



# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

14 MARCH 2021

## FIRST READING

2 Chron 36: 14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 136. R. v. 6

**R.** Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!



1. By the rivers of Babylon / there we sat and wept, / remembering Zion: / on the poplars that grew there / we hung our harps. **R.**
2. For it was there that they asked us, / our captors, for songs, / our oppressors, for joy. / 'Sing to us,' they said, / 'one of Zion's songs.' **R.**
3. O how could we sing / the song of the Lord / on alien soil? / If I forget you, Jerusalem, / let my right hand wither! **R.**
4. O let my tongue / cleave to my mouth / if I remember you not, / if I prize not Jerusalem / above all my joys! **R.**

## SECOND READING

Eph 2: 4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

*When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.

■ The word of the Lord.



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

## 4th Sunday Lent, 14 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  
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**OLMC Primary School:** 9269 2000  
**Seton Catholic College Website:** <http://www.seton.wa.edu.au/olmc-parish>

### MASS INTENTIONS



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

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Antonio Coelho (RIP) + St Joseph & Souls in Purgatory  
**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)  
**Sunday 9am Mass** for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Andrea & Stephen Ivelja (RIP)  
**11am Baptism** of Brandon Kean Stoddart



#### Monday 15 March

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



#### Tuesday 16 March

**9am Mass** for Maria Lanza (RIP) + St Joseph & Souls in Purgatory

#### Wednesday 17 March

**9am Mass** for Bill & Alcinda Nagel (RIP) + St Joseph & Souls in Purgatory  
**Morning Tea** after Mass  
**10.30am** Legion of Mary  
**6-7pm** Eucharistic Adoration



#### Thursday 18 March

**8.15am Mass** at Seton Catholic College

#### Friday 19 March

**9am Mass** for Hermando Aguiar (RIP) + Giuseppe Zagari (RIP) + Thanksgiving to St Joseph  
**9.30-10.30am Stations of the Cross** + Eucharistic Adoration

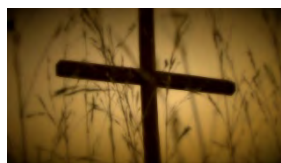


#### Saturday 20 March

**9am Mass** for Maria Jose Martins (RIP)

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent, 21 March

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)  
**Sunday 9am Mass** for Ines Aguiar (Intentions)  
**11am Baptism** of Violet Maree Otway



### 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

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lent, 21 March

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Jer 31:31-34  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Heb 5:7-9  
**Gospel:** Jn 12:20-30



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.







**STEWARDSHIP: Theology of Stewardship – Giving Thanks in the Bad Times ...** At times that may be simply bread to eat, but it is often breads of a vast variety which meet the many physical, psychological and spiritual needs of people.



**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.



**PROJECT COMPASSION: Fourth Sunday of Lent - 14 March 2021...** Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet at home and was often sick due to the

practice of open defecation. Through Caritas Australia's support, Arsad and his community improved hygiene and sanitation, and funded their own toilets. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help improve health and wellbeing of communities in Indonesia so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a better future for all.** 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.



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**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.

### 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:

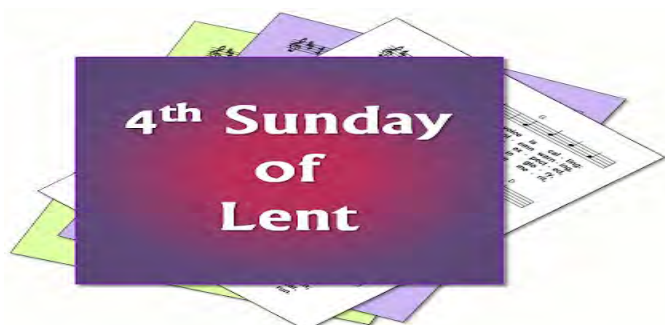
The Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe, SDB, Archbishop of Perth

**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>







**Year of St Joseph**

In declaring 2021 the Year of St Joseph, Pope Francis reminds us that “St Joseph never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus”. Let us pray:

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

*Pope Francis, 2020*



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**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.

**2021  
HOLY WEEK and EASTER TIMES  
OLMC Church Hilton**

***Holy Thursday 1 April***

**7pm** The Lord's Supper  
Adoration until 9pm

***Good Friday 2 April***

**9am** Stations of the Cross  
Followed by Reconciliation

**3pm** Celebration of The Passion of The Lord

***Holy Saturday 3 April***

**9 – 10am** Reconciliation  
**7pm** Easter Vigil

***Easter Sunday 4 April***

**7.30am** Morning Mass  
**9am** Morning Mass

“What did not lie in my plan lay in God's plan. And the more often such things happen to me the more lively becomes in me the conviction of my faith that - from God's point of view - nothing is accidental, that my entire life, even in the most minute details, was pre-designed in the plans of divine providence and is thus for the all-seeing eye of God a perfect coherence of meaning. Once I begin to realize this, my heart rejoices in anticipation of the light of glory in whose sheen this coherence of meaning will be fully unveiled to me.”

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross  
12 October 1891 - 9 August 1942

Give Me all your  
worries, and I will  
give you rest.  
-Jesus












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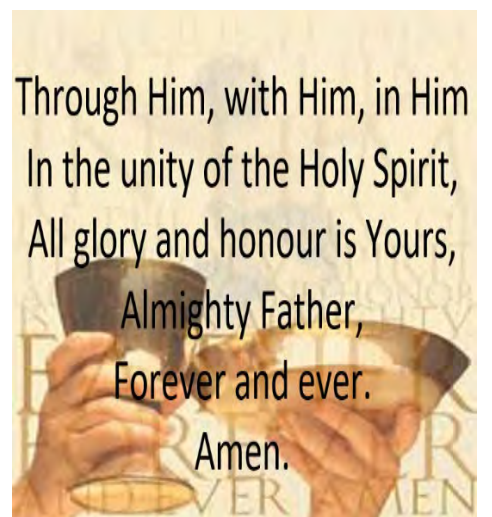
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<p><b>OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA:</b> God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, 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> One Hour with Jesus Wednesday Evenings 7 – 8pm Friday Mornings 9.30 – 10.30am</p> 
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<b>WEEK 2</b> <b>MAR 13-14</b> <b>4<sup>TH</sup> LENT</b>	<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
<b>Sat 6pm</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Simon Overton
<b>Sun 7.30am</b>	Diane Richards	Kath Bowskill	Gerry Miller
<b>Sun 9am</b>	Vicky Rafala	Tino Chiwariro	Frank Cooper
<b>WEEK 3</b> <b>MAR 20-21</b> <b>5<sup>TH</sup> LENT</b>	<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
<b>Sat 6pm</b>	Loretta Masnada	Carmel Collova	Gerald Farrell
<b>Sun 7.30am</b>	Mark Ryan	Maureen Cooper	Frank Cooper
<b>Sun 9am</b>	Toni Kalat	Maria Alberti	Joe De Ornelas





## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3: 16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! /  
God loved the world so much, he gave us  
his only Son, / that all who believe in him  
might have eternal life. / Glory and praise  
to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL

Jn 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to John.

*God sent his Son into the world that we might be  
saved through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses  
lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that  
everyone who believes may have eternal life in  
him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he  
gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes  
in him may not be lost but may have eternal  
life. For God sent his Son into the world not  
to condemn the world, but so that through him  
the world might be saved. No one who believes  
in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses  
to believe is condemned already, because he has  
refused to believe in the name of God's only  
Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced:  
that though the light has come into the world  
men have shown they prefer darkness to the  
light because their deeds were evil. And indeed,  
everybody who does wrong hates the light and  
avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed;  
but the man who lives by the truth comes out  
into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that  
what he does is done in God.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## LOVING IS GIVING

Some years ago, a young married man asked  
me to try and put the story of the Scriptures  
into a sentence or two. My reply was that the  
story that the Scriptures tell is a love story,  
a love that always provides us with a new  
beginning, especially when we least deserve  
or expect it. He then exclaimed: 'There you  
are, why did you have to bring sin into it?'  
I took his point about the need to be positive,  
but the Scriptures teach that a reality we  
can't seem to avoid is that our choices are not  
always what they might be.

The point I was trying to make was that God  
does not avoid us, even if we cannot seem  
to avoid sin. The first reading is a classic  
example of a new and unexpected life offered  
to the people of Israel in the midst of exile.  
The Chronicler has no doubts that the exile  
was fully deserved. The wonder is that there  
is another opportunity at all! The Gospel  
passage could not state it more beautifully:  
'God so loved the world that he gave his only  
Son'. God's will for us is always that we come  
into the fullness of life. While we may fear  
God's judgement, the real judgement to fear  
is the one that we make ourselves. Paul speaks  
of each of us as a work of art. The challenge  
of Lent is: What kind of work of art do we  
wish to be?

**Christopher Monaghan CP**