



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

23 JULY 2023

FIRST READING

Wis 12:13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, / to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. / Your justice has its source in strength, / your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. / You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned / and you expose the insolence of those who know it; / but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, / you govern us with great lenience, / for you have only to will, and your power is there. / By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people / how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, / and you have given your sons the good hope / that after sin you will grant repentance.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16. R. v. 5

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, / full of love to all who call. / Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer / and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you / and glorify your name, O Lord: / for you are great and do marvellous deeds, / you who alone are God. **R.**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, / slow to anger, O Lord, / abounding in love and truth, / turn and take pity on me. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts



knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this," he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which



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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
Safeguarding Officer: Brigette Liddelow - 0432 908 980
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OLMC Primary School Principal: Jayson Peacock - 9269 2000
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MASS INTENTIONS



16th Sunday Ordinary, 23 July – World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Saturday 6pm Mass for Precious Blood of Jesus Honour

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Fernanda De Sousa (Birthday Intentions) + Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Ezio Pompili (RIP) & Danila Luison (RIP) + Joao Tenda (RIP 1st Anniversary) + Michele Mario Di Iulio (RIP)



Monday 24 July – St Sharbel Makhlof

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group



Tuesday 25 July - St James

9am Mass for Bill Woodthorpe (RIP Recently)

Wednesday 26 July - St s Joachim & Anne, Parents Blessed virgin Mary

9am Mass for Vincenzo & Italia (RIP)

Morning Tea after Mass

10.30am Legion of Mary

5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 27 July

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

7pm Rosary for Basilio Tindaro Scarvaci at Bowra O’Dea Hilton

Friday 28 July

9am Mass for Parishioners Intentions

10am Funeral Mass for Basilio Tindaro Scarvaci

No 9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration



Saturday 29 July – Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

9am Mass for Parishioners Intentions

17th Sunday Ordinary, 30 July – Mission Appeal

Saturday 6pm Mass for Precious Blood of Jesus Honour

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Ezio Pompili (RIP) & Paolo Cinquina (RIP) + Genoveva Martins (RIP 3rd Month Anniversary) & Goretta Martins (RIP) + Marta Correia Rodrigues (RIP & Birthday)



HOLY TRISAGION (Thrice Holy) TO THE MOST HOLY

TRINITY: Make the triple sign of the cross and bless yourself... By the sign of the Holy Cross (forehead), deliver us, O Lord our God (mouth) from our enemies (heart) ... In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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 Paul.



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 Mravljinc, Beatrice Fernandez, Alex, Lisa Bubb, Maria Villamagna, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster, Maria De Sousa, Anne & Justine Tonti, Caroline Lynch ...



2023 SACRAMENT DATES

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

17th Sunday Ordinary, 30 July

1st: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

2nd: Rom 8:28-30

Gospel: Mt 13:44-52



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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. 3. Is the capital campaign an expression of your Christian stewardship? Prayer, too, should be an important part of the campaign. It will help the parishioners see the campaign not only as a dollar and cents issue, but as an opportunity to build up the Kingdom of God in their midst.



ST GERTRUDE'S PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN A PURGATORY – A Prayer taught by Our Lord to St Gertrude, to release 1,000 souls from Purgatory each time it is said: Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your 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, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.



2023 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: JULY - For a Eucharistic life. "We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.



VOLUNTEER COUNTERS: Do you have a couple hours you can spare on a Monday morning to count money? If so, please contact Judy on 0448 205 283 for more information. Many thanx.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023 – 2024: New Planned Giving Envelopes are ready for collection from the church porch. Please pick up your box of envelopes. If you are not yet part of OLMC Planned Giving, you can fill in a Pledge Card and give to Fr Paul or to the Parish Office. Planned Giving is for the running of the church and does not support the priest. Thank you for your generosity and support to our parish.



Grandmothers from OLMC Parish Hilton cut the cake last Sunday 16 July 2023 for the Parish Feast Day.

THIRD WORLD DAY for GRANDPARENTS and the ELDERLY: Will be celebrated on 23 July 2023 and whose theme is "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50). **Prayer for the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**



2023 ... Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy. Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds. May your tenderness accompany me on the way. Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them. Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. Amen.



2023 CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL: Next weekend we will be asking for your prayers and generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal. You will be helping our medical missionaries provide life-saving healthcare to the vulnerable in East Timor and throughout the world. Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided, or going online at www.catholicmission.org.au/timor. If you are keen to know what's involved in becoming a volunteer for



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Catholic Mission, please email Francis Leong at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au for the details.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH -

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>.

- Chaplain, Catholic Prison Ministry – Permanent, Part-Time (listed on SEEK – [Perth](#) / [Geraldton](#))
- Officer, Digital Records Migration (Archives and Information Governance Office) – Fixed Term (12 months), Full-Time (apply direct to recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au).

PERMANENT PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - Parish

Secretary - Innaloo/Karrinyup Catholic Parish: The Catholic Parish of Innaloo/Karrinyup has a vacancy for a permanent part time Parish Secretary, 8 hours per week (days negotiable). Applicants must have proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook, the ability to upload Parish website content and update social media, strong organisational and time management skills, attention to detail, accuracy in data entry, and excellent verbal and written skills. Familiarity with MYOB accounting software would be highly advantageous. An understanding of parish life and support of the ethos and values of the Catholic Church is expected. Applications close **28 July 2023**. A job description is available on request. Please submit your application via email to recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au.



ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS

on SATURDAY 19



Centre for Life, Marriage & Family

AN AGENCY OF THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

AUGUST 2023 at 10AM at ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL:

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special Mass. A blessing will be bestowed on **ALL** married couples who attend. In addition, do you know a couple celebrating a milestone anniversary 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50+ years of marriage? The Bishops would like to give these couples a special commemorative certificate as part of the celebration. Couples can register for a milestone anniversary

certificate at <https://bit.ly/marriagemass2023>. Thank you for your continued support of this special celebration which continues to grow each year.

PREGNANCY ASSISTANCE -

DONATION REQUEST: With your help we can support over 400 women a year with necessary items such as baby clothes, nappies & toiletries, bassinets, baby baths and much more.



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Today, we embark on our Year-End Campaign. Our goal is to provide care for 100 more pregnant women in need by raising \$10,000 by 31 December 2023, but we cannot do it without your help. We are reaching out to you because you have already demonstrated your compassion for pregnant women. Would you be willing to make a special year-end contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more to support even more pregnant women? With your support, we can impact our community in a lasting and loving way. Please consider our request to donate to this beautiful Ministry. We are so grateful for your generosity. We are non-for-profit and an ACNC registered charity. All monetary donations above \$2 are fully tax deductible. Thank you for considering our request, we appreciate it so much. For more information: Carmel or Lisette on 08 9328 2929.

STs JOACHIM and ANNE, Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary – 26 July 2023:

Patronage: Grandparents, Holy Families, and Marriages.

St Joachim and St Anne are the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus Christ. St Joachim, whose name means “Yahweh prepares”, was from Nazareth. He was a descendant of King David, belonging to the Tribe of Judah, while Anne was believed to be from the Tribe of Levi, associated with the priesthood. They were devout and righteous individuals who lived according to Jewish religious laws and customs. St Joachim married St Anne from Bethlehem and Mary was promised to them by an Angel. They are honoured as role models for parents. **We pray that through the intercession of Sts Joachim and Anne that God in His infinite Mercy will restore our families especially broken ones to live in peace and harmony. Amen. Sts Joachim and Anne, pray for us.**








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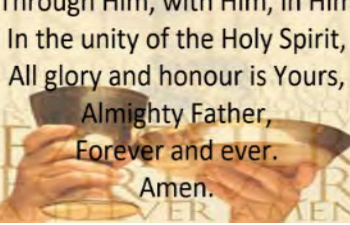


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 <p>OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA: God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep each of us from harm And bring us to the joy of heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Lord. Amen.</p>	 <p>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.</p>	 <p>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.</p>
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WEEK 4 22-23 Jul 16 Ordinary	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 5 29-30 Jul 17 Ordinary	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLTYE
Sat 6pm	Martha Kalat	Sjonny Walker	Enrico D'Alessandro
Sun 7.30am	Michael Muller	Nicolas Lim	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Toni Kalat	Helen Le Cordier	Ken Hla



<p>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.</p> 	<p>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.</p> 	<p>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</p> 
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a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SPIRIT COMES TO US IN OUR WEAKNESS

It has been said that nothing is as strong as gentleness and that nothing is as gentle as real strength. Oftentimes gentleness is interpreted as a sign of weakness or indecisiveness. If God is all powerful, how is it that God does not judge our world? The book of Wisdom gives a glimpse into how the people of Israel reflected on this question in the centuries immediately preceding the birth of Jesus. What the surrounding people saw as God's weakness they had come to see as God's gracious strength which provides a model for our own lives.

The parable of the darnel addresses a similar question for the community of Matthew. In a time of opposition, they may have impatiently wondered why God had not forcefully intervened to establish the kingdom on earth. Jesus' parable of the darnel calls them to understand that the time of judgement will come when each person receives what their actions deserve. In the meantime, the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast are timely reminders that while the kingdom's beginnings may be humble and hidden the final outcome is assured.

Like Matthew, Paul saw that the period between the resurrection of the Lord and his return at the end of time was a time of struggle between good and evil. This struggle continues, and Paul reminds Christians of every age that we are not alone in this struggle since the Spirit is the one who carries our prayers and pleas to our gracious and loving God.

Christopher Monaghan CP