



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

10 DECEMBER 2023

## FIRST READING

Isa 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*Prepare the way for the Lord.*

'Console my people, console them'  
says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem  
and call to her  
that her time of service is ended,  
that her sin is atoned for,  
that she has received from the hand of the Lord  
double punishment for her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness  
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God  
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
let every cliff become a plain,  
and the ridges a valley;  
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it;  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,  
joyful messenger to Zion.  
Shout with a loud voice,  
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,  
say to the towns of Judah,  
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,  
his arm subduing all things to him.  
The prize of his victory is with him,  
his trophies all go before him.  
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,  
gathering lambs in his arms,  
holding them against his breast  
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v. 8

**R.** Lord, let us see your kindness, and  
grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say/  
a voice that speaks of peace,/ peace for his  
people./ His help is near for those who fear  
him/ and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**



2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;/ justice  
and peace have embraced./ Faithfulness shall  
spring from the earth/ and justice look down  
from heaven. **R.**

3. The Lord will make us prosper/ and  
our earth shall yield its fruit./ Justice shall  
march before him/ and peace shall follow his  
steps. **R.**

## SECOND READING

2 Pet 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter.

*We wait for new heavens and a new earth.*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must  
never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can  
mean a thousand years, and a thousand years  
is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to  
carry out his promises, as anybody else might  
be called slow; but he is being patient with you  
all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody  
to be brought to change his ways. The Day of  
the Lord will come like a thief, and then with  
a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will  
catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that  
it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this,  
you should be living holy and saintly lives while  
you wait and long for the Day of God to come,  
when the sky will dissolve in flames and the  
elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting  
for is what he promised; the new heavens and  
new earth, the place where righteousness will  
be at home. So then, my friends, while you are



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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent - 10 December 2023 - Year B

## PARISH INFORMATION

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

## PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr Michael Separovich  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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) + Neville Mathanda (RIP) + Raul Infante (RIP Anniversary) & Elsa Infante (RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) + Vincenza Tripodi (RIP Recently in Italy) + Ivan & Marija Antich (RIP) & Michele Di Iulio (RIP)

### Monday 11 December – St Damasus

**7-9pm** Holy Trinity Prayer Group - Final for 2023 + Fellowship



### Tuesday 12 December – Our Lady of Guadalupe

**9am Mass** for Jesus Christ & St Raphael Archangel Honour & Thanksgiving



### Wednesday 13 December – St Lucy

**9am Mass** for St Joseph Honour & Protection of Family  
**5.30 – 6.30pm** Eucharistic Adoration



### Thursday 14 December – St John of the Cross

**9am Mass** for Anton & Margarita Cucevic (RIP)  
**9am-4pm** Church Open for Prayers



### Friday 15 December

**9am Mass** for Kelly Bowman & Da Silva (RIP)  
**9.30 – 10.30am** Eucharistic Adoration



### Saturday 16 December

**9am Mass** for Souls in Purgatory + Ivan Resic (RIP 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent, 17 December

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Luigina D'Alessandro (RIP & Birthday)



**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Dianne De Olival & Maria Jose Da Silva (RIP) + Holy Spirit Thanksgiving for Gift of Life

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

**HOLY TRISAGION TO THE MOST HOLY TRINITY:** By the sign of the Holy Cross, deliver us, O Lord our God from our enemies ...



## 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 Mravljincic, 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, Ivan Lions, Peter Scanlan ...



## 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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent, 17 December

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Is 61:1-2, 10-11  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** 1 Thess 5:16-24  
**Gospel:** Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

**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.



**PASTORAL LETTER TO PERTH ARCHDIOCESE FROM BY THE MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SBD, ARCHBISHOP OF PERTH:** In the church porch area are pamphlet copies of a Pastoral Letter to the Clergy and Faithful of the Archdiocese of Perth concerning the Traditional Latin Mass – Traditionis Custodes dated Monday 4 December 2023. Please take a copy to read and be updated with changes following the First Assembly of the Synod. Please keep our Archdiocese and all members of the Synod in your prayers.



**SECOND RITE of RECONCILIATION:** ♦ Mater Christi Parish, 340 Yangebup Road, Yangebup. **Thursday 14 December 2023 at 7pm.** ♦ Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 2 Townsend Road, Rockingham. **Thursday 14 December 2023 at 7pm.** ♦ St Vincent's Parish, 114 Parmelia Avenue, Parmelia. **Tuesday 19 December-23 at 7pm.** ♦ St Teresa of Calcutta Parish, 739 Eighty Road, Baldivis. **Thursday 21 December 2023 at 7pm.** Please prepare your hearts for The Nativity of The Lord by attending Reconciliation.



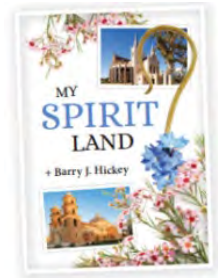
**RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):** The sacrament of reconciliation embodies the Advent spirit of preparation, reflection, and renewal. It is not just as a momentous event but as a continuous process, akin to a regular checkup, where one acknowledges their flaws and seeks guidance. This perspective aligns with the Advent message of preparing the way for Christ by introspection and



spiritual renewal, resonating with the themes of Mark 1:1-8 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year B, where John the Baptist calls for repentance in preparation for Jesus' coming.

### THE MEMOIRS OF BARRY J HICKEY:

Emeritus Archbishop Hickey has completed his memoirs titled 'My Spirit Land'. It is a fascinating and insightful read, documenting not only the last 80+ years of the Catholic Church in WA, priests, cardinals, popes and Catholic agencies and policies, but also the journey of one of our Archbishops who was called to the priesthood in Western Australia. The book is available online at [myspiritlandmemoir.com](http://myspiritlandmemoir.com) for \$44.95 plus postage and handling or collect at Our Lady of the Mission Church, Craigie for \$44.95 on Wednesday – Friday, 9am – 4pm. Email: [myspiritlandmemoirs@gmail.com](mailto:myspiritlandmemoirs@gmail.com) for enquiries or bulk orders to your parish.



**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.



**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





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agencies. Wives of Members are invited to join the members on social occasions. Gentlemen, should you desire further information concerning membership, please contact Alex Banovich on 04413 833 493.

*O Dear LORD, renew my spirit and free my soul. Please, open my heart which You have bathed in the longing of ADVENT.*

*Come, Lord Jesus, Come!*



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**REFLECTION:** At the Seminary, we had two large commercial toasters. We needed them both for breakfast. One toaster unfortunately 'hit the dust' and a new toaster was promptly acquired. Yes, one new along side one which had seen better days. As a seminarian then, I recall making toast on the new addition, but it didn't quite do the job I was used to. It was probably doing a proper job of making bread look like toast as it ought to. I glanced with a certain nostalgia at the 'dead' toaster and since then I had formed a new partnership. I knew exactly how to set the thing in order to get the toast I liked. Now this is in direct contradiction to the way it should be. I set it so low that in normal way of things I should have ended up with a slice of hot bread, but not for my friend the dud toaster – was perfect. I thought it was a little like with God and us. He knows exactly how He likes things to be and so we expect that He will sensibly chose the most reliable, the newest, the most capable means of getting things done. It is so often that He acts in direct contradiction to this. He choses you and me, He chose the dud toaster. He choses the one that needs to be programmed differently to yield the best there is. It has nothing to do with us at all, after



all we are duds. It has everything to do with God, who wants what we can produce and best of all wants us. God will use you today to smile at the total stranger on the bus, to use a courteous word to someone who's rude to you, to walk simply through the street with good will in your heart, to do all manner of things and it wont matter a 'jot' if you get it right or not. You're doing things your way because in the end it's all up to God. As St Paul says in the first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 1, Verses 27-28, is absolutely correct 'God choses what is weak by human standards.' Let us be proud of our 'dud' toaster verses status. We indeed have been chosen.

## 2023 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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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

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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)  
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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 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
<b>WEEK 3</b> 16-17 Dec 3 Sunday Advent	<b>COMMENTATOR</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
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



**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 5.30 – 6.30pm**  
**Friday 9.30 – 10.30am**  
Come Visit Jesus  
For One Hour  
Jesus is Waiting for You





waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

■ The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Mk 1: 1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Make straight the paths of the Lord.*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger

before you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## IN THE WILDERNESS

In Australia we experience the desert and wilderness in all its beauty and expanse, yet it can be a lonely, dangerous place. Today we hear a voice crying out in the wilderness in the time of Isaiah and echoed in the Gospel. This voice also cries out to us today, in the wilderness and the desert of our lives. The voice is consolation: "Console, console my people" (Is 40:1). It bellows, "In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Is 40:3). Isaiah's words create an image of the landscape of our life and soul, in need of God.

The Gospel engages this imagery for John the Baptist, a guide in the wilderness who heralds the Messiah. Mark gives name to the voice just as he identified that this writing is "The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (1:1). Although the name of Isaiah is invoked, the first quote is from Malachi "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way (1:2 cf. Mal 3:1); then comes the echo from Isaiah 40:3. Here in the wilderness John announces the one who is to come who will baptise with the Holy Spirit (Mark 7-8). This is the announcement of the Messiah, the one longed for. As we hear that voice in our wilderness, we know that Jesus is with us. We can reflect on our attention to his presence and our welcome to him in our souls and lives.

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**