an extraordinary effort. We were also fortunate in having extra donated food via our deposit boxes at the Hilton IGA Supermarket and in our own foyer here at OLMC Church. That food went towards topping up those hampers allocated to the larger families. Again, to offset the transient nature of the people / families we visit, our teams delivering hampers were given the names of more households than hampers, as they regularly encounter empty houses or different tenants living at the addresses given. Our resources (hampers) normally fall short of catering for all the people we visit during the year, ie: 86 hampers represented 78% of the people / families listed. Consequently, with an estimated 20% of the families having moved on or not home, we could safely say we came close



to achieving delivery of hampers to every person/family we possibly could, who were listed. Much feedback was received from the teams, on the joy given and that received, and the stories of hardships endured by the families visited. Again, thank you to all involved, and may 2021 be a good year for you and all the people we serve...

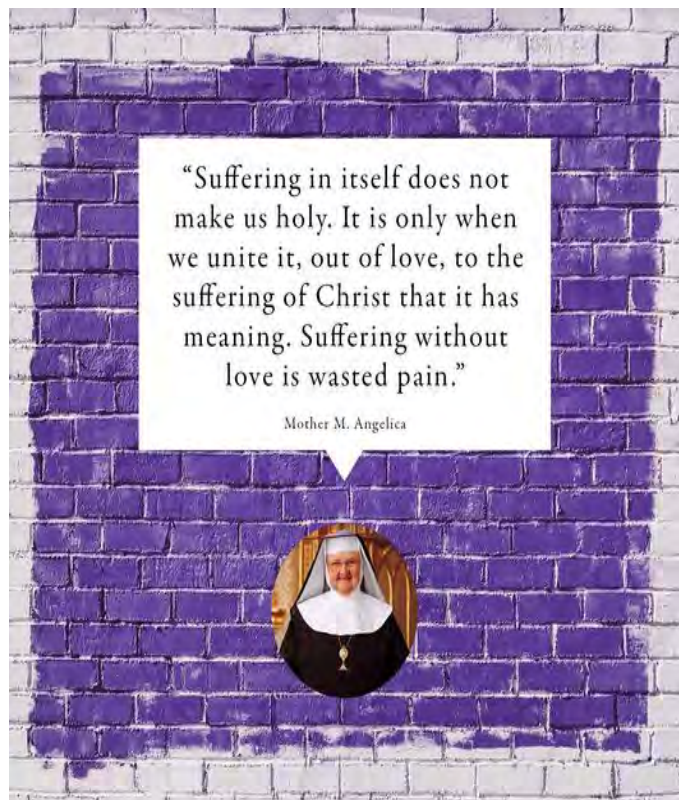
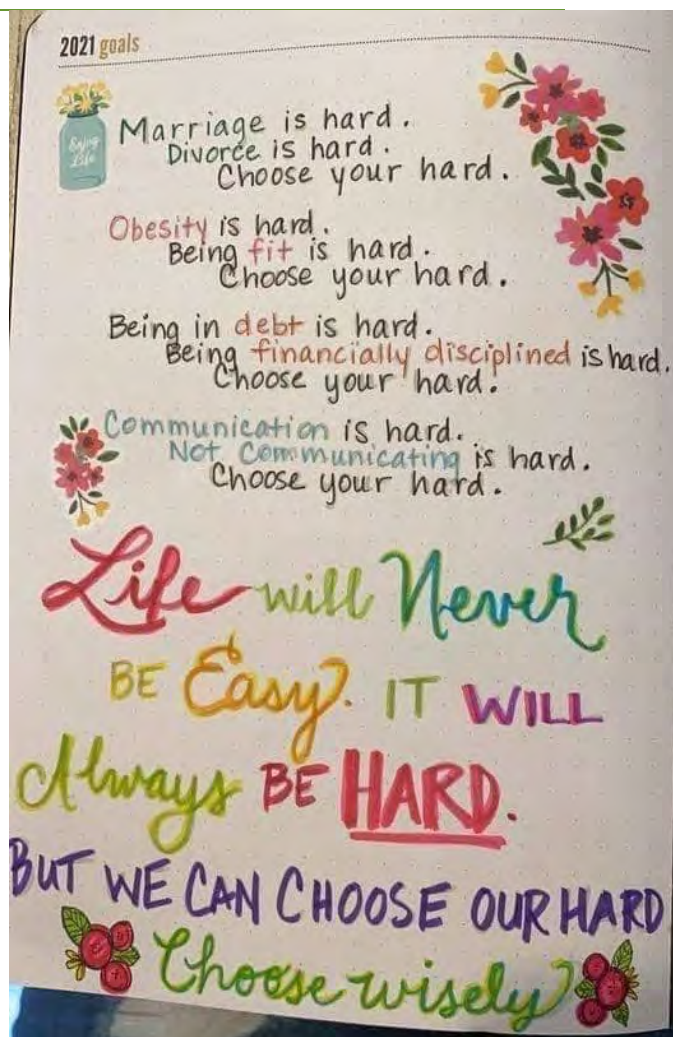
Ian Digney, President OLMC Conference – Hilton, Saint Vincent de Paul Society.



THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH – Prayers to St. Joseph (piercedhearts.org): Prayer to St Joseph the Worker (Blessed John XXIII).

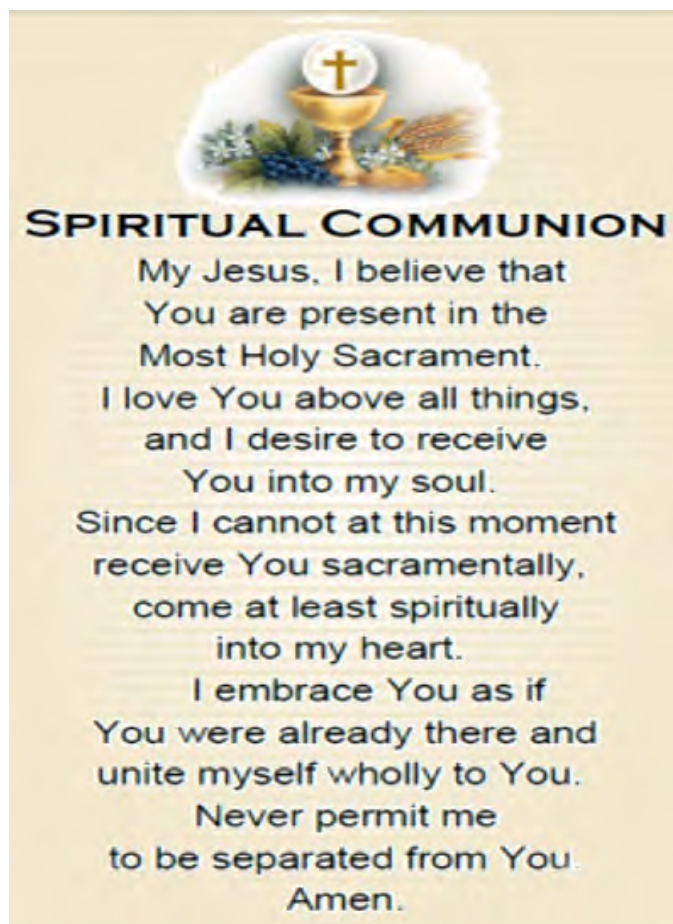
This beautiful prayer was composed by Blessed Pope John XXIII (1958-63). It places all workers under the patronage of St. Joseph

the Worker, and asks for his intercession so that we may regard our work as a means of growing in holiness. A Prayer for Workers - O glorious Joseph! Who concealed your incomparable and regal dignity of custodian of Jesus and of the Virgin Mary under the humble appearance of a craftsman and provided for them with your work, protect with loving power your sons, especially entrusted to you... You know their anxieties and sufferings, because you yourself experienced them at the side of Jesus and of His Mother. Do not allow them, oppressed by so many worries, to forget the purpose for which they were created by God. Do not allow the seeds of distrust to take hold of their immortal souls. Remind all the workers that in the fields, in factories, in mines, and in scientific laboratories, they are not working, rejoicing, or suffering alone, but at their side is Jesus, with Mary, His Mother and ours, to sustain them, to dry the sweat of their brow, giving value to their toil. Teach them to turn work into a very high instrument of sanctification as you did. Amen.



“Suffering in itself does not make us holy. It is only when we unite it, out of love, to the suffering of Christ that it has meaning. Suffering without love is wasted pain.”

Mother M. Angelica



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 EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION One Hour with Jesus Wednesday Evenings 7 – 8pm Friday Mornings 9.30 – 10.30am</p> 
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WEEK 2 JAN 9-10 THE 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
WEEK 3 JAN 16-17 2ND ORDINARY	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



Reflections on the Gospel

SHARING GOD'S GIFT

One of the great recurring themes of the scriptures is that of God's irrepressible and untiring desire to bring us into the fullness of life. The reading from Isaiah is filled with images of the life God wants to share with us: water, grain, wine and milk without cost, a life-giving and nourishing word that never returns without achieving its purpose. This life is offered freely – all we need do is seek the Lord to share in this banquet.

For Christians, baptism is a sign of the new life that we have been graciously given through the death and resurrection of Jesus. One of the problems facing John's community was that of how to deal with false teachings which were dividing and weakening the community and the baptismal promises they had made. John seeks to remind them of the life they share through their baptism and the call to bear witness to it by their love for God and for their sisters and brothers.

In the birth of Jesus God's life-giving and nourishing word becomes one with us. His baptism marks a moment of grace for him and us. The heavens are opened and God's empowering Spirit comes upon him as he begins his ministry. God bears testimony to the life that he is pleased to offer us in the Beloved Son. At Jesus' baptism the voice from heaven proclaims how a time of new life and growth is beginning. For those with eyes to see the rich harvest is already beginning, and the banquet prepared.

Christopher Monaghan CP

Only the man who believes
that Jesus is the Son of God:
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth –
so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood,
and all three of them agree.
We accept the testimony of human witnesses,
but God's testimony is much greater,
and this is God's testimony,
given as evidence for his Son.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:
This is the Lamb of God who takes away
the sins of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 1:7-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark.

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
In the course of his preaching John the Baptist
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.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from
Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the
Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out
of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart
and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him.
And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my
Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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