



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / A (OF DIVINE MERCY)

16 APRIL 2023

## FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**R.** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia!)

1. Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let the sons of Aaron say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let those who fear the Lord say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling / but the Lord was my helper. / The Lord is my strength and my song: / he was my saviour. / There are shouts of joy and victory / in the tents of the just. **R.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the corner stone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. / This day was made by the Lord; / we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Pet 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia! / You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; / happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! / Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them





# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

## 2nd Sunday Easter - Divine Mercy - 16 April 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 Paul Raj  
**Parish Secretary:** Tereza Camacho  
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### MASS INTENTIONS



#### Divine Mercy Sunday, 16 April

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Jesus Christ & St Raphael Archangel Honour & Thanksgiving + Teodoro & Marlon Nadela (RIP Anniversary)

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Justin Chua (RIP Anniversary) + Filomena Marcucci (RIP Recently in Italy)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Dianne De Olival & Maria Jose Da Silva (RIP) + Martinho Francisco & Maria Jose Da Silva (RIP) + Holy Trinity Honour + Sarina Sciano (RIP) + Leah Ruth Williams (RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Month Anniversary) + Joao Mao Cheia (RIP Recently)



#### Monday 17 April

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



#### Tuesday 18 April

**9am Mass** for Parishioners Intentions

#### Wednesday 19 April

**9am Mass** for St Joseph Honour & Protection of Family

**Morning Tea** after Mass

**10.30am** Legion of Mary

**5.30 – 6.30pm** Eucharistic Adoration



#### Thursday 20 April

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

#### Friday 21 April – St Anselm

**9am Mass** for Parishioners Intentions

**9.30 – 10.30am** Eucharistic Adoration



#### Saturday 22 April

**9am Mass** for Parishioners Intentions

**10.30am Baptism** of Michele Francis Mastaglia

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Easter, 23 April

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Parishioners Intentions

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday 9am Mass** for John Randall (RIP) + Martinho Francisco & Maria Jose Da Silva (RIP) + Holy Spirit Thanksgiving for Gift of Life + Joao Mao Cheia (RIP Recently)

**10.30am Baptism** of Aston Peter Considine



**FR GABRIEL OF ST MARY MAGDALENE:** O Lord, pursue me with Your grace until I give myself entirely to you.



### 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, Anne & Justine Tonti ...



### 2023 SACRAMENT DATES

**1<sup>ST</sup> 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

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Easter, 23 April

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Acts 2:14, 22-33

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** 1 Pet 1:17-21

**Gospel:** Lk 24:13-35



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

**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. 1. Is the capital campaign always necessary? Had they planned adequately and conducted a stewardship effort in advance, they would have the moneys they need.



**2023 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS:** APRIL - For a culture of peace and non-violence. "We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens".



**THANK YOU!** Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. 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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



**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.



**CHAPLETS OF THE DIVINE MERCY:** Sunday 16 April 2023 is Divine Mercy Sunday, commencing at 10am at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Dean Road Bateman, followed by the Chaplets of the Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

**HOLY HOUR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY at OLMC HILTON:** Sunday 16 April 2023 from 2.30 - 3.30pm.



In honour of the Feast of Divine Mercy this Sunday there will be a holy hour in praise and thanksgiving for Gods' Divine Mercy and in petition for all of our needs, the needs of the church and the world at this present time. Please come and join.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

Today the Church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy. On this day we thank God for His forgiveness and love. It is the mercy of God that lets all of us come back to Him after we have sinned.

We know how much Jesus loves us because He suffered and died for us. When we have sinned, He wants us to be sorry and come back to Him. No matter how big of a sin you do, if you are sorry for it then God will forgive you. He wants to forgive you because He loves you!

Today we should thank God for His mercy and forgiveness and ask Him to look on us and our friends and the whole world with love and forgiveness! Here is a prayer we can say:

*Eternal Father,  
I offer You  
the Body and Blood,  
Soul and Divinity  
of Your  
dearly beloved Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in atonement for our sins  
and those of the  
whole world.*







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## VOCATION SUNDAY (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY) – 30 APRIL 2023: 'Recognise the Voice of Jesus' – A Day of Vocation Reflection.

What do you hear Jesus saying to you? We encourage you take time to pray and listen to what Jesus' is saying to you. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, come along on Sunday, **30 April 2023, 9.30am to 3pm** and join us for the day (All single men – 17 years and over.). for more details contact us on 08 9279 1310 or [stcharalesseminary@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:stcharalesseminary@perthcatholic.org.au).



## FEMALE BENEDICTINE MYSTICS OF THE MIDDLE AGES - ST HILDEGARD OF BINGEN, ST GETRUDE THE GREAT AND OTHERS: Friday 28 – Sunday 30 April 2023.

While monasteries and convents of Benedictine nuns flourished throughout Europe during the entire Middle Ages, the number of writings left to us, in comparison with male Benedictines of the same period, is relatively small. Yet among these writings are many treasures, expressing the life of mystical prayer, remarkable visions and revelations, and an ardent love for God. This weekend will examine the remarkable lives and writings of several medieval Benedictine mystics; Hildegard, Elizabeth of Schönau, Gertrude the Great, and others. Further information and bookings [www.newnorcia.com.au](http://www.newnorcia.com.au).



## MAGI PILGRIMAGES:

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Joseph Abutu. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt Sinai and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$7,340 AUD. Reserve your seats with \$1,000, and by sending a copy of passport. The fare includes Economy Return Airfares on premium Airlines + Stay in 4 star hotels+ Local Transfers in AC Coaches + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Sydney and Melbourne on 30 April 2023. For inquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561 or email us [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au).



## ONLINE ROSARY DURING MAY:

In honour of Mary, our Mother, 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 [deborahrobertson7@icloud.com](mailto:deborahrobertson7@icloud.com) or 0419 939 864 for more information about the group and how to participate in person or online via Zoom.

## CHRISTIAN HEALING COURSE: Catholic Charismatic Renewal is conducting Module 1 of this 3 module course over 2 weekends, May 5 - 7 and May 19 - 21, (both weekends are required!).



Participants will learn how to pray effectively for **healing of life's deepest wounds** - be they physical, psychological or spiritual! NOTE - a **PREREQUISITE** for this course is to have completed a 'Life in the Spirit Seminar'. If you feel called to the Healing Ministry, please make the inquiry! Participants who decide after 1 weekend not to continue will receive a **full refund**. **Cost for each module is \$65**. The remaining modules will be conducted over the following few months. For further info contact Dan (0409 849 049)."

## CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH UPDATED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:



The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details, refer to <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.

- Advisor, Well-being, Health & Safety – Permanent, Full-Time ([listed on SEEK](#))
- Manager, Executive Services (Episcopal Services) – Permanent, Full-Time ([listed on SEEK](#))
- Systems Accountant – Fixed Term (12 Months), Full-Time ([listed on SEEK](#))
- Accountant – Permanent, Full-Time
- Coordinator, Prison Ministry – Permanent, 0.80 FTE – 1.00 FTE
- Catholic Youth Ministry: Faith Formation Coordinator – Fixed Term (12 Months), Full-Time
- Catholic Youth Ministry: Events Coordinator – Permanent, Full-Time
- Catholic Youth Ministry: Mission & Ministry Coordinator – Permanent, Full-Time
- West Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office: Administration Assistant – Fixed Term (12 Months), Part-Time
- Western Australian Professional Standards Office: Administration Officer – Permanent, Part-Time



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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.**

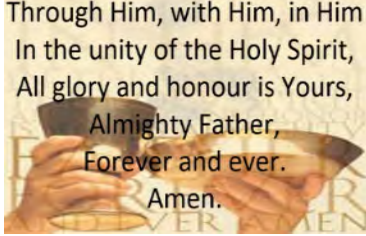



**OUR LADY of ALL NATIONS PRAYER:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. **Amen.**

WEEK 3 15-16 Apr 2 Easter	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLTYE
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 22-23 Apr 3 Easter	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



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**







his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him;

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## FAITH: A PROMISE OF LIFE

How many times have you heard people relate stories and then say, aware that the story does not do justice to the experience, 'You had to be there'? When we read of those early days of the Church, when the community was so united in faith, love and prayer, we can find ourselves wishing to have been there. Imagine the disappointment of second-generation Christians who had missed out by only a few years! The story of Thomas' doubt, disbelief and disappointment would have been partly preserved to encourage such Christians. Decades later, they were invited to see that while they were not part of the original experience, their faith was all the more precious because it was not based on being an eyewitness. It also served as a reminder not to be too quick to idealise the early life of the Church; even then the road to mature faith was not an easy one.

Late in the first century, the first letter of Peter set out to build up the faith of a community that felt caught between the resurrection and Jesus' final return. Like us, they may have felt that they had missed out on something precious, but Peter reminds them that their faith is a tremendous gift and promise of the life that lies ahead. The road to a mature faith is not easy and there are problems to be encountered from both within and outside ourselves. These very struggles purify our hearts and prepare us for what is to come.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**