



# THE SAVING WORD

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / B

7 JANUARY 2024

## FIRST READING

Isa 60:1-6

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come,

the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away

and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,

your heart throbbing and full;

since the riches of the sea will flow to you;

the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,

and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

everyone in Sheba will come,

bringing gold and incense

and singing the praise of the Lord.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 71:1-2, 7-13. R. v. 11

**R.** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,/ to a king's son your justice,/ that he may judge your people in justice/ and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

2. In his days justice shall flourish/ and peace till the moon fails./ He shall rule from sea to sea,/ from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts/ shall pay him tribute./ The kings of Sheba and Seba/ shall bring him gifts./ Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,/ all nations shall serve him. **R.**



4. For he shall save the poor when they cry/ and the needy who are helpless./ He will have pity on the weak/ and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

**Alleluia, alleluia! / We have seen his star in the East; / and have come to adore the Lord. / Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

*We have come from the East to worship the King.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some



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## WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH HILTON

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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE and JUSTICE:** God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust to you the people of Ukraine and all peoples' who suffer from injustice. Protect them all in this time of peril. Let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are the Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Mother, Queen of Peace, Pray for us. **Amen.**

**REFLECTION: Epiphany.** St Francis of Assisi extols the many virtues of "Brother Fire". "All the praise be yours my God through Brother Fire you brighten the night. How beautiful he is. How cheerful. Full of power and strength." Jesus identifies himself as the light of the world and the light of life for those who follow Him. He reminds the disciples of this after the sermon on the mount. "You are the light of the world." Let your light be before others." He speaks of Fire's power when he says, "I came to bring fire to the earth and how I wish it were already blazing." The disciples also speak of this power too at Emmaus. "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us along the road." Many mystics have spoken of this living flame of love of God "burning within us." Interestingly a flame loses nothing of itself when it lights another flame. This is a beautiful analogy for love. The more we love the

more love is created – nothing is taken away. The fourteenth German mystic, Meister Eckhart referred to God as "the spark of the soul". We know this spark as we pray and our capacity for love is enhanced. We see this when our circle of those we love widens and when our love responses in daily life deepens. We can come to know this profound love in nature as a deep calm and stillness within us. Or even a feeling of warmth within the centre of one's chest. It is the response we might have when we witness the awe of a vast scene stretched before us. The night sky or even the wonder of the tiny colourful sea creatures or even the vastness of golden white ears of wheat swaying in the paddocks in our wheatbelt. We sense the living flame of light and love in creation and in ourselves. As St Francis says, "we then know its beauty and cheerfulness." The French Jesuit, palaeontologist, theologian, philosopher Pierre Teilhard de Chardin describes so well as he said "The day will come when after we have mastered the winds, the waves, the tides, and gravity. We shall harness for God's energies of love. Then for a second time in the history of the world humankind will have discovered fire." As we celebrate the occasion of the revelation of the Christ Child as a gift to the three Gentile wisemen, may the fire of love for Him always be kindled in our hearts.

## 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, 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 Anibal Da Cunha, Fr Wayne Davis, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity ...





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**2024 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: JANUARY - For the Gift of Diversity in the Church:** Pope Francis calls for prayers to the Holy Spirit “to help us recognize the gift of different charisms within Christian communities and to discover the richness of various ritual traditions within the Catholic Church.”



### MASS INTENTIONS

**7 January – The Epiphany of the Lord**

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Conceicao Rebola (RIP)  
**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Elisabeth Glibota (RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Ann)  
**Sunday 9am Mass** for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Bosko Kalat (RIP)  
**11am Baptism** for Luca Peccia

**Monday 8 January 2024 – The Baptism of the Lord**  
**9.30am Funeral** Fremantle Cemetery for Consiglia Gonnella  
**1pm Funeral** Fremantle Cemetery for Zdenka Mravljinc

**Tuesday 9 January –**  
**9am Mass** for Manuel & Joselina Garces (RIP)

**Wednesday 10 January –**  
**9am Mass** for John Randall (RIP)  
**5.30 – 6.30pm** Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursday 11 January**  
**9am Mass** for Catarina Xavier (Health Intentions)  
**9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers**

**Friday 12 January**  
**9am Mass** for Adriano, Maria & Gabriel Pereira (RIP)  
**9.30 – 10.30am** Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday 13 January – St Hilary**  
**9am Mass** for The People

**14 January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary**  
**Saturday 6pm Mass** for The People  
**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)  
**Sunday 9am Mass** for The People

### NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

**14 January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** 1 Sam 3:3-10

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20

**Gospel:** Jn 1:35-42



**PLEASE NOTE:** Masses Tuesday to Saturday are 9am (Subject to change if there are funerals.).

**7-9pm** Holy Trinity Prayer Group  
**Resumes Monday 5 February 2024**

WEEK 1 6-7 Jan Epiphany of the Lord	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Martha Kalat	Susie Poleschtschuk	Joe De Ornelas
Sun 7.30am	Michael Muller	Matthew Chiwariro	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Bridget Chamberlain	Franca Kalat	Ken Hla
WEEK 2 13-14 Jan 2 Ordinary	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Vanda Francke	Karissa Marie	Simon Overton
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Nicolas Lim	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Vicky Rafala	Volunteer	Frank Cooper

**WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH:** If you are a new parishioner or visitor to our Parish, we extend a warm welcome and ask that you introduce yourself to Fr Michael.



**CANONICAL RECORDS – THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:** The Church’s sacraments of Christian Initiation are Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. The record of those Baptised and who have been Confirmed in Faith have been kept universally for decades. In recent times, instruction had been given by the church to all Parishes that record of First Communicants are also to be recorded in its Parish registers and maintained. Alas our Parish, records of First Communicants are very much incomplete. Our Parish School has been very helpful



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in forwarding to the Parish Office with as much data as their records hold. The responsibility of these records does not lie with our School but the Parish. Alas there are large periods, gaps of times of incomplete data. I again request your assistance, that any parishioner, catechist, parent, grand parent or now adult that has held onto a record of their or their First Communion year group would you be so kind as to forward that information onto our Parish Office. What is required is Full Name and Date, year receiving First Holy Communion. I am particularly requiring the details for the periods of the 1990's through and including 2011, and 2017 to 2023. Thank you - Fr Michael.

**REJOICE!** 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Flame Congress. Flame Ministries International. 12, 13, 14 January 2024. John XXIII College, 25 John XXIII Avenue, Mount Claremont, 6010.



With Guest Speakers: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe - SDB, Fr Timothy Deeter, Kaye Rollings - FMI SD, Cyrus D'Souza - FMI SD, Cheryl Douglas - FMI. Day Sess: Sat, Sun 9am-5pm. Registration \$15 a day at Venue. Rallies: Fri, Sat, Sun 7pm Start. Entrance Fee: Love Offering Welcome.  
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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - ASSISTANT, THE SHOPFRONT (Permanent, Part-Time):** The Archdiocese of Perth is seeking an Assistant for The Shopfront, an Archdiocesan outreach agency which offers friendship and practical assistance to people-in-need. The Assistant will work under the supervision of the Director for the day-to-day physical and practical requirements of the agency over an estimated 20 hours / 4 days per week to 25 hours / 5 days per week. Duties include preparing the daily lunch program (including food preparation), maintaining the petty cash, and in consultation with the Director, providing assistance to visitors. The applicant must have Social Welfare background/experience and experience in food handling. They must have strong interpersonal, supervision and risk management skills, with the ability to work cooperatively with volunteers and on-site service providers. A valid National Police Clearance will be required. To apply, submit your application on SEEK at <https://www.seek.com.au/job/72316500> by Monday

15 January 2024. We reserve the right to begin shortlisting and interviews prior to the closing date.

**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.



**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.



**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.



### FIRST COLLECTION DIRECT DEBIT INFORMATION Supports the Archdiocesan Priests

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Ac Name: The RC AB of Perth Hilton Church (Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish)  
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**MASS TIMES WEEKDAYS:** Tuesday- Saturday 9am  
Subject to change for Funerals.

### RECONCILIATION

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

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm + Friday 9.30 – 10.30am

**RESIDENCY IN THE PRESBYTERY:** Parishioners, some have kindly enquired of me had I settled into the presbytery? The response is “Alas, that has not been possible to date.” I wish to inform that upon my arrival to the Hilton Parish the priest’s home / presbytery was surveyed by the Church Authorities. Namely, Archdiocesan Senior Operations Officer, Manager of Wellness, Health and Safety Office, Acting Director (now Director), of Safeguarding and Manager, Archdiocesan Property Officer. It was assessed that much indispensable work on the building’s internal and external structure requires to be undertaken before residency could occur. At the same time, the parish office area was surveyed and works there also require urgent attention. Many may not be aware that the responsibility of the upkeep and maintenance of a Parish’s plant and assets falls upon itself, the Parish and not the Archbishop’s Office. I shall keep you all abreast as and when developments occur. **Fr Michael.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL – THANK YOU:** On behalf of all the Families and individuals who benefited from

your efforts in assisting with the delivery of Christmas Hampers and Presents this year, we wish to thank each and every one of you, for your time and effort. We applaud the generosity of the staff, students, and parents of both Seton College and OLMC Primary School for their donation of close to 70 Christmas Hampers. A special thank you to the students who put together those amazing packages for us! A big thank you to the Parishioners of the St Mary Star of the Sea, Cottesloe, and Corpus Christi, Mosman Park Churches for the 88 Household parcels of presents, containing 193 individually picked and dedicated presents for each family member, an amazing effort. From all the members and I of the Hilton Conference, God bless you all, and have a very Merry and Holy Christmas. **Ian Digney, President, SVDP Hilton Conference.**

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:

Parishioners, please be advised, the Authority will be Auditing our records of Working With Children. We are reminded again that all volunteers and those in active ministries in the parish must hold a current Working With Children Card. This is mandatory. If you have let your Working With Children Check lapse, please make immediate arrangements to have it renewed so to enable yourself to continue serving the parish community. Forms can be obtained from the local post office or from the parish office. Please remember when filling out the form to use only black ink pen. Again, I wish to add that the Authority has power to impose severe fines and possible imprisonment for non-compliance.





wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea', they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
you are by no means least among the leaders  
of Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## "YOUR LIGHT HAS COME"

Wait! Don't pack up your Christmas tree and crib just yet! Today's feast is the celebration of the coming of the magi with their gifts. They come, as we hear in our Gospel today, because they "observed his star at its rising" (Matt 2:2). Their seeking of the child who has been born the king of the Jews takes us as hearers on the journey to see the revelation, the epiphany, of Jesus as the Messiah.

Following the star, the magi will be brought to a house where, on entering, "they saw the child with Mary his mother" (v.11). Coming from the East they are Gentiles who recognise who Jesus is and fall to their knees and pay him homage.

From the outset of Matthew's Gospel in the unfolding of the genealogy it is clear that "Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham" (1:1) is enfolded in the covenant of God with Abraham where God makes him the ancestor of a multitude of nations (Gen 17:4-6). This Gospel will conclude with the sending out of the eleven disciples to "make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:19). The first worshippers of the Lord bring out their gifts of treasure. Through this child the treasures of the kingdom of heaven will be revealed. What can it mean to us to realise "your light has come" and to recognise and worship our Lord among us? How do we encounter the treasure of the kingdom of heaven in our lives today?

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**