



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / C

22 DECEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

Mic 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah.

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon
them
till the time when she who is to give birth
gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come
back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure, for from then on he
will extend his power to the ends of the
land.

He himself will be peace.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. R. v. 4

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

Heb 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the
world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or
sacrifices for sin;
then I said,
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the
book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your
will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want
what the Law lays down as the things to be
offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the
holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you



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REFLECTION: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Basil Hume Cardinal Archbishop.

There was a wonderful Cardinal Archbishop in London some years ago. His name was Basil Hume. Every couple of weeks Basil had a policy where he would visit an elderly woman who was bedridden. She was being cared for by her unmarried daughter. There was a set procedure to the visit. What happened was Basil was met at the door by the daughter, she took him into the room where her mother was. Basil would stay there for however long talking and praying with the woman and then he would come out and they would have a cup of tea together and then he would go. In the room where they had their cup of tea there was a picture of Jesus. Now trust me when I tell you that this picture did Jesus no favours at all and indeed it offended Basil's Artistic sensibilities. To add insult to injury there were words attached to this picture "He is watching you". That made Basil absolutely cringe. It reminded him of all the times that as a child when his mother said those same words to him. "He is watching you". Anyway, one day the woman came in with the cup of tea and she caught Basil looking at this picture and all the

thoughts I have just described to you were going through Basil's head. The woman said to him "Oh Father, don't you love that picture?" Fortunately, before Basil could open his mouth the woman continued "I love it!" I particularly like words underneath "He is watching you" because I think to myself, that's right He loves me so much and he can't take his eyes off of me." Needless to say, the message went home to Basil big time! God is watching us not to make sure that we trip things. Not to make sure where we are going wrong. Gods' eyes are totally focused on us because he loves us. In this coming week may you too understand in the very fibre of your being that our dear and loving God is eternally looking at you with the eyes of unrelenting love.

COVID: Parishioners, please be aware that Covid Virus has struck our worshipping community. Please exercise the given precautions if you are unwell, please remain at home until you recover. We are all called to be caring of each other. Thank you. Fr Michael.

2024 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
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Christmas Eve

Tuesday 24 December

5.45pm Carols

6pm Vigil Children's Mass

9pm Night Mass

No Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday 25 December

7.30am Mass

9am Mass



New Years Day

Wednesday 1 January 2025

9am Mass

(No longer a Holy Day of Obligation)



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Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday
7.30am & 9am.

MASS TIMES WEEKDAYS:

Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 9am,
Thursday 9am, Friday 9am &
Saturday 9am.

RECONCILIATION - Saturday's:

9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or
by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm &
Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Drop down
dew from above, you heavens, and
let the clouds rain down the Just
One; let the earth be opened and
bring forth a Saviour.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold,
a Virgin shall conceive and bear a
son; and his name will be called
Emmanuel.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK

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MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 21 December to
Saturday 28 December 2024**

Saturday 21 December

9am Mass: Adrian Gavranich (Ann)

6pm Mass: Frances Minervini
(Ann)

Sunday 22 December

7.30am Mass: Mass for The
People

9am Mass: Maria Tomasia
Fernandes (RIP & Birthday)

**Tuesday 24 December – Christmas
Eve**

9am NO Mass

6pm Mass: Mass for The People

9pm Mass: Mass for The People

**Wednesday 25 December –
Christmas Day**

7.30am Mass: Mass for The
People

9am Mass: Mass for The People

Thursday 26 December

9am Mass: Stjepan Skatulja (RIP),
Milojka Gavranich (Ann)

Friday 27 December

9am Mass: Martina Nadela (Ann)

Saturday 28 December

9am NO Mass

10am Funeral: Fremantle West
Chapel

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC

PRAYER GROUP: HTPG Prayer
group is in recess until Monday 3
February 2025.

HOLY HOUR:

There will be NO Holy
Hour on Wednesday 25 December
5.30 – 6.30pm.

RECONCILIATION: Time in preparation for Christmas.

Saturday 21-12-24 from 9.30am to
10.30am. Tuesday 24-12-24 from
10.30am to 11.30am.



took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 1:39-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

FRUITFULNESS AND BLESSEDNESS

With Christmas only days away, this final Advent Sunday Gospel turns its attention to the pregnant Mary, soon to give birth. She goes to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, also pregnant. While the Gospel's Greco-Roman audience is familiar with family structures and lines of patriarchal authority, our Gospel centres on these two women within the patriarchal setting of the house of Elizabeth's husband, Zechariah.

There is something subtly subversive here. Important is the relationship between these two women and the fruitful imagery that permeates the story. The pregnancies of the two mothers anticipate the births of the two central figures in the Gospel's opening chapters. We have already seen one of them, John the Baptist, in the Gospels of the previous Sundays. It is the other, Jesus, whose birth we are soon to celebrate in a few days' time.

Elizabeth attests to the blessedness of Mary and the child to whom she will give birth. It is an affirmation which even Elizabeth's child witnesses to while still in the womb. Elizabeth and the child she carries anticipate the holiness of the one whom Mary will, at the angel's earlier invitation, name 'Jesus'. For the mother to name the child, as Elizabeth will do later in naming 'John' before the speechless Zechariah, is culturally unusual. But there is nothing unusual about these births. We are caught up in this story, about fruitfulness and blessedness. Perhaps these are God's much-needed words to us as we seek to be with these two female figures preparing for the birth amongst us of the one from God.

Fr Michael Trainor