



# THE SAVING WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

3 DECEMBER 2023

## FIRST READING

Isa 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and  
come down — at your Presence the mountains  
would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but  
you act like this for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-19

**R.** Lord, make us turn to you, let us see  
your face and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us, / shine forth  
from your cherubim throne. / O Lord, rouse up  
your might, / O Lord, come to our help. **R.**



2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, / look  
down from heaven and see. / Visit this vine  
and protect it, / the vine your right hand has  
planted. **R.**

3. May your hand be on the man you have  
chosen, / the man you have given your strength. /  
And we shall never forsake you again: / give us  
life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:3-9

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

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces  
you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank  
him that you have been enriched in so many  
ways, especially in your teachers and preachers;  
the witness to Christ has indeed been strong  
among you so that you will not be without any  
of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting  
for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he  
will keep you steady and without blame until  
the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
because God by calling you has joined you to  
his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

■ The word of the Lord.



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent - 3 December 2023 - Year B

## 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 Michael Separovich  
**Parish Secretary:** Tereza Camacho  
**Safeguarding Officer:** Brigette Liddelow - 0432 908 980  
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**OLMC Primary School RE:** TBC  
**OLMC Primary School Principal:** Jayson Peacock - 9269 2000  
**Seton Catholic College Website:** <http://www.seton.wa.edu.au/olmc-parish>

## MASS INTENTIONS



### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent, 3 December

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Hermando Aguir (RIP) & Deceased Family Members

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Cono & Tonino Randazzo (RIP) + Holy Father Honour + Maria Tomesia Fernandes (RIP Anniversary)

**2.30-3.30pm** Holy Hour



### Monday 4 December – St John Damascene

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



### Tuesday 5 December

**9am Mass** for Hermando Aguir (RIP) & Deceased Family Members

**5.30pm Mass** for OLMC School Graduation

### Wednesday 6 December – St Nicholas

**9am Mass** for Hermando Aguir (RIP) & Deceased Family Members

**5.30 – 6.30pm** Eucharistic Adoration



### Thursday 7 December - St Ambrose

**9am Mass** for Ivan Jurica (RIP Recently)

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



### Friday 8 December – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Hour of Grace 12noon to 1pm

**9am Mass** for OLMC School Thanksgiving Mass + Immaculate Conception of Mary Honour & Thanksgiving

**9.30 – 10.30am** Eucharistic Adoration



### Saturday 9 December

**9am Mass** for Hermando Aguir (RIP) & Deceased Family Members

**11am Baptism** for Sonny Giovanni De Bartolo

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent, 10 December

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Hermando Aguir (RIP) & Deceased Family Members + Concezio D'Alessandro (RIP & Birthday)

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for John Randall (RIP) + Holy Trinity Honour + Vitale Marinelli (RIP)



**We welcome Fr Jim this weekend who will be celebrating Mass for us.**

## 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 Michael.



## 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, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Augustine, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Fr Wayne Davis ...



## 2024 SACRAMENT DATES

TBC



## RECONCILIATION

Saturday  
9.30-10am and  
5.15-5.45pm  
Or by appointment.



## MASS INTENTIONS

A donation is appreciated no matter how small or large.



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent, 10 December

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** 2 Pet 3:8-14

**Gospel:** Mt 1:1-8



**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.

**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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**2023 HOLY FATHER MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: DECEMBER - For persons with disabilities.** "We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation".



**NEW LITURGICAL YEAR:** Please be aware that the new Liturgical Year begins this weekend, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Advent, Cycle B. The weekday readings will be Number II.



**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS 2023:** The booklet 'The Sign' is on sale in the church foyer for \$5 each. Please make use of this resource in preparation for Advent and Christmas.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** If you have a couple of hours to spare in December and would like to see the joy of children receiving Christmas presents and their parents food Hampers, after thinking they had been forgotten, give me a call. Our local Saint Vincent de Paul Conference could do with a couple of more helpers this year for delivering food hampers and bundles of household presents, lovingly put together for each member of the family by a group of Ladies from the 'Star of the Sea' Church in Cottesloe. **God Bless, Ian Digney 0428 121 152.**



**SINGLE BEDS AVAILABLE:** There is still one single wooden bed available for anyone who may require a bed. The bed is in excellent condition and is broken down into Headboard, Base frame, and Footboard for easy handling. Contact me after Mass or ring me on 0428 121 152. **Ian Digney.**



**OLMC HOSPITALITY:** The OLMC Hospitality Team are looking for more members to join their team. If you are interested, please speak to the Hospitality Team after Sunday 9am Mass for more information.



**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK:** The parish is updating our Working With Children Check register. Volunteers and those who are in active ministries in the



parish, I wish to remind all concerned that it is mandatory Working With Children Check. If you have let your Working With Children Check lapse, please make immediate arrangements to have it renewed so to enable yourself to continue serving the parish community. Forms can be obtained from the local post office or from the parish office. please remember when filling out the form use only black ink pen only. I wish to add the Authority Audits parishes and institutions and if there are discrepancies, severe fines and possible imprisonment may be dealt for non-compliance.

**REFUGEE FAMILY SPONSORSHIP:** An Information Session on Refugee Family Sponsorship will be held on **Wednesday, 6 December 23** from 2:00 – 3:30 pm at St Mary's Cathedral Parish Centre. Please register by contacting [wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au) last date for registration is **Friday, 1 December 23.**



**WEST AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MIGRANT & REFUGEE OFFICE**

**INVITATION 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION:** Sunday 10 December 2023 after 9 am Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Parish, 20 Hamilton Street, Bassendean. St Joseph's Parish would like to invite you to join us in our 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Rosary Procession in honor of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday 10 December after 9am Mass, followed by Benediction and refreshments. Please bring a plate to share. A Triduum of Rosaries will be held at the parish from Wed 6 to 8 December at 7pm. Enquiries 9379 2691.



**FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT OF CAROLS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS:** Carols traditional, old and new for the whole family to join in, with scripture readings of the nativity and Old Testament prophecies. Three Great Choirs will be performing in parts as well. **Sunday 10 December 2023** from 2.30pm at Good Shepherd Parish Church, 42 Streich Ave Kelmscott. Afternoon Tea and Coffee provided. Everybody welcome. Sponsored by the Kelmscott Traditional Mass Community.



**THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION:** The Catenian Association Fremantle Circle wish to extend an invitation to Catholic Men to join the circle. The Catenian's provide great support for our Catholic agencies. Wives of Members are invited to join the members on social occasions. Gentlemen, should you desire further





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information concerning membership, please contact Alex Banovich on 04413 833 493.

**CBC FREMANTLE:** Is now interviewing for Year 7, 2026 and Year 7, 2027. Offering an education for boys from Years 7-12, CBC Fremantle prides itself on working with families in the development of their sons from today's boys to the gentlemen of tomorrow. For further information, please go to [www.cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au/enrol](http://www.cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au/enrol) or contact Registrar, Mrs Emma Polain: [enrol@cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au](mailto:enrol@cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au).



**REFLECTION:** Love demands a response.

One of the most amazing things about love is that it demands a response. Imagine a young man who runs up to a beautiful young woman, falls on his knees in front of her and presents her with a dozen roses. He does not need to say anything. It is clear by this symbol that he is professing his love for her, unless he starts pointing to the price tag in which case he is trying to sell them to her. But if we assume from this moment that this is a statement of love the woman is placed in a very awkward position. She makes a response and in fact any movement she makes at this point will be interpreted as being for her response. Sadly, in the case for the love-sick man anything short of a 'yes' will be taken as a rejection. So the young woman needs to think very carefully about what she says at this moment. This becomes a decisive moment that cannot be put off. For a more convenient time. This is always a case with love. Love always demands a response from us. This is something we need to reflect upon in our relationship with God. We know that the 'Cross' is God's statement of love for us but do you ever stop and think that perhaps Jesus is looking for you and I to give Him an answer as though He is saying 'This is how much I love you. How much I will give you.' Will you make a response, or will you and I leave Him hanging?



## 2023 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church  
82 Collick Street, Hilton  
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### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent

Saturday 23-12-23 **6pm Mass**  
Sunday 24-12-23 **7.30am & 9am Mass**

### Christmas Eve

Sunday 24-12-23  
**6.45pm Carols 7pm Vigil Mass**  
**8.45pm Carols 9pm Night Mass**  
No Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day

Monday 25 December  
**8.45am Carols 9am Children's Mass**



#### FIRST COLLECTION DIRECT DEBIT INFORMATION

Supports the Archdiocesan Priests

Ac Name: Hilton Park Presbytery Account  
BSB: 086 006  
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#### SECOND COLLECTION DIRECT DEBIT INFORMATION

Supports the Parish

Ac Name: The RC AB of Perth Hilton Church  
(Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish)  
BSB: 086 006  
Ac Number: 695 605 996  
Reference: Parishioner Name



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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.**



**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.**

<b>WEEK 1</b> 2-3 Dec Year B 1 Sunday Advent	<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
Sat 6pm	Martha Kalat	Katie Hughes	Joe De Ornelas
Sun 7.30am	Michael Muller	Volunteer	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Bridget Chamberlain	Franca Kalat	Ken Hla
<b>WEEK 2</b> 9-10 Dec 2 Sunday Advent	<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Karissa Marie	Simon Overton
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Nicolas Lim	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Vicky Rafala	Volunteer	Frank Cooper



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





### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### GOSPEL

Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

### WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Today we welcome Dr Rosemary Canavan as our reflection writer. Rosemary is Senior Lecturer in New Testament at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne. In her reflection, she will briefly consider each of the Scripture readings set down for the Sunday.

We are very grateful and thank Fr Christopher Monaghan CM, for his insightful reflections on the readings over the past three years.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## WATCHING AND WAITING

The liturgical year begins, Advent dawns, and the readings call us into reflection and renewal of our relationship with God. The prophet Isaiah's plea resounds across the ages, lamenting the current state of affairs. Having already asked God to see how bad things are, he beseeches God "Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down." Then and now, God's help is needed to turn our lives around.

The psalm invites us to raise our voices in response "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." Paul writing to the Corinthians offers a thanksgiving to God for the revelation of Jesus Christ and prays with all gratefulness so that they, and we, "will not be without any of the gifts of the Holy Spirit while waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ."

In today's Gospel four imperatives emphatically call upon our hearts: "see" and "be alert" come in rapid succession, then "stay awake" is repeated. This warning to stay awake is echoed twice to the disciples in Gethsemane. The beginning of Mark's Gospel announces, "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ" (v1) and "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news" (v15). The ultimate moment of revelation of Jesus comes with the resurrection and the empty tomb. This is our time to turn our hearts to God, to hear the good news, to wait with gratitude and renew our souls before celebrating anew the birth of Jesus, God among us.

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**