



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

05 DECEMBER 2021

FIRST READING

Bar 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch.

Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant
that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the
glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will
provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of
his glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v. 3

R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels / the Lord worked for them!' / What marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears / carrying seed for the sowing: / they come back, they come back, full of song, / carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 1:3-6, 8-11

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

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

■ The word of the Lord.



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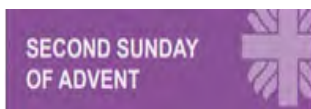
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Paul Raj
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MASS INTENTIONS



2nd Sunday Advent, 5 December

6pm Mass for Emilia Soraka (RIP)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Beatrice Fernandez (Health) + Maria Goretti Martins (RIP 1st Month Anniversary)

2-3pm Holy Hour

Monday 6 December – St Nicholas

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group



Tuesday 7 December - St Ambrose

9am Mass for Fr Jerome & Fr Maurice (Intentions)

Wednesday 8 December – Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Mass for John Randall (RIP)

Morning Tea after Mass

10.30am Legion of Mary

6-7pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 9 December – St Juan Diego

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

Friday 10 December – Our Lady of Loreto

9am Mass for Souls in Purgatory + Most Holy Trinity Honour & Thanksgiving

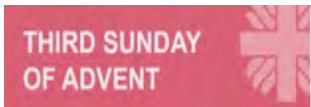
9.30-10.30am Eucharistic Adoration



Saturday 11 December – St Damasus

6am-10am Busy Bee

NO 9am Mass



3rd Sunday Advent, 12 December

6pm Mass for Concezio D'Alessandro (RIP & Birthday)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Ivan & Maria Antich (RIP) + Angelo Marchionno (RIP 1st Month Anniversary)

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to Fr Paul. We would 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, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Lou Collova, Franca Kalat, Zdenka Mravlinic, Beatrice Fernandez – Davina's Grandmother, Alex, Tonino ...



2022 SACRAMENT DATES

RECONCILIATION: Wednesday 16 March 6.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday 19 June 9am

CONFIRMATION: Sunday 4 September 9am



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 Advent, 12 December

1st: Zeph 3:14-18

2nd: Phil 4:4-7

Gospel: Lk 3:10-18



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.





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STEWARDSHIP: Theology of Stewardship – Sacrificial Giving is Life Giving ... They should be anchored in a Christian sense of who we are and what we are called to do as disciples of Jesus; 🙏.



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.



CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING: We are looking at installing a new split air conditioning system in our parish as our current air conditioning is very old. Please consider supporting our parish by donating for the air conditioning. So far, we have received **\$18059.45**. Thank you, very appreciated. **Fr Paul.**



CANDLES FOR SALE: Hi everyone! If you are looking for a Christmas gift idea for family or friends, you can contact me on 0439 408 561 or davinapaul30@outlook.com to buy candles. The cost is \$15 each candle. Thanks Davina.

ADVENT YEAR C

In the Words of Pope Francis

Week 2



CENTRE FOR LITURGY – Archdiocese of Perth: Advent Reflection – Week 2. Available on Centre for Liturgy, Perth YouTube channel on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L5VsgM53cu0>.



HOLY HOUR FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH at OLMC HILTON: Sunday 5-12-21 from 2pm - 3pm. The holy hour will be in honour of Jesus infancy and the Holy Family. We will be praying • In thanksgiving for all blessings we have received. • For all previous intentions. • For all children around the world, particularly for those who are being exploited. • Blessings for all families. People are invited to place the intention requests in the box in the church foyer or to contact Martha on 0438 999 107 or Martha.kalat@gmail.com. As it is the last Holy Hour for the year, there will be a Blessing and Benediction by Fr Paul and afternoon tea after the Holy Hour.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Christmas Cards

\$3.00 per Pack (5 cards)
or \$5.00 per two packs (10 cards)

Please place the money for the cards in the 'poor box' above.

Thank you for supporting the families in need within our area



CHRISTMAS CARDS: We have Christmas Cards for sale at the back of the church. The price is \$2.50 for eight cards. This is a great way of staying in touch with family and friends, near and far.

PARISH BUSY BEE

Saturday 11 December 2021

6am until 10am

No 9am Mass



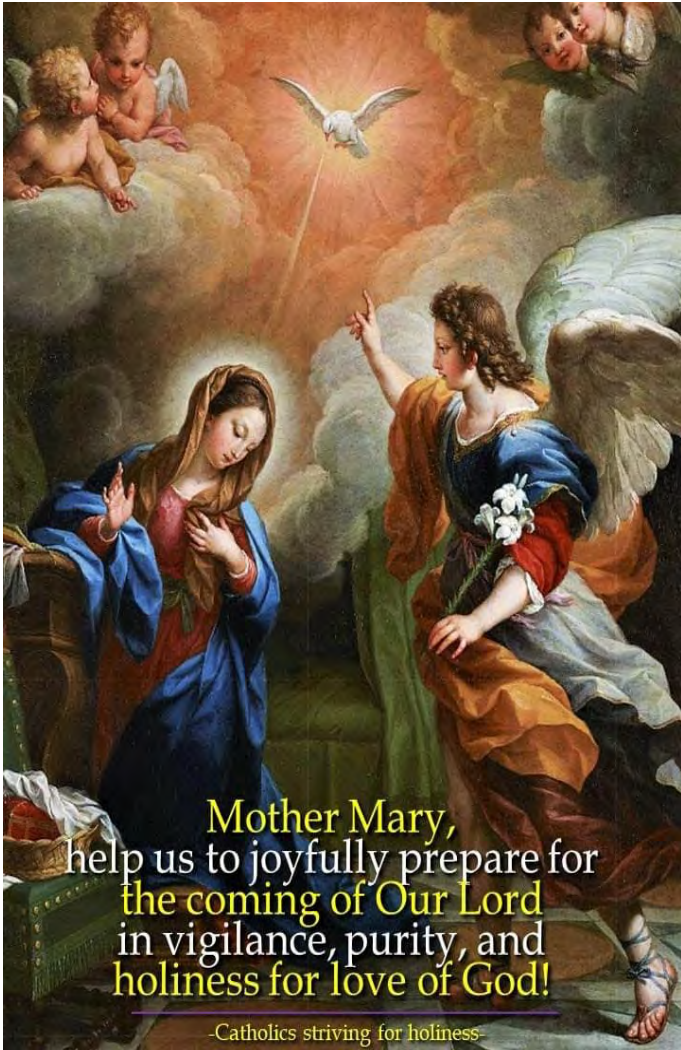
Please come and help clean the church grounds and don't forget to bring along your own tools. Morning tea and refreshments will be served straight after.

(Including light beer.)



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Mother Mary,
help us to joyfully prepare for
the coming of Our Lord
in vigilance, purity, and
holiness for love of God!

-Catholics striving for holiness-

2021 Christmas Mass Times

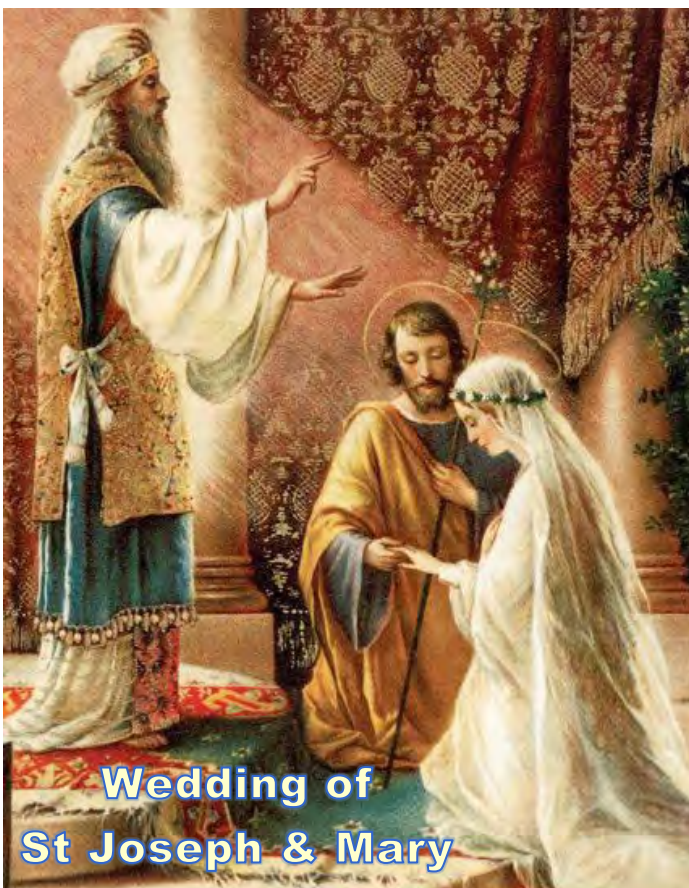
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
82 Collick Street, Hilton
9314 7733

Christmas Eve Friday 24 December

6.30pm Carols followed by 7pm Vigil Mass
10pm Carols followed by 10.30pm Mass
No Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Saturday 25 December

8.30am Carols followed by 9am Mass
No 6pm Mass



Wedding of
St Joseph & Mary



CORONAVIRUS PRAYER.

(Adapted from Saints Peter & Paul Church,
Portlaoise, Ireland.)

Mighty and Eternal God, our
refuge in every danger, to
whom we turn in our distress. In
faith, we pray that you look with
compassion on the afflicted;
grant eternal rest to the dead;
comfort to mourners; healing to
the sick; peace to the dying;
strength to healthcare workers;
inspiration to scientists and
wisdom to our leaders. Give us
the courage to reach out to all in
love, so that together we may
give glory to your Holy Name.
Amen.






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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.**



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.**



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.**



Through Him, with Him, in Him
 In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 All glory and honour is Yours,
 Almighty Father,
 Forever and ever.
 Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

WEEK 1 DEC 4-5 2ND SUNDAY ADVENT	COMMENTATOR	READER	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Martha Kalat	Volunteer	Joe De Ornelas
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Volunteer	Franca Kalat	Ken Hla
WEEK 2 DEC 11-12 3RD SUNDAY ADVENT	COMMENTATOR	READER	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Susie Poleschtschuk	Simon Overton
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Nicolas Lim	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Vicky Rafala	Maria Bradshaw	Frank Cooper



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

TRUST IN GOD'S HELP

As we prepare for the Lord's return, today's readings encourage us to continue the journey we have started but challenge us as well. Baruch gave heart to the generation of the exile by speaking about the highway that God was building for their return. At the dawn of the time of the Messiah, John the Baptist makes use of the same image but reminds us that the highway that is being built in the desert is not only God's work but ours. Our co-operation is needed as the rough places of our hearts are smoothed, the mountains we force God to cross are made level, and the valleys filled in.

Paul calls the Christians of Philippi to take heart as they wait for the Lord's return. Paul was devoted to all Christian communities he had founded and ministered to, but the Philippians had a special place in his heart, and he called them his jewel and crown (cf. Philippians 4:1). They were a Macedonian community that had suffered much (cf. 2 Corinthians 8:1-3) and yet supported him greatly in his ministry emotionally, financially, and spiritually (Philippians 4: 14-16).

We see the encouragement that Paul gives them as they prepare for the Lord's return. He knows that it is not always easy to discern what is good and necessary but he reassures the Philippians by reminding them that the Lord who started the good work in them will bring it to completion.



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