



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

5 NOVEMBER 2023

## FIRST READING

Mal 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

*You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.*

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 130

**R.** In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud  
nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great  
nor marvels beyond me. **R.**

2. Truly I have set my soul  
in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast,  
even so is my soul. **R.**

3. O Israel, hope in the Lord  
both now and for ever. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

*We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.*

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 23: 9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! / You have one Father,  
your Father in heaven; / you have one  
teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. / Alleluia!



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

## 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary - 5 November 2023 - Year A

### PARISH INFORMATION

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr Michael Separovich  
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### MASS INTENTIONS



#### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary, 5 November

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Merlita Basa (RIP Recently)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Cono & Tonino Randazzo (RIP) + Holy Father Honour

**10am Baptism** of Lilah Gaudieri

**2.30-3.30pm** Holy Hour



#### Monday 6 November

**7-9pm** Holy Trinity Prayer Group



#### Tuesday 7 November

**9am Mass** for Souls in Purgatory

#### Wednesday 8 November

**9am Mass** for Souls in Purgatory + Peter Liebeck & Bonny Brown (RIP) & Souls in Purgatory

**5.30 – 6.30pm** Eucharistic Adoration



#### Thursday 9 November – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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



#### Friday 10 November – St Leo the Great

**NO 9am Mass**

**9.30 – 10.30am** Eucharistic Adoration



#### Saturday 11 November – St Martin of Tours

**9am Mass** for Sacred Heart of Jesus & immaculate Heart of Mary Honour

#### 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary, 12 November

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Renato D’Alessandro (RIP & Birthday)

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

**Sunday 9am Mass** for John Randall (RIP) + Holy Trinity Honour + Maria Goretti Martins (RIP 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)



### WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, we extend a warm welcome to our Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and ask that you introduce yourself to Fr Michael.



### 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, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Augustine, Fr Anibal Da Cunha ...



### 2024 SACRAMENT DATES

TBC



### RECONCILIATION

Saturday  
9.30-10am and  
5.15-5.45pm  
Or by appointment.



### MASS INTENTIONS

A donation is appreciated no matter how small or large.



### NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

#### 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary, 12 November

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Wisdom 6:12-16

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** 1 Thess 4:13-18

**Gospel:** Mt 25:1-13



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

**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.





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**STEWARDSHIP:** Stewardship and Capital Campaigns. 6. Follow-up – Follow-up can be handled either by phone, direct mail, or in-pew solicitation. However, if direct mail is used all follow-up letters should be personalised.



show care for each other. When coming up for Holy communion, please receive the Blessed Sacrament in your hand. We are responsible for each other.

## BJ HICKEY SCHOLARSHIPSS NOW OPEN!

Submission date for the BJ Hickey Scholarship has been extended to **Friday 17 November, 5pm**. To access the scholarship application details and the new digital Scholarship Application Form, please visit the **Scholarships page** on the Centre for Faith Enrichment website. The scholarships are for Biblical studies of any length and at any level. You don't need to be an academic – just someone with a desire to further their knowledge of Scripture and to help others with that knowledge. For all related inquiries, please email [cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au) or call 9278 0261. **Kind regards, Dr Marco Ceccarelli, Director - Centre for Faith Enrichment.**



**2023 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:** **NOVEMBER - For the Pope.** "We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit."



**2024 COLUMBAN CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS:** The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. Support missionary work in many countries across the world where people suffer from war, hunger, and desperate living conditions by buying Columban calendars. They are now selling in the church porch for **\$10.00 each**.



**CONDOLENCES:** Long time parishioner Thomas Joseph Kearns passed away on Monday 30 October 2023. Tom served in the parish as Acolyte and was an active member of St Vincent De Paul Hilton for many years. Our prayers and sympathy go out to Tom's spouse Kathleen and all their family.



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Those generous parishioners who take Holy Communion to 'shut ins', please bring your Pyx and hand to the Acolyte before Mass. Then collect the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass that you have attended. **Thank you for your great work. Fr Michael Separovich.**



**COVID PRECAUTIONS:** Covid has raised its ugly head again. If you are not well, please stay home. Sanitise your hands. Cover your mouth when sneezing and coughing. We ask to be responsible and



**SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 1 INDUCTION AT BEACONSFIELD PARISH:** We invite all church workers to attend a church worker Safeguarding Induction. It is necessary for all church workers to be familiar with the Safeguarding Program requirements and how this may affect their role in the church community. The upcoming session will be on **Thursday 23 November 2023** from 7-8pm at Christ the King, 59 Leroy Road, Beaconsfield. The Topic will be Safeguarding Level 1 Induction for Church Workers (Paid / Unpaid). To register please book online: <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction> Or Phone Safeguarding Program Office on 9221 7762.



**PRAYER for the SOULS IN PURGATORY:** Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them, and may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



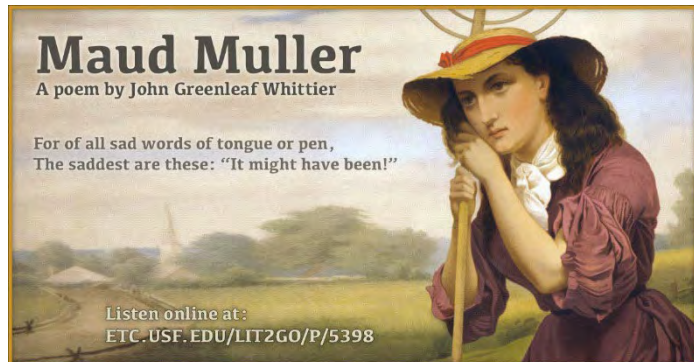
**REFLECTION:** For some of us who have lived long enough, there is much in our lives to regret, mistakes, sins, times that we have left side down and the constant companion is our own weakness. My great Aunt used to recite a poem for me when I was a child. It was called "It might have been". I found it really sad and when she explained it to me, I found it even sadder. We too can look at our life and wished it had been other than it is. We can be eternally lingering in the land of "It might have been". These areas become what I call "the locked room or the locked rooms plural". There are those



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places into which I do not give even to myself admittance, yet alone God. I try to pretend that they are not there and when their memories steel upon me, I run away as fast as I can, I don't want to know. I forget that their memories are simply a call from their own loneliness begging me to revisit them, absolve them, understand them and give them peace. Furthermore, I don't understand that they are crying out for the God who can heal them. This is the same God you know who keeps vigil with me as I refuse to own my own life or rather own it as I want it not as it really is. This is the God who desperately wants admittance in our locked rooms, in order to give us the joy of living freely and unimpeded by the perceived blackness of our past. Yet He will not force His way in. He waits and is prepared to sit with us forever in our brokenness and our denial if that is what it takes. We forget that part of the blessedness of Jesus' time on earth was that He transformed our darkness into light. Truly what is frighteningly dark for us is light for Him. That while our locked rooms frightened the lights out of us, they hold no terror for Him. Gethsemane itself was transformed because He was there. If only we know deep within us the truth of His presence, His love vigil with you and me and His excellent track, He would unlock those locked doors, take our courage in our hand, face the pain of memories. Put the kettle on and let Jesus repaint the place, refurnish the room, knock a window in the wall to give us a panoramic view of His own loving landscape and our regard. Smash down another wall and turn it into a lovely sitting room with a welcoming fire and easy chairs where we can sit and enjoy each other's company and have Him tell us the story over and over and over again which is His love for us. There is no end He would do. If only you and I would take the risk of trusting Him enough and letting Him in. Let us not go on living in the regret of the past. Let's not keep saying "It might have been".



**FIRST COLLECTION DIRECT DEBIT UPDATE:** Details of new Account Number for first collection to be advised.



### FIRST COLLECTION DIRECT DEBIT INFORMATION

Supports the Archdiocesan Priests

**Ac Name:** Hilton Park Presbytery Account  
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**Ac Number:** 1022892  
**Reference:** Parishioner Name

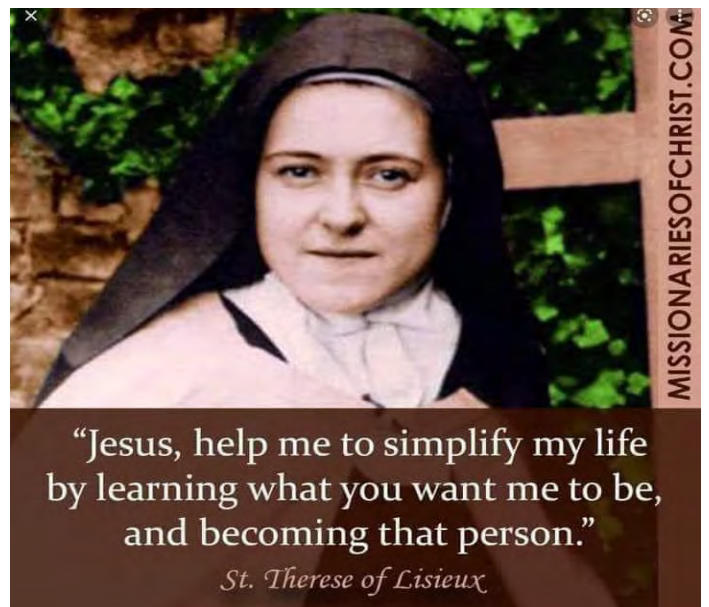
### SECOND COLLECTION DIRECT DEBIT INFORMATION

Supports the Parish

**Ac Name:** The RC AB of Perth Hilton Church (Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish)  
**BSB:** 086 006  
**Ac Number:** 695605996  
**Reference:** Parishioner Name

### DEDICATED DAYS and MONTHS Of the CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday	Holy Trinity
Monday	Holy Souls / Holy Spirit
Tuesday	Guardian Angels
Wednesday	St Joseph
Thursday	Blessed Sacrament
Friday	Precious Blood
Saturday	Virgin Mary
January	Holy Childhood
February	Holy Family
March	St Joseph
April	Holy Spirit / Eucharist
May	Virgin Mary
June	Sacred Heart
July	Precious Blood of Jesus
August	Blessed Sacrament
September	Seven Sorrows of Mary
October	Holy Rosary
November	Souls in Purgatory
December	Immaculate Conception





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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 1 4-5 Nov 31 Ordinary	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Martha Kalat	Volunteer	Joe De Ornelas
Sun 7.30am	Michael Muller	Volunteer	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Volunteer	Franca Kalat	Ken Hla
WEEK 2 11-12 Nov 32 Ordinary	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Karissa Marie	Simon Overton
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Nicolas Lim	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Vicky Rafala	Maria Bradshaw	Frank Cooper



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

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





### GOSPEL

Mt 23: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*They do not practise what they preach.*

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## CALLED TO SERVE

Leadership has always been a risky business. With leadership comes prestige and the esteem of others and yet these can be dangerous and murky waters. Those involved in leadership often experience being caught in the tension between the respective privileges and responsibilities that accompany their position. Today's readings converge in their concern to reflect on the nature of authority and how it should be exercised.

At the time Malachi wrote, the people of Israel were in dire need of religious reform and the priests were called to account for their role in creating that situation. If the charge could be laid at the feet of the priests in Malachi's time that they did not care for the people, the same could not be said for Paul. While Paul was called to be an apostle, he was also most concerned to offer the gospel without charge. In the ancient world wandering teachers were usually sponsored financially. Paul avoided such ambiguous relationships by not accepting any help from a community till he had established it and was ready to move on to another.

When Jesus sets out to address the disciples and the people about the scribes and Pharisees it probably sounded fairly safe. Anyone can be comfortable when another person is being subjected to scrutiny and criticism! But the second half of the Gospel suddenly changes direction and disciples in every age are given some guiding principles. Firstly, leadership comes from God, secondly, we belong to one family and thirdly, leadership means service.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**