



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

27 AUGUST 2023

FIRST READING

Isa 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father

to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8. R. v. 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you
have heard the words of my mouth. / Before
the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before
your holy temple. **R.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love /
which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the
day I called, you answered; / you increased the
strength of my soul. **R.**



3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly /
and the haughty he knows from afar. / Your
love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work
of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his
wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible
to penetrate his motives or understand his
methods! Who could ever know the mind of
the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor?
Who could ever give him anything or lend him
anything? All that exists comes from him; all is
by him and for him. To him be glory for ever!
Amen.

■ The word of the Lord.



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21st Sunday Ordinary - 27 August 2023 - Year A

PARISH INFORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Thursday: 9am – 12.30pm

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

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Parish Secretary: Tereza Camacho
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MASS INTENTIONS



21st Sunday Ordinary, 27 August – Social Justice

Sunday

Saturday 6pm Mass for Antonio Capolingua (RIP Anniversary)

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

Sunday 9am Mass for Mariana Messias (Birthday Intentions) + Genoveva Martins (RIP) & Joao Tenda (RIP & 85th Birthday) + Maria Stella (RIP)



Monday 28 August – St Augustine

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group **+ 7.30pm Mass**



Tuesday 29 August – The Passion of St John the Baptist

9am Mass for Manuel & Lourdes Lourenco (Intentions) (Fr Francis Ughanze)

Wednesday 30 August

9am Mass for Eanon Wilsh (RIP) (Fr Francis Ughanze)

5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration

7pm Rosary Bowra O’Dea Chapel for Maria Nicola Villamagna (Fr Francis Ughanze)



Thursday 31 August

9.45am Funeral Mass for Maria Nicola Villamagna (Fr Francis Ughanze)

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

Friday 1 September – World Day of Prayer for Creation + Spring Ember Day

9am Anointing Mass for Jose & Leonor De Sousa (Intentions) (Fr Francis Ughanze)

9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration

10am Holy Communion Hilton Park Aged Care



Saturday 2 September

NO 9am Mass

22nd Sunday Ordinary, 3 September – Child Protection Week

Saturday 6pm Mass for Sacred Heart of Jesus Honour

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Filomena, Jose & Family (Intentions)

Sunday 9am Mass for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Cono & Tonino Randazzo (RIP) + Holy Father Honour

10am Baptism of Hayden Russel Kerraghan

2.30-3.30pm Holy Hour



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 Mravlinic, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Maria Villamagna, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster, Maria De Sousa, Anne & Justine Tonti, Caroline Lynch, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry ...



2024 SACRAMENT DATES

TBC



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

22nd Sunday Ordinary, 3 September

1st: Jer 20:7-9

2nd: Rom 12:1-2

Gospel: Mt 16:21-27



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

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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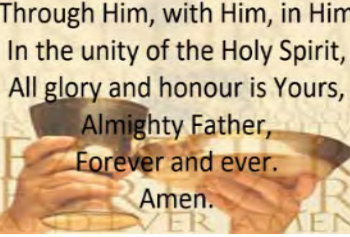


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|  <p>OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA: God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, 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 26-27 Aug 21 Ordinary | COMMENTATOR | READERS | ACOLYTE |
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| Sat 6pm | Volunteer | Katie Hughes | Enrico D'Alessandro |
| Sun 7.30am | Michael Muller | Jenny Troy | Gerry Miller |
| Sun 9am | Franca Kalat | Elizabeth Sabella | Gerald Farrell |
| WEEK 1 2-3 Sept 22 Ordinary | COMMENTATOR | READERS | ACOLYTE |
| Sat 6pm | Martha Kalat | Susie Poleschtschuk | Joe De Ornelas |
| Sun 7.30am | Michael Muller | Jenny Troy | Gerry Miller |
| Sun 9am | Volunteer | Franca Kalat | Ken Hla |



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| <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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STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship and Capital Campaigns. 4. **Trainingt** – At the training session, assure workers that their task is not to ‘beg for money’.



Rather, they will be offering the parishioners an opportunity to participate in a project that is of great importance to the present and future vitality of the parish.



2023 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: AUGUST - For World Youth Day. “We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.”



MESSAGE TO PARISHIONERS! Please **DO NOT put FOREIGN COINS** in the collection as they **DESTROY** the **Counting Machine**. Now Counters have to count manually! Many thanx.



OLMC HILTON FUNDRAISING: We are Fundraising for Repairs to the Presbytery and Airconditioning. Parishioners are encouraged to support us by bringing prizes and buying tickets for \$5 each. *Fr Paul.*



PREGNANCY SUPPORT at ST TERESA HALL: Do Small Things With Great Love and Make a Difference For Local Women Facing Unexpected Pregnancy. When vulnerable pregnant women have access to support, they can pursue their dreams free from the devastating impact of abortion. Join us in creating a local pregnancy hub, offering life-sustaining material and emotional support for these brave mamas-to-be. You can get involved in this mission by donating baby essentials and little gifts to bring joy to the hearts of pregnant women in need at **St Teresa Hall, 17 Friar John Way, Coolbellup, every Thursday, 10am to 1pm.** A “What to Donate” list is available in the foyer (don't forget to snap a photo!). Contact lara@pregnancyhelpaustralia.org.au for more info.



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: This month **Aid to the Church in Need** is



raising money to support Sisters in Paraguay. These Sisters not only care for the young people in Paraguay but they also support the families, visit the sick and the elderly, bring Holy Communion to those in need, give catechetical instruction and support disadvantaged with practical help and advice. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject.

Save the Date!
Thursday, 31st August 2023
 9:45am for a 10:00am Start

Perth Launch of the 2023-24 Social Justice Statement

Listen, Learn, Love
 A new engagement with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Information regarding the 2023-24 **RESOURCES** can be found at the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

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48 HOUR PERPETUAL ROSARY BOUQUET in honour of the Nativity of Mary

TUESDAY 5TH SEPT. 2023 (6PM) TO THURSDAY 7TH SEPT. 2023 (6PM)

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN OUR GIFT FOR OUR LADY'S BIRTHDAY

Place your committed time slot/s on the roster in the church. Your Rosary can be prayed wherever is convenient.

Our Lady's Birthday celebrations
St Mary's Cathedral
Victoria Square
Perth

Friday 8th September 2023
12.10pm Holy Mass
when the Rosary Scroll will be presented.

Rosary will be prayed after the Mass at 1.00pm



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DAY WITH MARY RETREAT:

This retreat will be a reflective journey through the life of Mother Mary. It is an irresistible invitation for each of us to follow in the footsteps of Mary and move forward with steadfast trust in God, who is at work within us. More than that, it is a sweet reminder that we are not alone, as our dear Mother's unfailing presence and assistance are always with us. The retreat encourages us to embark on a spiritual journey to learn from the School of Mary and thus fulfil God's will in our lives. Let's invite Mary, our loving Mother, into our hearts so that she may help us live for the greater glory of God. She will guide us, help us overcome our weaknesses, and love God with her own pure and perfect love! The retreat will be held in the Good Shepherd Church on **Saturday 9 September** from **1-6pm**. The retreat is free of charge. Refreshments and water will be provided. For more information please contact us on: 08 9495 1204 or gspk@inet.net.au. **Fr Pavol Herda - Parish Priest.**



JOHN 19:25-27: Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, **'Dear woman, here is your son,'** and to the disciple, **'Here is your mother.'** From that time on, this disciple took her into his home."



ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH - Saint Augustine's Confessions, Book X:

Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved You! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for You. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which You created. You were with me, but I was not with You. Created things kept me from You; yet if they had not been in You they would not have been at all. You called, You shouted, and You broke through my deafness. You flashed, You shone, and You dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for You. I have tasted You, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for Your peace.



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>.



- Administration Officer, Episcopal Services – Permanent, Full-Time
- Catholic Youth Ministry: Coordinator, Faith Formation – Fixed Term (12 Months), Full-Time
- IMMEDIATE START: Assistant, Research (Parish Renewal) – Fixed Term, Part-Time



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church / the gates of hell will not hold out against it. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

GOD CAN WORK THROUGH FRAILTY

Some years ago, a group of scholars from various Christian traditions examined the role of Peter that emerges from the New Testament. Despite the diversity in the texts and the traditions represented by the scholars themselves, there was general agreement that Peter played a critical role in the birth of early Christianity. While the New Testament writers stress his importance, they never avoid facing the complex reality of the man himself. Peter was the rock that crumbled and cracked under pressure when confronted after Jesus' arrest. Nonetheless, after the resurrection his faith did not waver, and he would justify Jesus' belief and trust in him.

In the concluding section of Romans 11, Paul is led to praise God for the unexpected ways in which God's saving plan for all humanity had come to fruition. While some in Israel had not come to believe in Jesus this had opened the way for the Gentiles. Gentile Christians had become the unforeseen means by which some of the people of Israel would be prompted to accept Jesus as the Messiah. Paul invites the Christians of Rome to join with him in wonder at the ingenious ways in which God always opens a new possibility for us, often despite ourselves.

That God can work through the frailty of Peter and the hardness of heart of some of the people of Israel can serve as a source of encouragement for us all. Rather than leave us disheartened God's word provides us with a firm basis for hope.

Christopher Monaghan CP