



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

28 JANUARY 2024

FIRST READING

Deut 18: 15-20

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9. R. v. 9

R. If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us kneel and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 7: 32-35

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

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.



OUR LADY of MT CARMEL PARISH BULLETIN

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OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH HILTON

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord let me never put to shame, for I call upon you.

REFLECTION: Keep an eye on it. I'll be back. The Fridge man came to the seminary one day. I was the student works minister at the time, so I had to accompany him whilst he was on site. The walk-in freezer was on the blink. As the kitchen staff cooked for some 67 hungry male students plus the seminary staff and visiting lecturers the issue of having a dodgy fridge was somewhat serious. The freezer man strolled into the kitchen, looked up at the temperature gauge, walked inside the freezer, looked up at the fan and ambled outside to work away at a piece of machinery a fair distance away. "I'll check the gas" he said quietly as he walked out. "If it is not that I'll look for a leak in the gas line" This was seen as a simple matter of fact. The freezer man was an honest, competent chap who had looked after the freezer and fridges of the seminary for some years. We had trust in him. I went away and did what I had to do, and he worked away elsewhere. Neither of us in "cooe" of the freezer that was not working. One could be tempted to say "Hey where have you going, the broken freezer is over here?" "After

some considerable time, I came back into the kitchen just as he was getting ready to leave. "Keep your eye on it" he instructed. "The unit is old. Anything happens to it get right onto me." Away he went leaving us totally reassured. We all kept our eye on it and for a period it was good. This made me think you and I ask God for things. We present our dodgy freezer of hearts and minds, our broken-down dreams, our matters of die necessity and don't seem to be on the job at all. We didn't replace it last time because it still had some life in it. I'll be back in a month's time. I hear the parts that need to be replaced, but I said keep an eye on it. If We can't feel him, there are no signs that anything is getting better. Yet all the while He is listening to the bits that need replacing. Tenderly feeling the parts that are plain worn out. He is checking the gas of grace that keeps us ticking over and alert for whatever the leakage is that stops us from living a full stream. He gives us instructions in his WORD, ask and you shall receive, trust in me. Whenever-you hear the instruction, you can be very sure He indeed is on the job even though He looks as if he hasn't come anywhere near you, oh by the way whatever might be concerning you, break down again he'll be back.

WELCOME BACK TO ALL OUR STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF OF OUR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

RESIDENCY IN THE PRESBYTERY. UPDATE: Parishioners, I wish to

inform that projects such as the Maintenance to the Presbytery, where the expenditure exceeds \$50,000 requires submission to and approval by the Archbishop. An application for expenditure from the Parish involves provision of a brief which includes two or three builders' quotes, tradespersons or suppliers and showing of the source of finance to meet the costing and that the Parish is capable to meet the cost or the debt. Because of the urgency of the matter and to comply to Safeguarding guidelines, the Archbishop's Office granted permission for the project. In lieu of the Parish calling for builder - tenders etc. the church Authority offered the assistance for its own Property/Maintenance Office in so much as provide costings. The Property Office draws from their own panel of trades persons to undertake the extensive maintenance of church property. These costings were closely scrutinised by the attendees at the Parish Council meeting. The costings were found to be "on par" to that which would be on the market. It was unanimously passed that the Parish accept the quote. The decision was conveyed to the Church Office and approval was granted. Work is scheduled to begin in the pursing weeks. So please take care and keep a distance to the grounds around the church and presbytery. In the interim the Priest's and Parish Secretary will be relocated to the Parish Meeting Room. Keeping you informed. Fr. Michael.



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MASS TIMES WEEKDAYS - FEBRUARY

Tues 9a.m. Wed 9.am Friday 9a.m
Reconciliation

Saturday's during FEBRUARY 5.15-5.45pm Or by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm + Friday 9.30 – 10.30am

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2024:

Parents of children who attend our Parish School, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and who discern that their child receive either the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Eucharist or Confirmation **your written Expression of Interest of having your child wishing to participate in the formation for a sacrament will be received at the Mass on Saturday 6.00 pm 17th February.** Please note **No Expression of Interest forms will be accepted by proxy. At this time, attendance of the Parent Sacramental Formation is Mandatory.** We as a Parish and Parish School support the Archbishop's Mandate on the receiving of Sacraments.

MASS INTENTIONS

28th January – 4th Sunday
Ordinary

Saturday 6pm Mass Giuseppe Pizzino (Ann) Albert Giglia (Ann)

Sunday 7.30am Mass
Theodore Carozza (Ann)
Edward Fernandez R.I.P.
Andrew De Sousa (M.M.)

Sunday 9am Mass Goretti Martins (Ann) Dianne De Olival (Ann) Maria Da Silva (Ann) Maria & Octavio Donatti (Ann)

Tuesday 30th January 9am Mass
Holy Souls

Wednesday 31st January 9.am
Rosena De Freitas (Ann)

Thursday 1st February NO MASS

Friday 2nd February
9am Mass Holy Souls
Saturday 3rd February

NO MORNING MASS

Sunday 4th February
6.p.m. Frances Minervinni (M.M.)
7.30a.m. Andrew Da Souza (Ann)
9.a.m. Mass for the People

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

– **HILTON:** An invitation is extend to all Parishioners and friends St. Vincent de Paul Society meet every Monday evening, (except public holidays), 7.00-8.00 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room.

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, 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 Anibal Da Cunha, Fr Wayne Davis, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity

Safeguarding Induction For All Church Workers – Paid or Unpaid:

A reminder that the Induction Course for Parish workers paid or unpaid is being run locally at Christ the King Church Lefroy Road Beaconsfield. This includes all those in ministries. If You have not attend the One hour session or the last time you attended was 3 years past you are required to attend. Date Thursday 8th February Time 7-8 p.m. Registration

<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction> or phone 92217762 to book in.



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4: 16

Alleluia, alleluia! / A people in darkness
have seen a great light: / a radiant dawn
shines on those lost in death. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 1: 21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark.

*This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with
authority.*

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum,
and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went
to the synagogue and began to teach. And his
teaching made a deep impression on them
because, unlike the scribes, he taught them
with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man
possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted,
'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?
Have you come to destroy us? I know who
you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said
sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the
unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions
and with a loud cry went out of him. The people
were so astonished that they started asking each
other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that
is new' they said 'and with authority behind
it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and
they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly
spread everywhere, through all the surrounding
Galilean countryside.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

LISTEN

Listening is a central part of being a follower
of Christ: listening to the Holy Spirit, to the
Word, and to each other. Today we are called
to listen and give undivided attention to the
Lord, to a prophet like Moses, and to Jesus in
the Gospel.

Moses reveals that "God will raise up a prophet
like myself from among yourselves, from
your own people ... to him you must listen"
(Deut 18:15). He reminds the people that this
is what they have asked for. In the letter to the
Corinthians Paul addresses the anxieties of the
community as "the present form of the world
is passing away" (1 Cor 7:31). Paul expresses
his wish that they be free from anxieties by
giving attention to the Lord.

The Gospel continues the beginning of Jesus
ministry in what I call "Jesus Central" –
Capernaum (Kefar Nahum). It is where Jesus
made his home during his Galilean ministry.
We notice it is Shabbat, the sabbath, and
Jesus is in the synagogue teaching. "They"
(those in the synagogue) are astounded by his
teaching. "They" are listening as he teaches
with authority. Juxtaposed with this is the
exorcism of an unclean spirit which brings
both amazement and the question: "what is
this? A new teaching with authority" (v. 27).
We hear that his fame spreads, but are they
truly listening, and do they recognise who he
is? Jesus proclaims the good news in word and
deed and expects a change of heart. How are
we listening today?