



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

4 DECEMBER 2022

FIRST READING

Isa 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PS

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R. cf. v. 7

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, / to a king's son your justice, / that he may judge your people in justice / and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

2. In his days justice shall flourish / and peace till the moon fails. / He shall rule from sea to sea, / from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

3. For he shall save the poor when they cry / and the needy who are helpless. / He will have



pity on the weak / and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

4. May his name be blessed for ever / and endure like the sun. / Every tribe shall be blessed in him, / all nations bless his name. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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!



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Parish Secretary: Tereza Camacho
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OLMC Primary School Principal: Jayson Peacock - 9269 2000
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MASS INTENTIONS



2nd Sunday Advent, 3 to 4 December

Saturday 6pm Mass for Armando Aguir (RIP) & Ines Aguir (Intentions)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Tony & Lina Del Borrello (Intentions) + Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Leonor (Intentions) + Maria Jose Da Silva (RIP & 92nd Birthday)

11am Baptism of Amani Kaia Phillips

2.30-3.30pm Holy Hour

Monday 5 December + 7.30pm Mass

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group

Tuesday 6 December – St Nicholas

9am Mass for Margarita & Antun Cucevic (RIP)

Wednesday 7 December – St Ambrose

9am Mass for Most Holy Trinity Honour

Morning Tea after Mass

10.30am Legion of Mary

5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 8 December – Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Mass for November Souls

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

Friday 9 December – St Juan Diego

9am Mass for Madalena & Family (Intentions)

9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 10 December – Our Lady of Loreto

9am Mass for Edward, Jason & Rebecca De Sousa (Intentions)

3rd Sunday Advent, 10 to 11 December

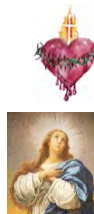
Saturday 6pm Mass for Souls in Purgatory

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Owen Walsh (RIP)



Mother, I am yours now and forever. Through you and with you, I always want to belong completely to Jesus ♡♥♥.
Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything ♡♥♥.



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, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Zdenka Mravljincic, Beatrice Fernandez, Alex, Desmond O'Connor, Lisa Bubb, Maria Villamagna, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster ...



2023 SACRAMENT DATES

RECONCILIATION: Wednesday 15-3-23 at 6.30pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday 11-6-23 at 9am

CONFIRMATION: Sunday 20-8-23 at 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, 10 to 11 December

1st: Is 35:1-6, 10

2nd: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Mt 11:2-11

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: Stewardship and Planned Giving. Estate Planning Seminars: • Demonstrate the benefit of Charitable Remainder Trusts, Unitrusts, Charitable Gift Annuities, and other gift vehicles to the donor as well as to the church or charity. 🙏



HOLY HOUR FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH at OLMC HILTON:

Sunday 4-12-22 from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. This will be the last Holy Hour for 2022 and will be in thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity for all our blessings. After Holy Hour there will be afternoon tea.



THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2022 is the FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception centers on the belief that Jesus' mother, the Virgin Mary, was conceived without sin. Pope Pius IX issued an apostolic constitution, known as the *Ineffabilis Deus*, on 8 December 1854. This document clarified the importance of the Immaculate Conception in the Catholic Church. Some churches in Australia were officially opened on 8 December to coincide with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in the past. For example, St Mary's Cathedral, in Perth, was officially opened after renovations on 8 December 2009, to coincide with the feast. **We will have 9am Mass at OLMC Hilton on this day.** Also, 12noon to 1pm is The Hour of Grace. In 1947 Our Blessed Mother appeared to Sr Pierina in Montichiari, Italy: It is my wish that every year on 8 December at noon, the Hour of grace for the World be celebrated. My Divine Son Jesus, will send His mercy if people pray continuously for their brothers and sisters. Our Lady has requested that we begin the Hour of Grace by praying three times Psalm 51 with outstretched arms. The rest of the Hour of grace may be spent in silent communication with God meditating upon the Passion of Jesus, saying the Rosary, praising God, praying your favourite prayers, singing hymns, etc. Our Lady promised she will hear any prayer we make at this time.



2022 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: December – Volunteer Not-For-Profit Organisations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organisations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



CHRISTMAS CARDS for Piety Stall: We have Christmas Cards for sale at the back of the church. The price is \$2.50 for 8 cards. This is a great way of staying in touch with family and friends, near and far.



CHRISTMAS CARDS for Saint Vincent De Paul Society: Are available at rear of church located below the Poor Box. \$3 per pack or \$5 for two packs. Proceeds go towards assisting local families in need. *God Bless, Ian Digney.*



HEART OF THE DISCIPLE BOOKLET 2022-2023: A 28 Day Prayer and Reflection Resource for Advent or Anytime. These booklets are available at the back of church. A small booklet that is easy to carry, and read. For each day there is a double page spread with the date, a Scripture verse, a short reflection, a quote from Pope Francis; and a short prayer. Introduction and how to use this book. At the back of the book there are suggestions for group use and questions for reflection and sharing. Suggested Donation is \$5.00 each. Enjoy!



FRANK COOPER - 33 YEARS AVILA: We wish to thank Frank Cooper for an amazing 33 years of dedication and tireless work at Avila Court as a Committee Member from 1989 to 2022 and we wish Harry Cooper all the best as he takes over Frank's role at Avila.



PSALM 51 - Pray 3 Times With Out-Stretched Arms: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Saviour, and my tongue will sing of





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your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

HANDMADE ORGANIC SOY WAX CANDLES FOR SALE:

Hi everyone! If you are looking for a Christmas gift idea for family or friends, or if you want to have a custom-made Candle you can contact me on 0439 408 561 or davinapaul30@outlook.com. **Small Gift boxed \$10. Medium \$20. Large #30.** Fragrances include Raspberry Candy Cane, Mistletoe & Sea Salt, Christmas candy Cane, Christmas Tree, Chocolate Mint Slice, Christmas Day, Frankincense & Myrrh, Candy Cane, Champagne Berry, Vanilla Ginger Bread, Lemon & Lavender, Avocado & Mint, Grapefruit & Lime, Rose Geranium, Pepper Mint Oil, French Lavender Oil, Lemongrass & Ginger, Pineapple & Mango, Cinnamon & Vanilla, Blood Orange, caramel Vanilla, Smokey Balsamic Amber, Pomegranate Mango, Chai Latte, Pepper Mint, Tea Tree Oil, Beautiful Type, Cappuccino, Patchouli & Musk, Aronia Berry Hempseed, Cuban Jazz Club, black Berry Fig, Sandalwood Saffron, English Rose, Baby Powder, Passionfruit & Lime, Lychee & Guava, Gardenia, Sparkling Watermelon, Lemon Myrtle, Thai Lime & Mango & Sweet Orange Oil. Thanks Davina.



ADVENT WITH THE SAINTS:

Tuesdays

7.30pm to

8.30pm. 13



December & 20 December 2022. (2 sessions – Online). Join us as we prepare for the coming of Christ. In this two-session short course, students will learn from St Francis of Assisi, St Therese of Lisieux and St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) their way to Christ. St Francis of Assisi takes us to the nativity scene to embrace the poverty and humility of Christ, made manifest in his own Incarnation and birth, which expressed his overflowing love for us. St Therese of Lisieux provides practical advice to live the “little way” of opening and offering our tiny selves, with all our weaknesses, to His merciful love and presence, so he can fulfill us. Padre Pio teaches us to always take our place beside Christ, whether it be in embracing Christ at his birth, suffering with Christ in His Passion, or glorying with Christ in his resurrection. He is always Emmanuel: God-with-us. No matter how imperfect our attempts to love are, what matters is that we let his infinite perfect love embrace us, so that he then transforms us to love more perfectly. Cost: \$10. Presenter is Ms Natalie Thomas. **Further information or to register:** email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9278 0261.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities available for suitably qualified persons to join their team and continue the good work of the Church. For details, refer to <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/employment.htm>. For a copy of the Job Description and to submit your application please email: recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au. • Manager, Wellbeing, Health and Safety - Permanent, Full-Time (listed on SEEK). • Manager, Executive Services (Episcopal Services) - Permanent, Full-Time (listed on SEEK). • Coordinator, Wellbeing, Health and Safety – Permanent, Full-Time. • Finance Officer – Fixed Term (12 Months) Full-Time. • Systems Accountant – Fixed Term (12 Months) Full-Time.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER:

The Candle of Peace. Lighting of Advent Candles.

Father, as we journey down this Advent road, we relight the candle of hope, and we light the candle of peace. Grant us the courage to make peace: peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, and peace in our communities.



ADVENT By Pope Francis: Advent is a time of waiting for our Lord, who will visit us all in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!



2022 Christmas Mass Times

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

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December

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

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December

8.30am Carols followed by 9am Mass (Children's Mass)



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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.**

WEEK 1 3-4 DEC 2ND SUNDAY ADVENT	COMMENTATOR	READER	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Martha Kalat	Susie Poleschtschuk	Joe De Ornelas
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerald Farrell
Sun 9am	Volunteer	Franca Kalat	Ken Hla
WEEK 2 10-11 DEC 3RD SUNDAY ADVENT	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Volunteer	Simon Overton
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Nicolas Lim	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Vicky Rafala	Maria Bradshaw	Frank Cooper



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.



PRAYER TO OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS:
 Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our Citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hilton
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
One Hour with Jesus
 Wednesday Evenings
 5.30 – 6.30pm
 Friday Mornings
 9.30 – 10.30am





GOSPEL

Mt 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

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

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

CHANGE OF HEART

By the time Isaiah wrote, Israel had had some centuries of experience of kings, both good and bad. In that time there had been plenty of opportunities to learn what were the qualities that marked an ideal king – the presence of the spirit of the Lord, wisdom, insight, integrity, fairness, faithfulness, and concern for the poor. The longed for messiah would establish true quality of life, where even natural enemies would be able to live in peace.

One of the vexing problems Paul addressed among the Christians of Rome was how to overcome division and encourage tolerance, understanding and peace. His solution was to use the example of Jesus' tolerance and love as the basis and springboard for our way. In this way, even Jewish and Gentile Christians who were divided on the issue of food laws, would be able to live in peace with one another as they waited for the Lord's coming.

As John the Baptist began his ministry the time of the messiah, longed for by Isaiah, was finally dawning. The hope that had sustained generations was now being realised. John looked upon the evils of his day and saw that while the messiah was soon to return the people were not yet prepared to greet him. They mistakenly relied on belonging to the people of Israel by virtue of their birth. John saw that such children of God were as plentiful and as worthless as the stones that made farming so difficult. Then, as now, what was called for was a change of heart and an openness to the invitation to prepare for the Lord's coming among us.

Christopher Monaghan CP