



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / B

28 FEBRUARY 2021

FIRST READING

Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son', God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 115: 10, 15-19. R. 114: 9

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord / in the land of the living.

I. I trusted, even when I said: / 'I am sorely afflicted.' / O precious in the eyes of the Lord / is the death of his faithful. **R.**



2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; / you have loosened my bonds. / A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: / I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil / before all his people, / in the courts of the house of the Lord, / in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8: 31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

■ The word of the Lord.



OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

2nd Sunday Lent, 28 February 2021, Year B

PARISH INFORMATION

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Phone: (08) 9314 7733
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Website: www.olmchilton.org.au

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Paul Raj
Parish Secretary: Tereza Camacho
Safeguarding Officer: Brigitte Liddelow - 0432 908 980
Avila Retirement Village Secretary: Judy Rowlands – 0448 205 283
Parish RE Coordinator: TBA
OLMC Primary School RE: Julie Kay
OLMC Primary School: 9269 2000
Seton Catholic College Website: <http://www.seton.wa.edu.au/olmc-parish>

MASS INTENTIONS



2nd Sunday Lent, 28 February

Saturday 6pm Mass for Joe Taranto (Special Intentions) + Mary Egert (RIP)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Bruce & Ian (Richards (RIP Anniversary) & Brunhilde Steinhäuser (Recently Deceased in Germany)



Sunday 9am Mass for Neville Mathanda (RIP) + Almerinda Messias (RIP)

Monday 1 March

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group



Tuesday 2 March

9am Mass for Davina Paul (Success of Operation)

Wednesday 3 March

9am Mass for Maria & John Maocheia (Intentions)

Morning Tea after Mass

10.30am Legion of Mary

6-7pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 4 March

8.15am Mass at Seton Catholic College

Friday 5 March

9am Mass for Matilde Abreu (RIP)

9.30-10.30am Stations of the Cross + Eucharistic Adoration



Saturday 6 March

9am Mass for Dot & George Leech (RIP)

3rd Sunday Lent, 7 March

Saturday 6pm Mass for Antonio & Isabel Arraiol (RIP) + Rosa Perroni (RIP) + Luigina D'Alessandro (RIP 13th Anniversary) & Giovina D'Alessandro (RIP Birthday)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Agostinha Maocheia (RIP) + Karlo Mravljinc (RIP Birthday)



1.30pm Baptism of Cara Cowcher

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, David Azzaro, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Lou Collova, Franca Kalat, Joan McGrath, Zdenka Mravljinc ...



2021 SACRAMENT DATES

RECONCILIATION

6.30pm Wednesday 10 March

CONFIRMATION

9am Sunday 20 June

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

9am Sunday 12 September



RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30-

10am and

5.15-5.45pm

Or by appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS

Suggested Offering
\$15 per Mass.

Please give Mass

Intention Envelopes to
Fr Paul or Parish Office.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

3rd Sunday Lent, 7 March

1st: Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

2nd: 1 Cor 1:22-25

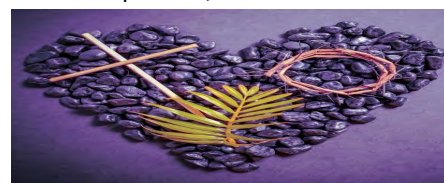
Gospel: Jn 2:13-25



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.





STEWARDSHIP: *Theology of Stewardship*

– Giving Thanks in the Bad Times ...

The command to feed the people is an extension of this carrying out the mission of Jesus. This sense also provides us with a clue to a Christian's basic sense of self. We are disciples who have been charged with the ongoing mission of Jesus.



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.



PROJECT COMPASSION:

'Cry of the Poor' - Prayer, Reflection & Dialogue Sessions...


Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding online opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff... Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register by going to lent.caritas.org.au. Please join us.



A MESSAGE FROM Aid to the Church in Need Australia:

Did you know that each year the Catholic charity, **Aid to the Church in Need**, supports the training of 12,000 seminarians and provides ongoing formation for 8,000 priests. Could you help support a priest or seminarian? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/formation.

ARCHBISHOP OF PERTH



Ref: 2021.04

Friday, 12 February 2021

Dear Fathers and Deacons,

Today, Premier Mark McGowan has advised that all *Transition Out of Lockdown* restrictions for the Perth metropolitan and Peel regions will end at **12.01am on Sunday, 14 February 2021**.

This means that from **12.01am on Sunday, 14 February 2021** masks will no longer be required to be worn either inside or outside, there will be no travel restrictions in WA (except for remote Aboriginal communities) and the 4 square metre rule will be discontinued.

Contact Registers and the use of the Safe WA App will continue as part of post-lockdown life. Contact Registers and/or QR codes for the Safe WA App are mandatory for all places of worship, all parish offices and all archdiocesan facilities to assist in undertaking contact tracing if it is required.

Western Australians are encouraged to continue to practise physical distancing where possible, maintain good personal hygiene at all times and get tested when unwell.

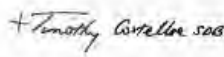
As was the case before the lockdown, public or private events involving more than 500 patrons that require the approval of a local government authority will need an approved COVID Event Plan.

Today's announcement from the WA Government can be found at: <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus>

Further updates relevant to the Archdiocese of Perth can be accessed on the dedicated COVID-19 page on the archdiocesan website: <http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/COVID19.htm>

You are invited to share this update with your people.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB DD
Archbishop of Perth

Legion of Mary Perth

80th Anniversary

Fr Doug Harris & Comitium Executive, cordially invite you to attend on,

20th March 2021

St Columba's Catholic Church
20 Almondbury St, Bayswater

Order of the day:

11.00 ACIES

12.00 Mass Celebrated by:
The Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe, SDB,
Archbishop of Perth

1.00pm Fellowship

Please direct all enquiries to: President
Rosemary Bennett 0421580783

This is a free ticketed event. Please go to the link to book.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/80th-anniversary-legion-of-mary-perth-tickets-141644006035>



IN EVERY NEED, GO TO ST JOSEPH: The testimony of the Catholic Church's "Doctor of prayer," St Teresa of Avila, regarding "the glorious St. Joseph": I wish I could persuade everyone to be devoted to the glorious St Joseph, for I have great experience of the blessings which he can obtain from God. I do not remember that I have ever asked anything of him which he has failed to grant. I am astonished at the great favors which God has bestowed on me through this blessed saint, and at the perils from which he has delivered me, both in body and in soul...
www.thedivinemercy.org/articles/every-need-go-joseph.

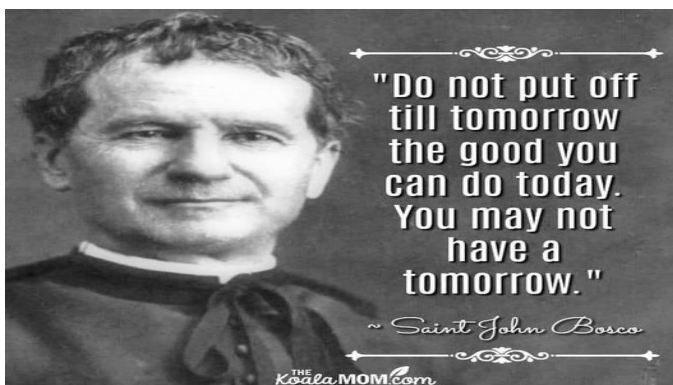


Three times I begged the Lord
to make this suffering go away.
But he replied,
"My kindness is all you need.
My power is strongest
when you are weak."
2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (CEV)



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.



Schoenstatt
FETE REUNION – new date
Sunday 14 March 2021 Time: 2–5pm

Come along to a Schoenstatters Fete Reunion at the Shrine in Emilie House.

An afternoon tea for the wonderful people that helped or attended a Fete/Spring Fair throughout the years.

FUN FOR ALL

An opportunity to catch up with friends you may not have seen for awhile.
Enquiries to Lina on 0418854965. No RSVP necessary.
Tea, coffee, drinks etc. provided.
Bring old photos and a plate of food to share.
All families welcome.
9 Talus Drive, Mt. Richon

Belief in the Eucharist is a treasure we must seek by submissiveness, preserve by piety, and defend at any cost. Not to believe in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest of misfortunes.
St. Peter Emyard








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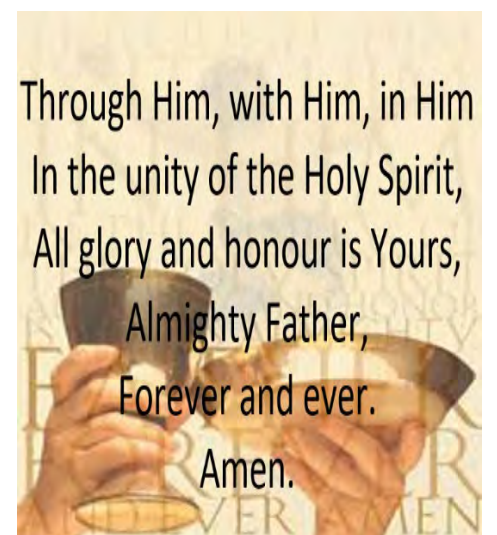
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<p>OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA: God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep 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 4 FEBG 27-28 2ND LENT	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLTYE
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
WEEK 1 MAR 6-7 3RD LENT	COMMENTATOR	READER	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Martha Kalat	Susie Poleschtschuk	Joe De Ornelas
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Monica Cook	Franca Kalat	Ken Hla



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17: 5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! / From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: / this is my beloved Son, hear him. / Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Mk 9: 2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah'. He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him'. Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

LIVING IN FAITHFULNESS AND HOPE

There are few moments in the scriptures as dramatic as when Abraham has steeled himself to seize the knife that will take the life of his son Isaac. In that moment on the mount Abraham revealed once again his true quality and the depth of his trust in the word of God. Years later, on a mountain God will reveal the glory and grandeur of the greatest gift of all, the presence of Jesus among us, the living word. As Abraham listened to the voice of the Lord God, so too the disciples of all ages are called to listen to the words of Jesus, the beloved Son. His words promise us a life that awaits us beyond death, and his presence will enable the disciples to move on with him to the cross. On a mountain a son's life was saved. Centuries later on a rocky outcrop, scorned and ridiculed, God will give what he did not take from Abraham so that all of us might be saved.

In many ways Paul reflects on what has been gained for us all by that sacrifice on Calvary. Like Abraham, God does not withhold even what is most precious. The glory and promise of the Transfiguration have their fulfilment in Jesus' victory over death, a victory which now enables us to live our lives in faithfulness and hope. Paul is concerned to share the certainty of his belief that, with Jesus pleading our cause, there is no need for fear.

Christopher Monaghan CP