



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

22 SEPTEMBER 2024

## FIRST READING

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves,  
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since  
he annoys us  
and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
and accuses us of playing false to our  
upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he himself will  
have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take  
his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of his  
enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after – we have his  
word for it.

■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 53:3-6, 8. R. v. 6

**R.** The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; / by your  
power, uphold my cause. / O God, hear my  
prayer; / listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

2. For proud men have risen against me, /  
ruthless men seek my life. / They have no  
regard for God. **R.**

3. But I have God for my help. / The Lord  
upholds my life. / I will sacrifice to you with  
willing heart / and praise your name for it is  
good. **R.**



## SECOND READING

James 3:16-4:3

A reading from the letter of St James.

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown  
in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you  
find disharmony, and wicked things of every  
kind being done; whereas the wisdom that  
comes down from above is essentially something  
pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and  
considerate; it is full of compassion and shows  
itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of  
partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when  
they work for peace, sow the seeds which will  
bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between  
yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the  
desires fighting inside your own selves? You  
want something and you haven't got it; so you  
are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that  
you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way  
by force. Why you don't have what you want  
is because you don't pray for it; when you do  
pray and don't get it, it is because you have not  
prayed properly, you have prayed for something  
to indulge your own desires.

■ The word of the Lord.



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL PARISH BULLETIN

## 25th Sunday Ordinary - 22 September 2024 - Year B

### OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH HILTON

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### MINISTRY TEAM

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### REFLECTION: The Elephant Story.

Here is a story I heard recently; you may have of it. Five blind men who were introduced to an elephant. They of course had no idea what an elephant was. The first approached the elephant from the side and feeling the strong tough skin that seemed to stretch wider than his arm's span. He concluded it was a wall. He didn't like walls because he was always running into them, so he went away. Another approached the elephant from the front and felt the long trunk. It felt to him like a long spear and spears hurt so he backed away. The third man approached the elephant from behind and took hold of the elephant tail. But it seemed to have no substance to it. Swaying freely made the man feel very insecure. He didn't know how long the thing was. Frightened he too backed away and so it went on. Each had a different response, and they were no clearer what the elephant was at the end. Their experiences of the elephant and their deduction were at odds with each other. There was no real connection with the elephant at all. They had only their own experiences to put on this new possibility of knowing the elephant: and so, it is with God. Individuals are very often sure they know who God is "He is a Judge who is out to get you; He is a weakling who is afraid to stand up to evil in the world. He is pestilent and won't give you what you need unless you give Him all the praise and adulation that He is due. He is a calculating God who keeps track of every fault and sin and measures out His response accordingly. Worse still individuals

can often judge God by his so-called friends, the people who claim to be His disciples. History is replete with Christians who have done more harm to and in the name of God than anyone else. What happens is that God continues to get a bad name and so many are no closer to knowing who He really is. Well knowing a life that could be theirs is knowing Him. the answer I think is a simple one. In the words of Scripture: "Set yourself to know the Lord". I say, ask Him to tell you who He is and when He does, believe in Him. listen carefully to what other people tell you about Him, only be discerning. There was a famous German Dominican priest, theologian of the 13<sup>th</sup> century, Meister Eckhart, he gave a good indication of who God is when he said, "Any talk of God that does not bring you comfort is a lie". Go! Listen to the truth this week.

### SACRAMENTS OF HEALING: ENTERING INTO COMMUNION WITH GOD AND THE CHURCH:

**Wednesdays, 18 – 25 September 2024 at 7.30pm to 8.30pm**, Kwinana Parish, 114 Parmelia Avenue, Parmelia. Cost: \$20.00. Presenter, Dr Carmel Suart and Fr Nino Vinciguerra. Further information or to register, email [cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au), or call 08 9278 0261.

**BENEDICTINE - MEN'S RETREAT - THE CHALLENGES OF BEING A CATHOLIC MALE IN THE 21ST CENTURY:** This one-day retreat on **Saturday 21 September 2024** will be an opportunity to explore, share and develop approaches to deal with the

many challenges, pressures, trials, and temptations of being a faithful Catholic man in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Together, we will discover how our faith offers us a rich font of wisdom, strength and clarity to draw upon. Various Presenters. Please visit New Norcia's webshop to book: <https://shop.newnorcia.com.au>.

**SCHOOL CARPARK:** The school carpark is out of bounds from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September until Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 due to the relining-marking of the carpark bays. Thank you. Fr Michael.

**SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION for all CHURCH WORKERS:** The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened the scope of safeguarding of children to include adults at risk. This induction provides an overview of the: • Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Policies and Procedures. • Understanding Abuse, Grooming and Prevention. • Reporting of concerns. • Role of the Safeguarding Officer. • Collective Responsibility and Care... ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are to attend a 1-hour safeguarding induction. A church worker is **anyone** in the Archdiocese in **any role** – paid or voluntary. Please register for the upcoming session if you haven't attended the induction in the last 3 years. The upcoming session is as follow: **Date:** Saturday, 19 October 2024. **Time:** 10-11 am. **Venue:** Our Lady of Fatima, 10 Foss Street, Palmyra. **Registration:** <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#online-training>.



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 21 to Friday 27**

**September 2024**

**Saturday 21 September**

**9am Mass:** Stephanie Moses (Anniversary)

**6pm Mass:** Michelle O'Brien (RIP)

**Sunday 22 September**

**7.30am Mass:** Almerinda & Emmanuel Messias (RIP)

**9am Mass:** Michele Mario Di Iulio (Anniversary), Mary Theresa Edwards (Anniversary)

**Tuesday 24 September**

**9am Mass:** Jose Denden (Anniversary)

**Wednesday 25 September**

**9am Mass:** Intention of Donor

**Thursday 26 September**

**9am Mass:** Cipriana Monding (Anniversary)

**Friday 27 September**

**9am Mass:** Lidia Rebelo & Guida Silva (Anniversary)

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS:** Christine Rhow, Veronica-Marie, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Martin-Joseph, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Damien-Ivan, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Zoe-Anne, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Kiara-Eve, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Liam Keating SMA, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Fr Greg Carroll, Fr Wilson Donizzetti, Bill Watkins, Daniel DiMarco, Joshua Oorschot, Fr John Piumatti, Fr Don Kettle, Mila Hogan, Mara Ravlich, Fr Vittorio Ricciardi, Lloyd Smith.

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** Please be aware that Votive Candles are 30 Cents each. Thank you.

**HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Monday night's 7-9pm except for Monday 23 September 2024 as it is a long weekend.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Meet every Monday, except for public holidays, between 7 and 8 pm in the first meeting room to the left of the Church. New members are always welcome. Please contact Ian (President) on 0428 121 152 for further information.

**2025 COLUMBAN CATHOLIC ART CALENDARS:** Are on sale for \$10 each from the Parish Office. The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar.

**LOST PROPERTY:** Dear Parishioners, please do not leave personal affects unattended during Mass and ensure that you collect all your items before leaving the church building.



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

cf. 2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus  
Christ.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity . . . All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word

**'...LAST OF ALL AND SERVANT OF ALL'**

Our first reading from Wisdom alerts us to 'the righteous man' who is God's child. The words here will echo in the Gospel with the second of the predictions of Jesus' death. The passage from James also has synergy with the ambitions of the followers of Jesus addressed in the Gospel.

Beginning with the second prediction of Jesus' death – 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed he will rise again' – we find Jesus teaching his disciples as he moves through Galilee. We hear that they did not understand but were afraid to ask. Arriving in Capernaum, inside the house, we see Jesus ask them what they were arguing about. The silence was of embarrassment because their discussion was of who was the greatest. The focus is now even smaller as Jesus now sits down with the Twelve, his closest companions, in the house. It is to these that he says, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Servant is here *diakonos*, servant or deacon. His message to his leadership team is clear as to how they need to model and live their responsibility and call. His further exemplar of placing a child among them, broadens their understanding of welcoming Jesus among them, challenging their orientation to Jesus and to God, 'the one who sent me.' Let us pause to reflect on our orientation to Jesus and to God. Where do we stand?

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**