



THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

19 FEBRUARY 2023

FIRST READING

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

2. It is the Lord who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

3. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / He does not treat us according to our sins / nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

4. As far as the east is from the west / so far does he remove our sins. / As a father has compassion on his sons, / the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 3:16-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

■ The word of the Lord.



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Parish Secretary: Tereza Camacho
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MASS INTENTIONS



7th Sunday Ordinary, 19 February – PROJECT COMPASSION

Saturday 6pm Mass for Marin Resic (RIP) + Joan Overton (RIP Anniversary) + Paul Cooper (RIP)
Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew de Sousa (RIP)
Sunday 9am Mass for Dianne De Olival (RIP) & Maria Jose Da Silva (RIP) + Maria & Bosko Kalat (RIP)



Monday 20 February

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group

Tuesday 21 February – St Peter Damian

9am Mass for Celina De Sousa (Birthday Intentions)

Wednesday 22 February – ASH WEDNESDAY

9am Mass for OLMC School Attending + Souls in Purgatory

Morning Tea after Mass

10.30am Legion of Mary

5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 23 February

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

Friday 24 February

9am Mass for Souls in Purgatory

9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am Mass at Hilton Park Aged Care

Saturday 25 February

9am Mass for Souls in Purgatory

10.30am Baptism of Charlotte Maria Bosco

1st Sunday Lent, 26 February

Saturday 6pm Mass for Ivan Resic (RIP) + Rosario Xavier Carvalho (RIP & Birthday) & Salvacao Carvalho (RIP)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew de Sousa (RIP) + John Maitan, Bruce & Ian Richards (RIP) + Maria Grazia (RIP 3rd Anniversary) & Teodoro Carozza (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Deceased Members Kalat Family + Dorita Martin (RIP 2nd Anniversary) & Odilia Martin (RIP) + William Michael Edwards (RIP 40th Anniversary)

11am Baptism of Isla Saige Petho, Lake Laszlo Petho & Reyn Rose Petho



Here I am Lord, I Have Come to Do Your Will. Choose Me, Crush Me, Mould Me, Inspire Me, and Use Me for Your Greater Glory, Amen ♡ ♡ ♡ .

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to Fr Paul. We extend a warm welcome to our Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



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 Mravincic, 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

1ST 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

1st Sunday Lent, 26 February

1st: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

2nd: Rom 5:12-19

Gospel: Mt 4:1-11



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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





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STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship and the Catholic Foundation (Endowment).

Ordinarily, the interest earned each year is distributed to each parish school or organisation that has an endowment with the diocesan Foundation.



2023 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: FEBRUARY - For parishes.

"We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need".



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 18 & 19 FEBRUARY 2023:

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER 2023:

God of all generations, We thank you for those who have gone before us, Especially those who have cared for your earth and Who inspire us to help respect your creation And contribute to its healing. We thank you for those with whom we share our lives today, Especially those who work for justice and peace. May we welcome the



opportunity that Lent brings to walk more closely with you, especially through fasting, almsgiving and prayer. We thank you for the challenge of the future. May the cross of Jesus remind us that only love finds the way forward. As we work with big hearts, may we join with Mary in her hope that from now on all generations will experience the great things you will do through us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTE: "Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts." "God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the word in body as well as spirit."



FROM BUSH BLOCK TO 100 YEARS LATER: A Social History of Palmyra Parish & School

is a centenary talk by Fr Ted Miller on Monday 20 February at 7pm at Miller Bakehouse Museum, cnr Baal & Elvira Sts Palmyra. Palmyra parish extended initially from East Fremantle to Canning Bridge and from The Swan River to Jandakot. Free entry. Supper to follow. rsvp melvillehistory@gmail.com OR by text or voice: 0466 333 849.



ALAN AMES TALK AND HEALING MASS:

Alan Ames will be conducting a talk followed by healing Mass on **Wednesday 22 February, 7pm Mass** followed by talk and healing service. Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Cnr Girrawheen Ave & Patrick Ct, Girrawheen. **Further info;** carver1@inet.net.au.



INTRODUCTION TO SACRAMENTS: KEY MILESTONES ON OUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY.



Thursdays 24 Feb - 26 Feb, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, (4 sessions) Bateman Parish, 100 Dean Road, Bateman.

The seven Sacraments mark all the important stages of our Christian life and sustain us in our sense of mission as Christians (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1210). This course covers the fundamental meaning and the scriptural, historical, theological, and liturgical principles of each of the seven Sacraments. Join us as we explore how the Sacraments can deepen and give meaning to our



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unique relationship with God. Suggested Donation: \$20.00 Presenter: Fr Greg Donovan. **Further info or to register**, [email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au), or call 08 9278 0261.

LENTEN RETREAT – THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST WITH ST BONAVENTURE: 24 Feb - 26 Feb.

The **“Seven Last Words of Christ”** refer to the seven utterances of Jesus during His final hours upon the cross. These utterances express a summation of His entire message and have provided fruitful and profound meditation for Christians for many centuries. As a preparation for the season of Lent, this retreat will reflect upon the spiritual meanings of these words, guided by the writings of the early Franciscan mystic, St Bonaventure. Cost \$300 (includes accommodation, meals and entry into the Museum and Art Gallery. **Further info** and bookings www.newnoria.com.au.



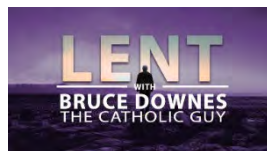
ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Putting our Faith into Action. ‘Are you looking for a meaningful form of donation?’ The greatest donation we can all give is our time. The Hilton Conference is seeking parishioners keen to strengthen their Christian faith, who want to give back to the community by doing **‘good deeds’** in the name of **‘Jesus’**. Who would be keen to work alongside like-minded people. We assist families and single people in crisis because we believe that faith, along with good works, is the way to God. You are invited to contact me or any other member of our group to find out more about what we do and discuss any queries you may have. **It is a great opportunity to deepen your faith and put it into practice.** Thank you, Ian Digney. President of the Hilton Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul Society. 0428 121 152.



LENT 2023 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES:

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here:



<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent23>. Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

A MESSAGE FROM AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA:

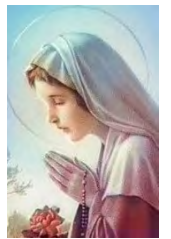


Aid to the Church in Need

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation **ACN AUSTRALIA** dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. **HELP SYRIA.** Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit www.aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake.

The devotion of the THREE HAIL MARYS:

O Mary, by your pure and Immaculate Conception, make my body pure and my soul holy. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. **O my Mother, preserve me from mortal sin.** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. **O my Mother, preserve me from mortal sin.** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. **O my Mother, preserve me from mortal sin.** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.





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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 3
18-19 Feb
7 Ordinary

COMMENTATOR

READERS

ACOLYTE

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

WEEK 4
25-26 Feb
1 Lent

COMMENTATOR

READERS

ACOLYTE

Sat 6pm

Volunteer

Katie Hughes

Enrico D'Alessandro

Sun 7.30am

Diane Richards

Jenny Troy

Gerry Miller

Sun 9am

Franca Kalat

Elizabeth Sabella

Gerald Farrell



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.**



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come Visit Jesus
One Hour with Jesus
Wednesday Evenings
5.30 – 6.30pm
Friday Mornings
9.30 – 10.30am
Jesus is Waiting for You



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples; 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

INCLUSIVE LOVE

How should we deal with the hurts that we receive? Should we respond by retaliating? Is there any future in the way of peace and forgiveness? These questions are as pressing today as they were in the ancient world. The people of Israel based their behaviour on the nature of the living God. As God is holy, so Israel was to express its holiness by forbearance and forgiveness among its members. Members of the people of Israel were called to love one another and forego the duty of vengeance when it came to other covenant members.

Jesus took this even further and extended it beyond Israel into our relationship with all people. Now even enemies are to be treated as brothers and sisters. Jesus knew that it is by forgiving that we can share in the nature of the living God and so become complete. It is by our preparedness to forgive that we share in the even-handed perfection of God whose love is poured out for all, deserving or not.

Perhaps Paul was mindful of Jesus' words that a house divided against itself cannot stand (cf. Mark 3:25) when he reminded the Corinthians that they were the Temple of God. Since each member shared in the gift of the Spirit there was no place for division or competition. Paul, Apollos and Cephas were united in their ministry as servants of the Gospel. If they were united, why was the community divided? It was now time to turn the other cheek and live in unity and peace.

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