



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

11 DECEMBER 2022

## FIRST READING

Isa 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*God himself will come and save us.*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,  
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,  
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,  
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,  
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;  
they shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,  
steady all trembling knees  
and say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
'Look your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy,  
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,  
everlasting joy in their faces;  
joy and gladness will go with them  
and sorrow and lament be ended.

■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 145:6-10. R. cf. Isa 35:4

**R. Lord, come and save us. (or Alleluia!)**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, /  
who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is  
he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord,  
who sets prisoners free. **R.**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, /  
who raises up those who are bowed down, /  
the Lord, who protects the stranger / and  
upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**



3. It is the Lord who loves the just / but  
thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord  
will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to  
age. **R.**

## SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

*You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the  
Lord's coming will be soon.*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming.  
Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for  
the precious fruit of the ground until it has had  
the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too  
have to be patient; do not lose heart, because  
the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make  
complaints against one another, brothers, so as  
not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the  
Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates.  
For your example, brothers, in submitting with  
patience, take the prophets who spoke in the  
name of the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Isa 61:1; Lk 4:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!**



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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  
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### MASS INTENTIONS



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent, 10 to 11 December

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Souls in Purgatory + Sara Caniglia (RIP Recently) & Santo Mantegna (RIP)

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Owen Walsh (RIP) + Sara Caniglia (RIP Recently) & Santo Mantegna (RIP) + Neville Mathanda (RIP)

**Monday 12 December – Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**7-9pm LAST Holy Trinity Prayer Group FOR 2022**

#### Tuesday 13 December – St Lucy

**9am Mass** for Sr Adrienne, Fr Jerome Watt OCarm, Fr Maurice Barry OCarm & Sr Joan Honorine (Intentions) & Valerie Durack (Birthday Intentions)

#### Wednesday 14 December – St John of the Cross

**9am Mass** for John Randall (RIP) + Sara Caniglia (RIP Recently) & Santo Mantegna (RIP)

**Morning Tea** after Mass

**10.30am** Legion of Mary

**5.30 – 6.30pm** Eucharistic Adoration

#### Thursday 15 December

**9am-4pm** Church Open for Prayers

#### Friday 16 December

**9am Mass** for Joe & Leonor De Sousa (Intentions) + Ivan Resic (RIP Anniversary)

**9.30 – 10.30am** Eucharistic Adoration

#### Saturday 17 December

**9am Mass** for Maria Lanza (RIP)

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent, 17 to 18 December

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Luigina D’Alessandro (RIP & Birthday) + Concezio D’Alessandro (RIP & Birthday) + Sara Caniglia (RIP Recently) & Santo Mantegna (RIP) + Rosa Perroni (RIP & Birthday)

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Dianne De Olival (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, Maria De Sousa ...



### 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

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent, 17 to 18 December

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Is 7:10-14

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Rom 1:1-7

**Gospel:** Mt 1:18-24

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.





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**STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship and Planned Giving. Estate Planning Seminars:** • Are attended by special invitation from the pastor. The meeting should also be advertised in the bulletin and open to all parishioners. Large gifts often come from the person you least expect. 🙏



the book there are suggestions for group use and questions for reflection and sharing. Suggested Donation is \$5.00 each. Enjoy!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT IN THE BASILICA OF ST PATRICK'S:** Come along and enjoy an evening of



music, readings, and carols in the Basilica on **Friday 16 December at 7.30pm.** with Andrew Brown (organist), Emma Oorschot (conductor), the Choir of St Elizabeth and the Basilica Cantors. Entry Fee by donation. All Welcome.



**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.



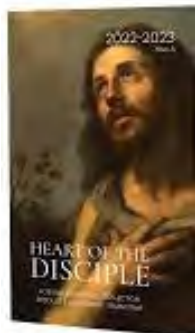
**SUPPORT UKRAINE:** There will be a special leaving collection taken up as people leave the church on the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, specifically for the relief of the Ukrainian people as winter deepens, and there is no sign of an end to the war. The collections will support the work of Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: evacuation of people from frontline territories; food packages for people in need and shelters for internally displaced persons. Parishes are invited to transfer funds collected to the Archdiocese of Perth using a normal bank deposit to the **Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth Ukrainian Appeal**. The account details are as follows: **Bank: National Australia Bank BSB: 086-006, AC: 420399097.** + *Tim Costelloe, Archbishop of Perth.*



**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



**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,





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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](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au), or call 08 9278 0261.

the oak and was unharmed. He began to preach Christ to the pagan followers of Thor and told them of the Wood of the Cross upon which Jesus had died for the salvation of the world. Many were converted by his preaching. Near the great oak tree he had chopped down, St Boniface noticed a little fir tree growing. He drew the attention of his listeners to how it pointed upwards to Heaven. He had the fir tree decorated with candles and explained that the Christ Child is the True Light of the world. He told them, that because of His sacrifice of Himself on the Cross, there was no need for any other sacrifice. Thus began, in Germany, the custom of bringing a fir tree indoors at Christmas and decorating it with candles. The custom came to England and America in the 19th century. And the rest, as they say, is history!



**December 11**  
*Third Sunday*  
*of*  
*Advent*  
(*Gaudete Sunday*)

As we light the third candle on the Advent wreath, we take a moment to reflect on the peace and joy of Christmas.

*I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming.  
I am not worthy to loosen  
the thongs of His sandals.  
He will baptize you with  
the Holy Spirit and fire.*

## DO YOU KNOW HOW THE CHRISTMAS TREE TRADITION BEGAN?

St Boniface (born in 680 AD and died in 754 AD) was an English monk sent by Pope Gregory II to evangelise Germany. He arrived in a region of Bavaria where the pagan inhabitants worshipped the god Thor and revered an oak tree associated with him. At this tree, once a year, a child was offered in sacrifice to Thor. St Boniface arrived in this locality on the very day the devotees of Thor were preparing to offer human sacrifice to the false god. Coincidentally, it was Christmas Eve. St Boniface interrupted the proceedings and physically intervened to stop the priests of Thor killing the child. He then took an axe and chopped down the "sacred" oak whilst defying Thor to strike him down. He felled



## 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.**

<b>WEEK 2</b> 10-11 DEC 3 <sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT	<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Volunteer	Simon Overton
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Nicolas Lim	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Vicky Rafala	Maria Bradshaw	Frank Cooper
<b>WEEK 3</b> 17-18 DEC 4 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT	<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
Sat 6pm	Loretta Masnada	Carmel Collova	Gerald Farrell
Sun 7.30am	Mark Ryan	Maureen Cooper	Frank Cooper
Sun 9am	Toni Kalat	Jason Rozario	Joe De Ornelas



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 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## ARE YOU THE ONE?

One can only begin to imagine the excitement, questioning and discussion that must have accompanied the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Reports were flying thick and fast about the carpenter-turned-preacher from Nazareth, whose preaching was accompanied by miraculous healings, and disconcerting sayings. Was it true that Isaiah's prophecy about the eyes of the blind being opened, and the deaf once again being able to hear was being fulfilled?

John the Baptist had spoken with courage about the messiah that was coming and this led to his imprisonment. He had preached that the coming messiah would be a figure of purification and judgement upon Israel. Could it be that Jesus was the promised one? John could not reconcile Jesus' message and ministry with the message for which he had risked his life. Jesus' response to John's question is simple – you must make your judgement based on what you see. If Isaiah's prophecy is being fulfilled, then there is no need to look any further.

A challenge for James' community was that they recognised Jesus was indeed the saviour, but how were they to manage until his return at the end of time? Their impatience for the Lord's return was leading them into the trap of being fractious with each other. James provides both them and us with the timely reminder that patience with the Lord and each other is a better way to prepare to greet the Lord on his return.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**