



THE SAVING WORD

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH / C

26 DECEMBER 2021

FIRST READING

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my Lord. As you live, my Lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10. R. v. 5

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, / Lord, God of hosts. / My soul is longing and yearning, / is yearning for the courts of the Lord. / My heart and my soul ring out their joy / to God, the living God. **R.**

2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, / for ever singing your praise. / They are happy, whose strength is in you; / they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**



3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, / give ear, O God of Jacob. / Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, / look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John.

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



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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
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Avila Retirement Village Secretary: Judy Rowlands – 0448 205 283
Parish RE Coordinator: Caroline Cavanagh - 0472 584 429
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OLMC Primary School Principal: Jayson Peacock - 9269 2000
Seton Catholic College Website: <http://www.seton.wa.edu.au/olmc-parish>

MASS 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) + Dianne De Olival (RIP) & Joao Da Silva (Birthday Intentions)



Monday 27 December – St John

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



Tuesday 28 December – The Holy Innocents

9am Mass for Ivan Resic (RIP)

Wednesday 29 December

9am Mass for Parishioners Intentions
Morning Tea after Mass
10.30am Legion of Mary
6-7pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 30 December

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

Friday 31 December

9am Mass for Most Holy Trinity Honour & Thanksgiving
9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration



Saturday 1 January – Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9am Mass for Parishioners Intentions



The Epiphany of the Lord, 2 January

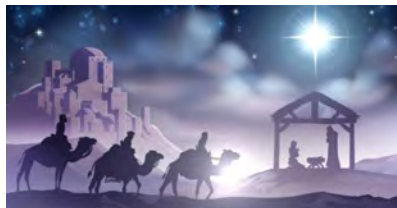
HAPPY & BLESSED NEW YEAR

6pm Mass for Parishioners Intentions

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Parishioners Intentions

Sunday 9am Mass for Jose Dos Santos Da Silva (RIP)

11am Baptism of Dakota Ava Abelha



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, Desmond O'Connor ...



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 Epiphany of the Lord, 2 January

1st: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

2nd: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Lk 2:41-52



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.





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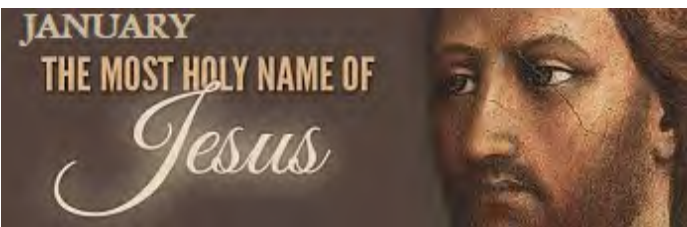
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STEWARDSHIP: Theology of Stewardship – Sacrificial Giving is Life Giving ... What we do with bread, we do with life and with the time, talent and treasure God has given us. 🙏



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.

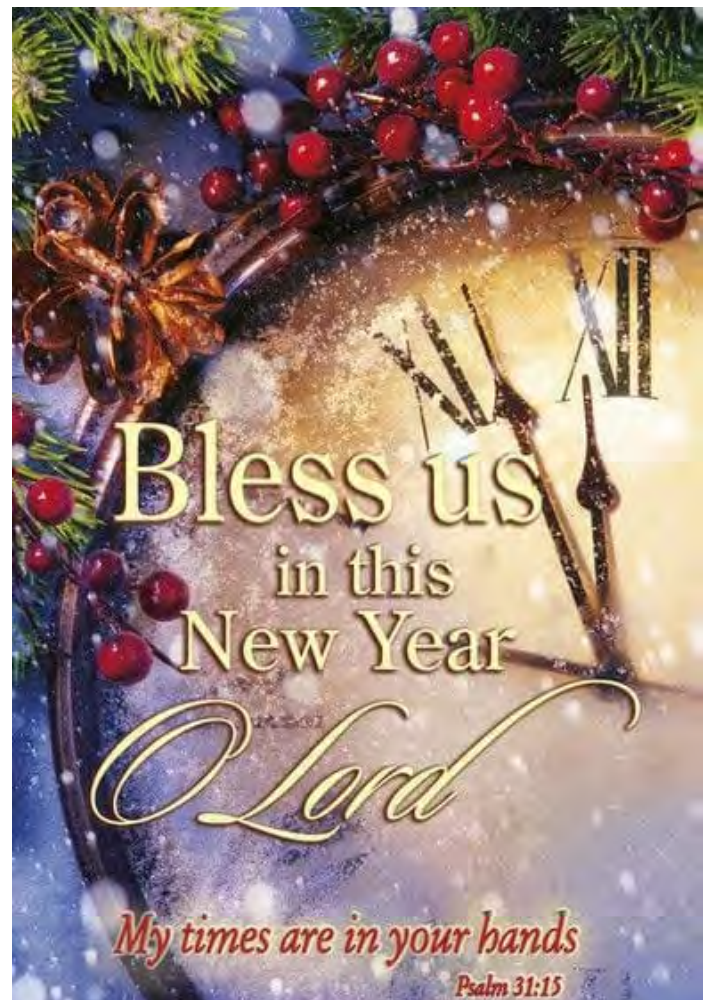


CHURCH AIR CONDITIONING: We are looking at installing a new split air conditioning system in our parish as our current air conditioning is very old. Please consider supporting our parish by donating for the air conditioning. So far, we have received **\$18059.45**. Thank you, very appreciated. **Fr Paul**.



SVDP THANK YOU: The members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Hilton Conference and those who received a hamper this year, would like to thank the parents, students, and teachers from both Seton College and OLMC Primary School, who supplied close to ninety Hampers, and to the parishioners and friends who

assisted in delivering them. Extra food was donated at the Hamilton Hill IGA and by the IFAP Staff at Bibra Lake... Also, a thank you to the Star of the Sea Church parishioners who supplied presents to go with many of the Hampers this year. A job extremely well done... Our Conference had looked after one hundred and forty-five families and single people over the course of the year. By December, the one hundred and twenty-seven who remained in the area were all included on this year's hamper list... As this year saw a greater number of people requesting our services, the seventy percent of households receiving Hampers was actually up on last year's effort. Forty-eight percent of the households also received presents... Unfortunately, not every family or single person received a hamper or present, but a great result, nevertheless... Much joy was shown by the families visited... Again, thank you to all involved, have a holy and merry Christmas, and best wishes for 2022... **Ian Digney, President, OLMC Conference – Hilton, Saint Vincent de Paul Society.**



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




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handbook and how these policies may impact on your role. Church Worker training is being offered in **Baldyvis 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.

More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>








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.



ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED - WEST AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MIGRANT & REFUGEE OFFICE (WAMCRO): There is an urgent need for accommodation among people seeking asylum in Perth at the moment. The West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO) is looking for accommodation to provide for vulnerable persons seeking asylum in Perth. If you have a property to lease or a room to rent, please contact: Grace Kurniawan, wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9220 5950.



THE LORD TO BLESSED MARIA PIERINA DE MICHELI: "I firmly wish that My face reflecting the intimate pains of my soul, the suffering and love of my heart, be more honoured! Whoever gazes upon me already consoles me."



COVID VACCINATIONS – AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE INFORMATION FROM THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE:

Get vaccinated for the common good. Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available.






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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 4 DEC 25-26 THE HOLY FAMILY	COMMENTATOR	READER	ACOLTYE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Katie Hughes	Enrico D'Alessandro
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Maria Bradshaw	Elizabeth Sabella	Gerald Farrell
WEEK 1 JAN 1-2 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	COMMENTATOR	READER	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Martha Kalat	Susie Poleschtschuk	Joe De Ornelas
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Volunteer	Franca Kalat	Ken Hla



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

HOW LOVELY IS YOUR DWELLING PLACE!

Have you ever felt a yearning to visit some special place? Perhaps the place of your childhood that you have not seen for many years. Or perhaps some country that has always fascinated you. Imagine how excited you would feel if you were about to set out on a journey to this place. Or perhaps you have been longing to meet some special person, and the opportunity will soon happen. What joy you would feel.

These are the kinds of emotions the Jewish pilgrims experienced as they journeyed to Jerusalem to visit the great temple. As they made their pilgrimage to Jerusalem filled with longing and joy they sang hymns to God including today's responsorial psalm.

The temple was very special for the people because it signified that God was dwelling in their midst, that God was among them. Our churches and cathedrals have a similar role: they are signs that God is with us in our towns, communities and countryside.

God does not dwell in sacred buildings only. The boy Jesus did not remain in his Father's house in Jerusalem but returned with Mary and Joseph to their humble home in Nazareth, and Jesus continues to dwell with us in our homes. With all their struggles and imperfections our homes are indeed dwelling places of God.

We can sometimes search everywhere for Jesus only to find that he has been with us, in our homes and communities, all the time.

Fr Michael Goonan SSP