

THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

19 DECEMBER 2021

FIRST READING

Mic 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah.

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon
them

till the time when she who is to give birth
gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come
back

to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he
will extend his power to the ends of the
land.

He himself will be peace.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v. 4

R. Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, / shine
forth from your cherubim throne. / O Lord,
rouse up your might, / O Lord, come to our
help. **R.**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, / look
down from heaven and see. / Visit this vine
and protect it, / the vine your right hand has
planted. **R.**



3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen, / the man you have given your
strength. / And we shall never forsake you
again: / give us life that we may call upon your
name. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the
world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or
sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the
book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your
will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want
what the Law lays down as the things to be
offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the
holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you
took no pleasure in them; and then he says:
Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He
is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the
second. And this will was for us to be made
holy by the offering of his body made once and
for all by Jesus Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.



OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

4th Sunday Advent - 19 December 2021, Year C

PARISH INFORMATION

Address: 82 Collick Street, Hilton, WA, 6163
Phone: (08) 9314 7733
Email: sec.hilton@perthcatholic.org.au
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: Brigette Liddelow - 0432 908 980
Avila Retirement Village Secretary: Judy Rowlands – 0448 205 283
Parish RE Coordinator: Caroline Cavanagh - 0472 584 429
OLMC Primary School RE: Julie Kay
OLMC Primary School Principal: Jayson Peacock - 9269 2000
Seton Catholic College Website: <http://www.seton.wa.edu.au/olmc-parish>

MASS INTENTIONS



4th Sunday Advent, 19 December

6pm Mass for Luigina D'Alessandro (RIP & Birthday)
Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)
Sunday 9am Mass for Dianne De Olival (RIP) + Herminia Faria (Birthday Intentions)

Monday 20 December

NO 7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group ... **Resumes 7-2-22**



Tuesday 21 December

9.30am Rosary followed by Funeral Mass for Pasquale Zara

Wednesday 22 December

9am Mass for Antun & Margarita Cucevic (RIP)
Morning Tea after Mass
10.30am Legion of Mary
6-7pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 23 December

9am Mass for Parishioners Intentions
9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers
10-12.30pm Children Christmas Mass Rehearsal

Friday 24 December

10-12.30pm Children Christmas Mass Rehearsal
6.30pm Carols
7pm Vigil Mass for Fr Jerome & Fr Maurice (Intentions)



10pm Carols

10.30pm Mass for Parishioners Intentions

Saturday 25 December – The Nativity of the Lord

8.30am Carols
9am Christmas Day Mass for Parishioners Intentions

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & St Joseph, 26 December

6pm Mass for Parishioners Intentions
Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)
Sunday 9am Mass for Steven Skratulia (RIP)



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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & St Joseph, 26 December

1st: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28
2nd: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel: Lk 2:41-52



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.





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STEWARDSHIP: Theology of Stewardship – Sacrificial Giving is Life Giving ... Where we break bread and remember the Lord and continue to do what he taught us to do with our lives, Jesus is present and continues to

work in our midst. 🙏



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.**



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.



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 4



CENTRE FOR LITURGY – Archdiocese of Perth: Advent Reflection – Week 4. Available on Centre for Liturgy, Perth YouTube channel on.



THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH – CENTRE FOR FAITH ENRICHMENT - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER - PART TIME (0.60 FTE) 12 MONTHS FIXED TERM POSITION: A vacancy exists for a suitably qualified Senior Project Officer for the Centre for Faith Enrichment, the adult faith education agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth. The applicant will hold a Bachelor's Degree in Theology, Philosophy or History. The successful applicant will assist the Director in coordinating a well-balanced faith program for adults, with a particular focus on adult faith education in parishes, faith education of young adults and the provision of a pathway to formal recognition of theological studies. An understanding of the ethos and values of the Catholic Church together with experience in related work are essential. Applications close **Monday, 20 December 2021**. For a copy of the Job Description and to submit your application by please email: cfe@perthcatholic.org.au.

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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





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SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP FOR CHURCH WORKERS:

Due to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference broadening of safeguarding requirements to include vulnerable adults, it is now mandatory for ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) to attend a 2 hour training session. This training will enable Church workers to familiarize themselves with the Safeguarding program and the child protection policies contained in the Safeguarding handbook and how these policies may impact on your role. Church Worker training is being offered in **Baldivis Parish** is hosting on **Thursday 3 February 2022** from 6.30-8.30pm and **Spearwood Parish** on **Saturday 19 February 2022** from 10am-12 noon. To register please go to the safeguarding website at <http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-church-workers/> Or phone our office on 9221 7762.

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



A Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

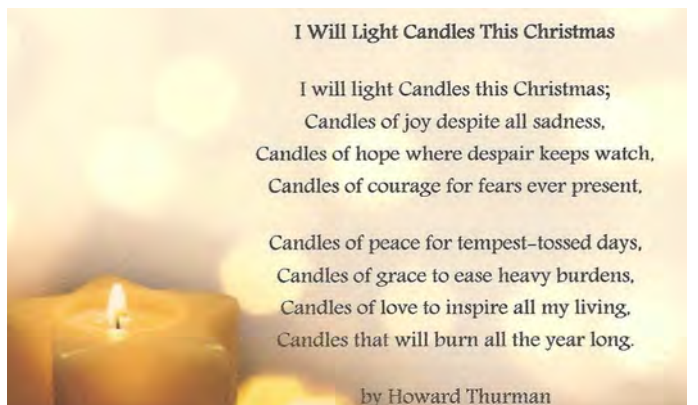


I Will Light Candles This Christmas

I will light Candles this Christmas;
Candles of joy despite all sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage for fears ever present,

Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all the year long.

by Howard Thurman






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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 3 DEC 18-19 4TH SUNDAY ADVENT	COMMENTATOR	READER	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
FRI-SAT DEC 24-25 CHRISTMAS	COMMENTATOR	READER	ACOLTYE
Fri 7pm	Diane Richards	Maureen Cooper	Joe De Ornelas
Fri 10.30pm	Toni Kalat	Franca Kalat	Simon Overton
Sat 9am	Vicky Rafala	Parish Children	Gerry Miller



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 1:39-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

GOD IN OUR LIVES

Judah was not one of the more powerful tribes of Israel. It must have come as a surprise to many when Micah prophesied that it was from Bethlehem, one of the least clans of Judah, that a future king would come. The future king that Micah promised was one who would feed the flock of God's people using his power to protect them. The passage from the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that as king Jesus more than fulfilled that promise when he offered his very life as a sacrifice.

In the Gospel, the new age promised by Micah dawns as Mary visits her kinswoman Elizabeth in the hill country of Judah. Elizabeth wonders at the visit of Mary, the mother of the Lord, and she is filled with the Holy Spirit by whose power she recognises that the promises God made long ago are now coming to their fulfilment. Perhaps her wonder at John's birth, against all expectations when hope had been lost, has sharpened her perception of the mysterious ways of God.

Often it is those who have experienced God's unexpected intervention in their own lives who are the most adept at perceiving how God is working in the lives of others. Advent can be the same for us, a moment of blessing that invites us to recognise how God is working in our lives and world, most of all, in the birth of Jesus our Lord.

Christopher Monaghan CP