



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

14 JANUARY 2024

FIRST READING

1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening".' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. **R.**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, / but an open ear. / You do not ask for holocaust and victim. / Instead, here am I. **R.**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written / that I should do your will. / My God, I delight in your law / in the depth of my heart. **R.**



4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the great assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; / you know it, O Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20

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

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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: Willing you to live. I saw an interview with Gill Hicks. As a young woman she had been caught on a train when a suicide bomb had gone off in the London underground. As a result, she had lost both legs. It was truly an inspiring interview. Gill was loud in her praise of the human kindness she had received, and it was freely given, unrestrainedly. Though no one who dealt with her knew who she was, no one asked questions, they just accepted that here was another human being, and she was suffering. Gill particularly spoke of the policeman who held her hand for the entire time. Then spoke of reassuring words and gave her to understand that all will be well. She did not even know his name. "I can't remember if he knew hers but that did not matter." Some years later there was a gathering and Gill met up with this policeman again. He asked her if she remembered him. her



response was something like this "Of course I remember you!" How could I forget the policeman who held my hand the whole time and gave me hope." He said quietly "I was willing you to live." I thought about that and I thought about Jesus on the Cross. If we said to Jesus "What are you doing up there?" I feel sure He would say "I am willing you to live." I invite you to close your eyes for a moment and think of that Calvary scene. See the young people who could barely stand up because they are addicted to "ice" ie crystal methamphetamine. Look at their faces. See the Syrian mother who is crying and her little son sitting beside her too who is crying because he doesn't understand. See the leaders of our nations gathered there as well. See the person you know who right now perhaps does not want to go on for whatever reason. See the faces of all refugees, young, old and in-between seeking respect of identity and a home. See them all and then look up at Jesus. He lifts His head very painfully and casts His eyes around them all. He calls out in a loud voice "I am willing you to live!" As the scriptures say "If today you hear His voice harden not your heart." It's time, its time for you and me to get out there. Find a way to hold the hand of another and will them to live. Our loving Jesus will not have died in vain. I wonder how that is going to look for you and me this week.

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

14 January – 2nd Sunday Ordinary

Saturday 6pm Mass For The People

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew de Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for The People

Tuesday 16 January

9am Mass Maria Lanza (RIP)

2pm Funeral Mass Phyllis Pass

Wednesday 17 January – St Anthony

9am Mass Holy Souls

5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 18 January

9am Mass Holy Souls

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

Friday 19 January

9am Mass Holy Souls

9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 20 January – St Fabian + St Sebastian

9am Mass For The People

2pm Baptism of Kaden Baddock

21 January – 3rd Sunday Ordinary

Saturday 6pm Mass Holy Souls

Sunday 7.30am Mass Urbano Monding (Ann) + Honorata La Rosa (Ann)

Sunday 9am Mass Gerard & Christine Farrell (50th Wedding Anniversary in Thanksgiving) + Luis Duarte Abreu (RIP)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

21 January – 3rd Sunday Ordinary

1st: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

2nd: 1 Cor 7:29-31

Gospel: Mk 1:14-20



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

WEEK 2 13-14 Jan 2 Ordinary	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Karissa Marie	Simon Overton
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Nicolas Lim	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Vicky Rafala	Volunteer	Frank Cooper
WEEK 3 20-21 Jan 3 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

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 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



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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.**

CONDOLENCES: To Colin Pass and Family on the recent death of wife Phyllis Pass. Thinking and praying for you all in this difficult time. May our Lord comfort you and your loved ones during this sorrowful time.



HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GERARD & CHRISTINE FARRELL: God bless you both Gerard and Christine on your Golden Wedding Anniversary. Your



love for each other is an inspiration and a great example of commitment for everyone around you. May God shower you both with everlasting love and fill your lives with blessings and happiness.

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

Ac Name: Hilton Park Presbytery Account
BSB: 086 006
Ac Number: 928 370 105
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)
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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

DEAR PARISHIONERS, VOLUNTEERS and FRIENDS OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL: This week's Bulletin contains much on the topic of Working With Children Clearances and holders possessing current cards. I wish to stress its importance, it is MANDATORY (by law), that volunteers have a current Working With Children Card. We wish to protect both the Volunteers / Agents of the Church and those who we are ministering to. Who are agents of the local Church? Agents include the following: **Cergy – Acolytes – Eucharistic Ministers.** This includes individuals appointed as **Minister of the Eucharist** be at Mass or appointed to attend those in Aged Care Facilities or to private residences. Or if you are taking Holy Communion privately to the sick. **Lectors – Readers – Proclaimers** at Mass. **Musicians – Choristers, IT – Power Point Operators** at Mass. It seems a little overwhelming but it the Law, Authority (Civil) and the Archdiocese policy supports it. We wish to make our Parish church a place of safety. Our Christian belief calls us to be people of service to each other in the image of Christ and again we are to respect the Law. It we are unable to comply to the Authority we are unable to be a people of service to those in our Faith community. If you are a card holder and it has expired, please renew it unless we are unable to accept your gift of generosity of service to the

Community. The process is not difficult, and we are here in the Office to assist you in any way we can. In addition, **ALL VOLUNTEERS are required to attend the Safeguarding Induction For Church Workers – Paid and Unpaid. Available Thursday 8 February 2024. Time 7-8pm. Venue Christ the King Parish, 59 Lefroy Road, Beaconsfield. ITS LOCAL!!!** Registration details see the Safeguarding Article her in.

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION FOR ALL CHURCH WORKERS:

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened the scope of safeguarding of children to include adults at risk. This induction provides an overview of the: • Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Policies and Procedures. • Understanding Abuse, Grooming and Prevention. • Reporting of concerns. • Role of the Safeguarding Officer. • Collective Responsibility and Care. ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is **anyone** in the Archdiocese in **any role** – paid or voluntary. Please register for the upcoming session if you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years. The upcoming session is as follows: **Date:** Thursday 8-2-24. **Time:** 7-8pm. **Venue:** Christ the King, 59 Lefroy Road, Beaconsfield. **Registration:** <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction> or phone 9221 7762 to book in.



RESIDENCY IN THE PRESBYTERY: An Update. The Manager, Archdiocesan Maintenance Office paid the Parish a visit this week. He informs me that it hoped that work on the Presbytery will commence in three weeks or so. The Tradespersons are back from their leave and those to be involved have marked the project as "Urgent". So please be aware of additional dust and debris around the church in the near future. Keep you posted as developments occur. **Fr Michael.**



bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 1: 41, 17

Alleluia, alleluia! / We have found the Messiah: / Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 1: 35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi' — which means Teacher — 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' — which means the Christ — and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' — meaning Rock.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

COME AND SEE

Samuel, in the first reading, hears a call in the night which he doesn't recognise. He is lying in the sanctuary of the Lord when his name is called. He is in the place where God dwells. He goes to Eli not once, but three times. Eli advises him to reply, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" (1 Sam 3:9). Samuel had replied thrice to Eli, "Here I am", but the response to God was about listening.

The refrain of the Psalm (39:2), and a favourite hymn, echoes "Here I am." It renews our response to God as the psalm alerts us to God inclining and listening to us (v. 2).

The Gospel opens with John the Baptist and two of his disciples. John "looked at" Jesus walking by and said "See this is the Lamb of God" (John 1:36). Together the disciples follow Jesus. His turning around to ask what they want reveals that they seek to know where he abides. Jesus' reply, "Come and see", completes three versions of seeing. John's looking at and inviting others to see with him and Jesus also inviting them to come and see. Having seen and stayed with Jesus, one of them, Andrew, became a follower and brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. This coming, seeing and abiding with Jesus is the portrayal of the call and the mission. The invitations today to listen, to come, to see and abide with Jesus are possible for each of us everyday as we turn our minds and hearts to the Word, our attention to God.

Dr Rosemary Canavan