



THE SAVING WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

27 NOVEMBER 2022

FIRST READING

Isa 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9, R. cf. v. 1

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / Let us go to God's house. / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**



2. It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. / For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. **R.**

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: / Peace be to your homes! / May peace reign in your walls, / in your palaces, peace! **R.**

4. For love of my brethren and friends / I say: 'Peace upon you!' / For love of the house of the Lord / I will ask for your good. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.



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PARISH INFORMATION

Address: 82 Collick Street, Hilton, WA, 6163
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

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



1st Sunday Advent, Year A, 26 to 27 November
Saturday 6pm Mass for Antonia & Stefan Ivelja (RIP)
Sunday 7.30am Mass for Anna Jurica (Intentions)
Sunday 9am Mass for Maria & Bosko Kalat (RIP)
AGM After Mass

Monday 28 November + 7.30pm Mass
7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group

Tuesday 29 November
9am Mass for Anna Jurica (Intentions)

Wednesday 30 November – St Andrew
9am Mass for November Souls
Morning Tea after Mass
10.30am Legion of Mary
5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 1 December
9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

Friday 2 December
9am Mass for November Souls
9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday 3 December – St Francis Xavier
9am Mass for November Souls

2nd Sunday Advent, 3 to 4 December
Saturday 6pm Mass for November Souls
Sunday 7.30am Mass for November Souls
Sunday 9am Mass for Parishioners Intentions
11am Baptism of Amani Kaia Phillips
2.30-3.30pm Holy Hour



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



WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to Fr Paul. We would like to know a bit about you and your family. You can also fill in a Parishioner Registration Form and join in the Parish Planned Giving Program.



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, Alex, Desmond O'Connor, Lisa Bubb, Maria Villamagna, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster ...



2023 SACRAMENT DATES

RECONCILIATION: Wednesday 15-3-23 at 6.30pm
FIRST 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

2nd Sunday Advent, 3 to 4 December
1st: Is 11:1-10
2nd: Rom 15:4-9
Gospel: Mt 3:1-12

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.





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STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship and Planned Giving. Wills Seminars should include: • Refreshments. Estate Planning Seminars: • Are often designed for more affluent people. • Involve the diocesan planned giving director. 🙏



2022 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: November – Children Who Suffer.

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



CHRISTMAS CARDS for Piety Stall: We have Christmas Cards for sale at the back of the church. The price is \$2.50 for 8 cards. This is a great way of staying in touch with family and friends, near and far.

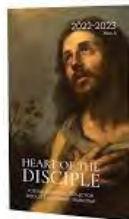


CHRISTMAS CARDS for Saint Vincent De Paul Society: Are available at rear of church located below the Poor Box. \$3 per pack or \$5 for two packs. Proceeds go towards assisting local families in need. *God Bless, Ian Digney.*



HEART OF THE DISCIPLE BOOKLET 2022-2023:

A 28 Day Prayer and Reflection Resource for Advent or Anytime. These booklets are available at the back of church. A small booklet that is easy to carry, and read. For each day there is a double page spread with the date, a Scripture verse, a short reflection, a quote from Pope Francis; and a short prayer. Introduction and how to use this book. At the back of the book there are suggestions for group use and questions for reflection and sharing. Suggested Donation is \$5.00 each. Enjoy!



PARISH AGM: Our Parish Annual General Meeting will be held **Sunday 27 November 2022** after **9am Mass**. The venue is at the Church at 10.15am. Please get your cup of Coffee or Tea and gather. All the leaders of the Parish Groups are requested to submit a brief report. *Fr Paul Raj.*



HANDMADE ORGANIC SOY WAX CANDLES FOR SALE:

Hi everyone! If you are looking for a Christmas gift idea for family or friends, or if you want to have a custom-made Candle you can contact me on **0439 408 561** or davinapaul30@outlook.com. **Small Gift boxed \$10. Medium \$20. Large #30.** Fragrances include Raspberry Candy Cane, Mistletoe & Sea Salt, Christmas candy Cane, Christmas Tree, Chocolate Mint Slice, Christmas Day, Frankincense & Myrrh, Candy Cane, Champagne Berry, Vanilla Ginger Bread, Lemon & Lavender, Avocado & Mint, Grapefruit & Lime, Rose Geranium, Pepper Mint Oil, French Lavender Oil, Lemongrass & Ginger, Pineapple & Mango, Cinnamon & Vanilla, Blood Orange, caramel Vanilla, Smokey Balsamic Amber, Pomegranate Mango, Chai Latte, Pepper Mint, Tea Tree Oil, Beautiful Type, Cappuccino, Patchouli & Musk, Aronia Berry Hempseed, Cuban Jazz Club, black Berry Fig, Sandalwood Saffron, English Rose, Baby Powder, Passionfruit & Lime, Lychee & Guava, Gardenia, Sparkling Watermelon, Lemon Myrtle, Thai Lime & Mango & Sweet Orange Oil. Thanks Davina.



SYNOD OF BISHOPS: The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch.



INVITATION
45th Annual Rosary Procession
In Honour of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday 4-12-2022
Procession starts after 9 am Mass
St Joseph's Church
20 Hamilton Street, Bassendean

Followed by Benediction & Refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Please Bring a Plate to share.

A Triduum of Rosaries will be held at the parish from
Wednesday 30 November to
Friday 2 December 2022
at 7pm.

Enquiries 9379 2691 or bassendean@perthcatholic.org.au.



ADVENT WITH THE SAINTS: Tuesdays 7.30pm to 8.30pm. 13 December & 20 December 2022. (2 sessions – Online). Join us as we prepare for the coming of Christ. In this two-session short course,





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students will learn from St Francis of Assisi, St Therese of Lisieux and St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) their way to Christ. St Francis of Assisi takes us to the nativity scene to embrace the poverty and humility of Christ, made manifest in his own Incarnation and birth, which expressed his overflowing love for us. St Therese of Lisieux provides practical advice to live the "little way" of opening and offering our tiny selves, with all our weaknesses, to His merciful love and presence, so he can fulfill us. Padre Pio teaches us to always take our place beside Christ, whether it be in embracing Christ at his birth, suffering with Christ in His Passion, or glorying with Christ in his resurrection. He is always Emmanuel: God-with-us. No matter how imperfect our attempts to love are, what matters is that we let his infinite perfect love embrace us, so that he then transforms us to love more perfectly. Cost: \$10. Presenter is Ms Natalie Thomas. Further information or to register: email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9278 0261.



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities available for suitably qualified persons to join their team and continue the good work of the Church. For details, refer to <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>. For a copy of the Job Description and to submit your application please email: recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au. • Manager, Wellbeing, Health and Safety - Permanent, Full-Time (listed on SEEK). • Manager, Executive Services (Episcopal Services) - Permanent, Full-Time (listed on SEEK). • Coordinator, Wellbeing, Health and Safety – Permanent, Full-Time. • Finance Officer – Fixed Term (12 Months) Full-Time. • Systems Accountant – Fixed Term (12 Months) Full-Time.

PRAYER FOR OUR DEPARTED

O Good Jesus, Whose loving Heart was ever troubled by the sorrows of others, look with pity on the souls of our dear ones in Purgatory. O Thou Who didst "love Thine own," hear our cry for mercy and grant that those whom Thou hast called from our homes and hearts may soon enjoy everlasting rest in the homes of Thy Love in Heaven. Amen.



2022 Christmas Mass Times

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
82 Collick Street, Hilton
9314 7733

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December

6.30pm Carols followed by 7pm Vigil Mass
10pm Carols followed by 10.30pm Mass
No Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Sunday 25 December

8.30am Carols followed by 9am Mass (Children's Mass)

AN ADVENT POEM By John Bell (1745-1831)

Light looked down and saw the darkness.

'I will go there' said the light.

Peace looked down and saw war.

'I will go there' said peace.
Love looked down and saw hatred.

'I will go there', said love.

So He,
The Lord of Light,
The Prince of Peace,
The King of Love,
Came down and crept in beside us.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER: God of light and life, give us **HOPE** as we wait for your coming again. When we are tempted to be grateful to have found you while others are lost, send us out into the darkness in search of those who need you most, we pray to the Lord. Amen.





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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 4 26-27 NOV 1ST SUNDAY ADVENT	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLTYE
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
WEEK 1 3-4 DEC 2ND SUNDAY ADVENT	COMMENTATOR	READER	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Martha Kalat	Susie Poleschtschuk	Joe De Ornelas
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerald Farrell
Sun 9am	Volunteer	Franca Kalat	Ken Hla



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.**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hilton
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
One Hour with Jesus
 Wednesday Evenings
 5.30 – 6.30pm
 Friday Mornings
 9.30 – 10.30am





GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

WALK IN THE LIGHT

There are some phrases from the scriptures which have the power to stir the imagination thousands of years after they were written. The image of hammering swords into ploughshares, spears into sickles, and soldiers becoming farmers speaks so powerfully to our deep longing for peace. Isaiah's vision was that a time would come when all people would be united in worship of the living God; when war would be replaced by understanding and all people would walk in the light of the Lord.

Paul understood Isaiah's vision was soon to become reality on the Lord's return. His concern was to make sure that the Christians of Rome were prepared for that moment. Some of them had fallen into a misplaced sense of complacency. Paul disagrees. Now was the time to get one's house in order, to put aside the ways that blur and obscure our vision, so as to come into the light of Jesus.

In a similar way, fifty years after the resurrection of the Lord it was all too easy for Matthew's community to lose hope that the Lord would return soon and bring Isaiah's and Paul's vision to reality. As this Advent season begins, the challenge is placed squarely before us – if the Son of Man were to return now would we be ready and waiting? What are we doing to bring Isaiah's vision of peace to reality? What areas of our life still need to be brought into the light of Christ?

Christopher Monaghan CP