



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

19 MARCH 2023

FIRST READING

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / I am the light of the world, says the Lord; / whoever follows me will have the light of life. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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Parish Priest: Fr Paul Raj
Parish Secretary: Tereza Camacho
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MASS INTENTIONS



4th Sunday Lent, 19 March

Saturday 6pm Mass for Giovina D’Alessandro (RIP) 13th Anniversary

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew de Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Dianne De Olival & Maria Jose Da Silva (RIP) + St Joseph Honour + Antonio Da Silva (RIP) + Zelia De Agrela (RIP) & Birthday

11am Baptism of Mateo Federico



Monday 20 March

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group

Tuesday 21 March – UNESCO International Day for the Elimination of Racial discrimination

9am Mass for St Joseph Honour for Caterina Xavier Health

Wednesday 22 March

9am Mass for Maria Augusta Silva (RIP)

Morning Tea after Mass

10.30am Legion of Mary

5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 23 March – St Turibius

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

Friday 24 March

9am Mass for Peter Liebeck (RIP) & Souls in Purgatory

9.30 – 10.30am Stations of the Cross followed by Eucharistic Adoration



Saturday 25 March – The ANNUNCIATION of the LORD

9am Mass for Parishioners Intentions

10.30am Baptism of Kaleb Ante Vucic



5th Sunday Lent, 26 March

Saturday 6pm Mass for Parishioners Intentions

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Parishioners Intentions

Sunday 9am Mass for Maria Jose Da Silva (RIP) + Nina Bertone (RIP)

10.30am Baptism of Jordan Geoffrey Liddelow



THE UNITY PRAYER: My Adorable Jesus, May our feet journey together. May Our hands gather in unity. May our hearts beat in unison. May our souls be in harmony. May our thoughts be as one. May our ears listen to the silence together. May our glances profoundly penetrate each other. May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. 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

5th Sunday Lent, 26 March

1st: Ezek 37:12-14

2nd: Rom 8:8-11

Gospel: Jn 11:1-45



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

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 ♡ ♡ ♡. Blessed Lady, spread the effect of Grace of Thy Flame of Love over all of Humanity ♡ ♡ ♡.





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STEWARDSHIP: Stewardshop and Capital Campaigns. Essential Elements of a Successful Campaign.

A capital campaign is a volunteer-intensive effort to raise a significant sum of money for nonrecurring parish needs over a three-to-five year period.



2023 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: MARCH - For victims of abuse. "We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering".



FOURTH SUNDAY LENT 18 & 19 MARCH 2023: Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.** 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 / envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



ONLINE ROSARY DURING LENT: As a Lenten commitment suggestion, Catholic Mission in partnership with the Spirituality Hub in Kirup, offers the opportunity to be part of a Living Rosary group in the tradition of Blessed Pauline Jaricot. Contact deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com or 0419 939 864 for more information about the group and how to participate in person or online via Zoom.



LENTEN HEALING RETREAT

Think of the humility of the Blessed Virgin Mary when the Angel Gabriel greeted Her with these words: "Hail, Full of Grace."
The Annunciation

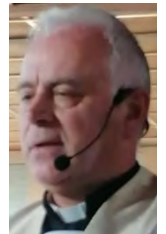
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Fr Varghese Parackal VC

SATURDAY, 25 MARCH 2023
9:30 am - 1:30 pm
ST. JEROME'S CHURCH
36 TROODE ST, LAKE COOGEE WA

Praise & Worship | Word of God | Adoration | Healing Prayers | Holy Mass
Please join us for free morning tea and lunch in the hall

Contact: Edita: 9418 3728 | Mia: 9434 4360 | Antonia: 9434 9237

INVITATION TO ATTEND EVENING OF MIRACLE PRAYERS AND HEALING: Friday 14 April 2023 at 7pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 82 Collick Street, Hilton. Angelus and Holy Rosary at 7pm. Reconciliation – Meditation / Talk – Laying of Hands – Prayers of Liberation.



Talk and Healing Service by Fr Rozo Palic. Fr Francis Ughanze Available for Confession. Are you suffering from Anxiety, Depression, Addictions or Cancer? 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK: 2023 March Newsletter



Safeguarding Program Newsletter. Page 2. In November, a Geraldton man was convicted of working with children without holding a valid WWC Check. The offender ignored requests by his employer to renew his Card and continued to carry out child-related work. He was fined \$500 and ordered to pay \$8,000 in costs to the Department of Communities. This case serves as a timely reminder that it is the responsibility of the



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individual to renew their card before it expires. The Working with Children Screening Unit holds several free workshops and information sessions for organisations and individuals to better understand the Working with Children Check.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE. From the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development: Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH - SYSTEMS ACCOUNTANT: Fixed Term (12 Months) Full Time Position. The Catholic



Archdiocese of Perth is seeking a suitably qualified Systems Accountant to join its Finance team based in Adelaide Terrace, Perth on a fixed term (12 months) full-time basis (**listed on SEEK**). The Systems Accountant is responsible for the administration, maintenance and development of the Archdiocese's Finance System providing support and solutions, ensuring finance IT systems, databases, financial processing and reporting requirements can be met by the Finance Team and the broader organisation. The successful candidate will be responsible for maintaining the integrity of the financial systems and providing direction and support on financial matters relating to the accounting systems. The applicant must hold a tertiary qualification in Business/Commerce or similar and have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of accounting fundamentals and standards, with demonstrated experience in reviewing and analysing systems specifications and documentations, and in analysing and implementing system integration / interface. Extensive overall understanding and skills in computerised accounting systems, in particular TechOne financial modules, Microsoft Excel, ERPs, and Record Management systems is essential. A National

Police Clearance and proof of COVID-19 vaccination (triple dose) or valid medical exemption will be required. For a copy of the Job Description, please email: recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au.

Applications can be submitted on SEEK by Tuesday 4 April 2023.

CROSS OF FORGIVENESS: O God, Crucified Saviour, set me ablaze with love, faith and courage for the salvation of my brothers ... O Jesus, vanquisher of death, save us! ... I salute you, I adore you, I embrace you, O Adorable Cross of my Saviour. Protect us, guard us, save us. Jesus loved you so much, following His example, I love you too. By your holy image calm our fears. That I feel only peace and trust!



2023
HOLY WEEK and EASTER TIMES
 OLMC Church Hilton

Holy Thursday 6 April
 7pm The Lord's Supper
 Adoration until 9pm

Good Friday 7 April
 9am Stations of the Cross
 Followed by Reconciliation
 3pm Celebration of The Passion of The Lord

Holy Saturday 8 April
 9 – 10am Reconciliation
 7pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 9 April
 7.30am Morning Mass
 9am Morning 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 3

18-19 Mar
4 Lent

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 Mar
5 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.**



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him'. The man himself said, 'I am the man'.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see'. Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you'. The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form, 9:1-41

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Breaking Open the Word

CHRIST'S TRANSFORMING LIGHT

Learning to read between the lines is not a skill that comes naturally to most of us. Today's readings show just how difficult and challenging it can be to look into the heart of things to see them as God does. Samuel knew that he had been commissioned to anoint one of Jesse's sons as the new king, but which one? As Samuel is reminded, we tend to look at appearances but God looks at the heart. Ultimately, it is the Lord who will teach Samuel that David is the chosen one.

The letter to the Ephesians invites us to join in the journey of discovering what the Lord wants of us. It requires honesty and trust, to bring ourselves as we are to the light of Christ. While fear might hold us back, there is the encouraging reminder that what is brought to the light of Christ is not condemned, but transformed and turned into light.

The episode of the man born blind is a marvellous example of how difficult and yet freeing, it is to come into the light of Christ. The man gradually moves from seeing Jesus as a man, then as a prophet, and finally coming to believe in him as Lord. He was originally treated as an outsider because of his disability. After being questioned three times, his growing insight and faith lead him to be cast out yet again, but now he is no longer alone; now the Lord stands beside him.



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