



THE SAVING WORD

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / A

25 DECEMBER 2022

MASS DURING THE NIGHT

FIRST READING Isa 9:1-7
A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13. R. Lk 2: 11

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, / sing to the Lord all the earth. / O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

2. Proclaim his help day by day, / tell among the nations his glory / and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, / let the sea and all within it thunder praise, / let the



land and all it bears rejoice, / all the trees of the wood shout for joy / at the presence of the Lord for he comes, / he comes to rule the earth. **R.**

4. With justice he will rule the world, / he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14
A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 2: 10-11

Alleluia, alleluia! / Good News and great joy to all the world: / today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 2: 1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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MASS INTENTIONS



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) + Martina & Felipe Nadela (RIP) + Pasquale Zerra (RIP 1st Anniversary)



Monday 26 December – St Stephen

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group **Resumes Monday 6-2-23**

Tuesday 27 December – St John

9am Mass for John Silva (RIP 2nd Anniversary) + Maria De Sousa (Health)

Wednesday 28 December – The Holy Innocents

9am Mass for Ivan & Lucija Resic (RIP) + Maria De Sousa (Health)

Morning Tea after Mass

10.30am Legion of Mary

5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 29 December

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

Friday 30 December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9am Mass for Anica & Kruno Anticevic (RIP) + Maria De Sousa (Health)

9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am Mass at Hilton Park Aged Care



Saturday 31 December

9am Mass for Nicola Jurica (RIP)

MARY, the Holy MOTHER of GOD, 31 December to 1 January

Saturday 6pm Mass for November Souls

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Milkenko Babin (RIP 1st Anniversary) + Emilio Jurica (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

MARY, the Holy MOTHER of GOD, 31 December to 1 January

1st: Num 6:22-27

2nd: Gal 4:4-7

Gospel: Lk 2:16-21

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Christmas Vigil: Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(Christmas Vigil): The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.





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STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship and Planned Giving. Please Note: In order for the efforts of wills or estate planning seminars to be fully realised, every participant needs to be followed-up with a phone call and letter by the diocesan planned giving person. 🙏



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 MESSAGE FROM FR PAUL – Happy Christmas, Joyful New Year 2023:



May the joy of Christmas fill your heart. I wish you a spirit filled with happiness and merry making. Christmas is a season of enjoying the simple things that make life beautiful. May you have great memories that will permanently touch your heart. I wish you so much joy during this season and all through to the New Year 2023. This is a season filled with warmth from friendships and comfort from loved ones. Having you as my loyal and committed members of our community fills me with so much joy and the thought of you makes my heart bright. Have a merry Christmas joyful new Year 2023. Thank you to all those who have prayed for me during the year. Thanks, heaps, for all who is generous with Christmas offerings, gifts, cards, and wine. They are great memories and your thoughts of me. May the year 2023 bring you good health and happiness. *Fr Paul Raj.*

2022 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - The Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB Archbishop of Perth. Monday 12 December 2022. Grace and peace to you from God, our



Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (Phil 1:2): As I do not know at what time of the day or night you might be hearing or reading this special Christmas message I cannot greet you with a “good morning” or a “good afternoon” or “good evening”. Instead, I greet you with the words of Saint Paul from his Letter to the Philippians. But whatever time of the day it is as you read, watch and listen to this message, I do want to say thank you for allowing me into your homes and into your lives for these few moments. In the first letter of St John, we find what it means to speak of God’s grace and peace. The letter encourages us to “think of the love which the Father has lavished upon us by letting us be called God’s children - for that is what we are ... 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” (1 John 3:1). The gift of life, which the Lord gives us now, and which will reach its fulfilment with the Lord in heaven, is a wonderful gift indeed: it is a gift of grace and peace. How grateful we should be. While this year of 2022 has been so very challenging; it is also a chance to see, particularly for us as Catholics, the miracle of life and grace which God gives us – and his great love for us which is revealed in this gift. Christmas is a time when we remember that God has come so near to us in the person of Jesus, born not in luxury and splendour but in the most humble of circumstances. As we welcome him once again, at the end of a very challenging year for many, we know that he comes, as he always does, to heal our wounds and warm our hearts. As we contemplate him Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB Archbishop of Perth Page 2 of 3 lying helplessly in the manger, we see what it means to say that God loves us. God’s love for us is expressed in closeness - as love always is. God wants to be so close to us, in fact, that he becomes one of us, sharing in everything that is ours as human beings, except sin of course. He in turn invites us to share in everything that is his. This is why, in Matthew’s Gospel, the newborn child is given the name “Emmanuel”, a name which means “God is with us” (Matthew 1:23). We then watch as this little child, born in the stable of Bethlehem, grows up to begin his life’s work. He describes this as “bringing good news to the poor, proclaiming liberty to captives, giving sight to the blind, setting the downtrodden free, and announcing a year of favour from the Lord”. This is what it means to heal wounds and warm hearts. Sometimes Jesus heals physical wounds and



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often, perhaps even more importantly, he heals the deeper, spiritual wounds, as he did for Peter when he forgave him for his threefold cowardly betrayal and denial (cf. John 21:15-17). Jesus warmed hearts that had grown cold and hard through fear, rejection, suffering or despair - and we are called to do the same. The events of the first Christmas reveal something extraordinary about God. It is as if, through Jesus, he is saying to us: in the extraordinary vastness and complexity of my creation, you are the ones whom I have created and chosen to enter into a relationship of profound and intimate love with me. So much do I love you, and want to be one with you, that I have, in my Son Jesus, become one of you and one with you. In a world in which it is so easy to lose sight of me, misunderstand me, or even forget me, I have given you my Son, so that in him you might hear me speak, see me reach out with compassion, recognise me as the one who heals and forgives, and see me, in his suffering and death, as the one who will go to any lengths to save you - because I love you. As we celebrate Christmas this year, I invite you to gaze with wonder on this helpless baby, lying in his manger. Recognise in him the extraordinary love God has for you. Allow that love to be the foundation of your lives, a source of strength and hope in times of struggle and sorrow, and an inspiration for that reaching out to others with compassion and care which is the defining characteristic of life lived to the full, of life lived as a disciple of Jesus. Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB Archbishop of Perth Page 3 of 3 May this be a time of deep happiness, of reconciliation and peace, and of joyful hope for the future for you, your families and all those who are dear to you. A happy and holy Christmas to you all. *+Archbishop*



Timothy Costelloe SDB Archbishop of Perth.

**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!



2022 Christmas Mass Times

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
82 Collick Street, Hilton
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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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 <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>
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WEEK 4 24-25 DEC CHRISTMAS	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLTYE
7pm Mass	Diane Richards	Katie Hughes	Enrico D'Alessandro Joe De Ornelas
10.30pm Mass	Toni Kalat	Loretta Masnada	Simon Overton
9am Mass	Jenny Troy	PARISH CHILDREN	Ken Hla
WEEK 1 31 DEC – 1 JAN THE HOLY FAMILY	COMMENTATOR	READER	ACOLTYE
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



<p>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.</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hilton</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">One Hour with Jesus Wednesday Evenings 5.30 – 6.30pm Friday Mornings 9.30 – 10.30am</p> 
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DAY MASS

FIRST READING

Isa 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful on the mountains, / are the feet of one who brings good news, / who heralds peace, brings happiness, / proclaims salvation, / and tells Zion, / 'Your God is king!' / Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, / they shout for joy together, / for they see the Lord face to face, / as he returns to Zion. / Break into shouts of joy together, / you ruins of Jerusalem; / for the Lord is consoling his people, / redeeming Jerusalem. / The Lord bares his holy arm / in the sight of all the nations, / and all the ends of the earth shall see / the salvation of our God.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97: 1-6. R. v. 3

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. **R.**

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. **R.**

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3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**

4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn / acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Alleluia! / A holy day has dawned upon us. / Come you nations and adore the Lord. / Today a great light has come upon the earth. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 1:1-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



**TODAY IS BORN
OUR SAVIOUR,
CHRIST THE LORD!**