



# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

18 DECEMBER 2022

## FIRST READING

Isa 7:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The virgin will conceive.*

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:

are you not satisfied with trying the  
patience of men

without trying the patience of God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore,  
will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child

and will soon give birth to a son

whom she will call Emmanuel,

a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 23:1-6. R. cf. vv. 7, 10

**R.** Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;

on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,

seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Rom 1:1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Romans

*Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the  
Son of God.*

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has  
been called to be an apostle, and specially  
chosen to preach the Good News that God  
promised long ago through his prophets in the  
scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who,  
according to the human nature he took, was a  
descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our  
Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of  
holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son  
of God in all his power through his resurrection  
from the dead. Through him we received  
grace and our apostolic mission to preach the  
obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour  
of his name. You are one of these nations, and  
by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all,  
then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called  
to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

■ The word of the Lord.



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

## 4th Sunday Advent - 18 December 2022- Year A

### PARISH INFORMATION

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### MASS INTENTIONS



#### 4th 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) + Michele D’Amico (RIP 10th Anniversary) + Deceased Members of Villamagna & Celenza Families



#### Monday 19 December

**7-9pm NO Holy Trinity Prayer Group Until Monday 6-2-23**



#### Tuesday 20 December

**9am Mass** for Dot & George Leach (RIP) + Vince Favazzo (RIP 2nd Anniversary)

#### Wednesday 21 December

**9am Mass** for Peter & Tonka Mihalovic (RIP)

**Morning Tea** after Mass

**10.30am** Legion of Mary

**5.30 – 6.30pm** Eucharistic Adoration



#### Thursday 22 December

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

#### Friday 23 December

**9am Mass** for Most Holy Trinity Honour

**9.30 – 10.30am** Eucharistic Adoration



#### Saturday 24 December

**9am Mass** for November Souls

#### THE NATIVITY OF JESUS, 24 to 25 December

**Saturday 7pm Mass** for Tonko & Kata Siketa (RIP) + Tom Merchant (RIP)

**Saturday 10.30pm Mass** for Kruno Skratulja (RIP)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (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, Zulmira Correia ...



### 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

#### THE NATIVITY OF JESUS, 24 to 25 December

**1st:** NIGHT Is 9:1-7 DAY Is 52:7-10

**2nd:** NIGHT Titus 2:11-14 DAY Heb 1:1-6

**Gospel:** NIGHT Lk 2:1-14 DAY Jn 1:1-18

### 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:** Stewardship and Planned Giving. Estate Planning Seminars: • Often include a parish-sponsored dinner to attract potential donors. • Refreshments are a must. • Benefit by including an RSVP on the invitation. 🙏



**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!



**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.*




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





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4th Sunday Advent - 18 December 2022- Year A



Handel's  
**MESSIAH**

**Conductor:**  
Dr Margaret Pride OAM  
Perth Chamber Singers &  
Perth Baroque Players

**Principal:** Paul Wright

**Friday Dec. 23rd, 7.30pm**

St Patrick's Basilica, Fremantle

**Tickets:** [trybooking.com/CCZQQ](http://trybooking.com/CCZQQ)

**Enquiries:** [mcalyn@it.net.au](mailto:mcalyn@it.net.au)



"The Advent journey:  
Hope becomes peace.  
Peace becomes joy.  
Joy becomes Love.  
Love becomes Christ."

- Bobby Schuller



## 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)

**Begin the New Year 2023  
on 31 December at the  
Schoenstatt Shrine Mt Richon**




11.00 pm Adoration  
11.45 pm Christmas carols  
12.00 am Bells ring in the New Year  
Holy Mass  
Fellowship

**Welcome to the Shrine!**

*Love*

**THE CANDLE OF LOVE**  
For God so loved the world that he  
gave his one and only Son, that  
whoever believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life.  
*John 3:16*



## ANNUAL MIRACLE PRAYERS THANKSGIVING AND HEALING MASS:

You are invited to attend the Annual  
Miracle Prayers Thanksgiving and  
Healing Mass on **Wednesday 11  
January 7.30pm, 67 Howe St, Osborne  
Park.** Fr Doug Harris will be the celebrant. **Further  
info:** 0404 028 298 or  
[www.facebook.com/miracleprayersperth](http://www.facebook.com/miracleprayersperth).





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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 3</b> <b>17-18 DEC</b> <b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT</b>	<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
<b>Sat 6pm</b>	Loretta Masnada	Carmel Collova	Gerald Farrell
<b>Sun 7.30am</b>	Mark Ryan	Maureen Cooper	Frank Cooper
<b>Sun 9am</b>	Toni Kalat	Jason Rozario	Joe De Ornelas
<b>WEEK 4</b> <b>24-25 DEC</b> <b>CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
<b>Sat 7pm Mass</b>	Diane Richards	Katie Hughes	Enrico D'Alessandro Joe De Ornelas
<b>Sat 10.30pm Mass</b>	Toni Kalat	Loretta Masnada	Simon Overton
<b>Sun 9am Mass</b>	Jenny Troy	<b>PARISH CHILDREN</b>	Ken Hla



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 ACCLAMATION**

Mt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

The virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mt 1:18–24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.*

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word

## GOD CARES

While many people can assert that God exists, it is often a huge leap to be able to say with confidence that God cares about what we are going through. It is even a greater leap to be able to say that God actually cares enough to be with us in the complexity and challenges of our lives. Both the first reading from Isaiah and today's Gospel proclaim that God cares enough to be with us and that the living God often works in and through the most disturbing and surprising events. King Ahaz had given in to despair in the face of the imminent attack on Jerusalem by more powerful forces. Joseph was struggling to come to terms with Mary's pregnancy which was both disconcerting and unexpected. Both Ahaz and Joseph were led to recognise that God's presence was to be seen in the birth of a child whose very name – God with us – was a constant reminder not to lose heart in the God who loves us.

As Paul begins the letter to the Romans, he reflects on the marvellous call that he has received to be an apostle. He sets the story of Jesus firmly within the saving history of God's dealings with the people of Israel, but this is not the end of the story. The God of surprises has made it clear to Paul that what happened in the birth of Jesus belongs to all humanity. In Jesus, God has come close to all peoples and Paul's mission is to preach this message to the nations.

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