



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / B

07 MARCH 2021

## FIRST READING

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

A reading from the book of Exodus

*The Law was given through Moses.*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

*Longer form, 20: 1-17.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18: 8-11. R. Jn 6: 68

**R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, / it revives the soul. / The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, / it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, / they gladden the heart. / The command of the Lord is clear, / it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**

4. They are more to be desired than gold, / than the purest of gold / and sweeter are they than honey, / than honey from the comb. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 22-25

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3: 16

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, / that all who believe in him might have eternal life. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

## 3rd Sunday Lent, 7 March 2021, 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  
**Safeguarding Officer:** Brigitte Liddelou - 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



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Lent, 7 March

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Antonio & Isabel Arraiol (RIP) + Rosa Perroni (RIP) + Luigina D'Alessandro (RIP 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) & Giovina D'Alessandro (RIP Birthday) + Dorita Martins (RIP Recently in Madeira)



**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)  
**Sunday 9am Mass** for Agostinha Maocheia (RIP) + Karlo Mravljinc (RIP Birthday) + Monica De Roos (RIP 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) & Art De Roos (RIP 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
**1.30pm Baptism** of Cara Cowcher

#### Monday 8 March

**7-9pm** Holy Trinity Prayer Group



#### Tuesday 9 March

**9am Mass** for Souls in Purgatory

#### Wednesday 10 March

**9am Mass** for John Randall (RIP) + Vincenzo & Angelina Mazzo & Lariana Tognaline (RIP x 3)

**Morning Tea** after Mass

**10.30am** Legion of Mary

**NO 6-7pm** Eucharistic Adoration



**6.30pm Reconciliation** for OLMC Year 3 Students + Parishioners

#### Thursday 11 March

**8.15am Mass** at Seton Catholic College

#### Friday 12 March

**9am Mass** for Joao & Maria Maocheia (Intentions)

**9.30-10.30am Stations of the Cross** + Eucharistic Adoration



#### Saturday 13 March

**9am Mass** for Manuel Abreu (RIP)

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent, 14 March

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Antonio Coelho (RIP)

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Stephen Randall (RIP)

**11am Baptism** of Brandon Kean Stoddart



### 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

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent, 14 March

**1<sup>st</sup>:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Eph 2:4-10

**Gospel:** Jn 3:14-21



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise.





### STEWARDSHIP: **Theology of Stewardship**

– **Giving Thanks in the Bad Times ...** We

are in the Church not only for what we can receive, but also for what we have to offer. We are the ones charged to feed the people what they need.



### 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.



### PROJECT COMPASSION: **Third Sunday of Lent - 7 March 2021...**

Oliva, 22, could not read, write or count, and her business was losing money. Then she attended Caritas Australia-supported

literacy and numeracy classes, and set up a home classroom to teach her neighbours. Now her classes, business and family are thriving, and she aims to become a pastor and run for local leadership... **Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and support people like Oliva's gain access to education to build a brighter future and live in communities that upholds everyone's dignity...** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



### LENT WITH ST JOSEPH: AN ORDINARY MAN LIVING GOD'S

**SACRIFICIAL LOVE: 4 Mar to 25 Mar. Thursdays 7.30pm to 8.30pm (four sessions),** online. This course will also be offered on Wednesday mornings as a face-to-face course. This four-week course will explore the interior workings of how St Joseph lived God's sacrificial love. St Joseph understood the meaning of Lenten sacrifice as the key to Easter Resurrection, even before Lent and Easter existed in human history. The Church's tradition sees him as the 'ordinary', hidden, patient, creative, faithful man of mission who worked and sacrificed for the joy of loving something greater: Christ, our Redeemer and Mary, the Mother of our Redeemer. This course will focus on the figure of Joseph utilising reflections by the Fathers of St Joseph, Pope Francis' *Patris Corde* (With A Father's Heart), St Pope John Paul II's *Redemptoris Custos* (Guardian of the Redeemer), Jan Dobraczyński's *The Shadow of the Father*, Jennifer Settle and Gregory Bottaro's *Consecration to Jesus Through St Joseph* and Fr Peter J. Bernardi's *Dying Well: The Christian Art of Dying*. CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Faith Formation. Cost, \$20. Presenter: Ms Natalie Thomas. **Further info or to register,** email [cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au), or call 08 9241 5221.

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### 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](http://www.aidtochurch.org/formation).



### THE PENITENT THIEF: 23 Feb 2021

**By The Record.** Written by Don Willis, "The Penitent Thief" is a never-before-told story of the cross of two unnamed men who were crucified alongside Jesus and how they came to be beside him on the cross that fateful day. **Photo: Supplied.** The Penitent Thief is the original events of Easter, told from the perspective of one of the thieves who died alongside Jesus. Written by Don Willis,



**The Penitent Thief** is a never-before-told story of the cross of two unnamed men who were crucified alongside Jesus and how they came to be beside him on the cross that fateful day. Dismas and his brother Jotham, along with Gestas, another young man who will share their fate, suffer tragedy and injustice at the hands of a band of thieves and a ruthless Roman centurion. Theirs is a story of survival against the odds, but they cannot outrun their destiny. The Catholic Church remembers the Good Thief on 25 March, together with the Feast of the Annunciation. He is given the name Dismas in the Gospel of Nicodemus and is traditionally known in Catholicism as Saint Dismas. **Four lucky winners will score two tickets to see the movie "The Penitent Thief" in cinemas from 25 February, redeemable at Hoyts Cinemas Carousel and Event Cinemas Innaloo. Photo: Supplied.** The Penitent Thief is rated M – mature audience. See the trailer: <https://youtu.be/XeMq3xT5LhQ>.



**CHARISMATIC RENEWAL OPENING YEAR MASS:** CCR will hold their Opening Year Mass at St Benedict's Church, Applecross (cnr Canning Hwy / Ardross Street) this coming **Thursday, 11 March at 7.30pm**. All are most welcome to attend. The evening will include praise and Mass, and conclude around 9.15pm. Further details - Dan 0409 849 049.

**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>

**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

**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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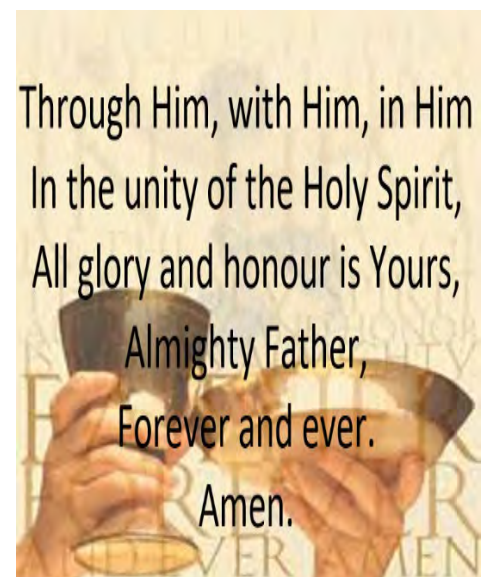
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<p><b>OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA:</b> God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep each of us from harm And bring us to the joy of heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Lord. <b>Amen.</b></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. <b>Amen.</b></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. <b>Amen.</b></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 1</b> MAR 6-7 3 <sup>RD</sup> 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
<b>WEEK 2</b> MAR 13-14 4 <sup>TH</sup> LENT	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



## GOSPEL

Jn 2: 13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## BEING TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

Lent has the capacity to shake us from our lethargy and turn our lives upside down. For some people change is exciting but for many it is less than comfortable as we search to find our bearings in a new situation. Today's readings can challenge us but they also provide a new set of bearings to help our journey in faith. The people of Israel had their world overturned when they were taken into slavery, but in some ways coming out of slavery was even more difficult. Led into the dangers of the desert and an uncertain future they were to find their bearings in the new covenant. Their new identity as God's people would find its expression in their faithfulness to the Ten Commandments. When Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers in the Temple he called into question the system that had developed around the Temple. His disturbing action was to be a reminder that even as one sign of God's presence was to pass away, it was soon to be replaced by a new sign of God's presence, his own Risen body.

Paul knew that God's wisdom always has a way of challenging the wisdom of the world. A crucified Christ was seen as madness and scandalous. As disturbing as it may still seem this is the wisdom of God that must become our point of reference. In Jesus crucified all our preconceptions of power and wisdom are called into question as we are invited to make God's wisdom our own.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**