



CATHOLIC CHURCH ARMADALE PARISH

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26TH/27TH DECEMBER 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH—YEAR B

CHURCHES

- **ST FRANCIS XAVIER:** 279 Forrest Rd, Hilbert
- **ST KEVIN:** Richardson St, Serpentine

PARISH TEAM

Fr Mark Baumgarten - Parish Priest
Fr Matteo Verdi - Assistant Priest
Deacon Patrick Moore (Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre - 0414 703 408)
Mrs Karen Daubney - Parish Secretary (Mon & Tue)
Mrs Julie Bogoni - Parish Secretary (Wed to Fri)
Mr Gabriel Tang - Parish Finance Officer
Ms Helen Lesniak - Chi Rho Coordinator

WEEKEND MASSES

- **ST FRANCIS XAVIER - Hilbert**
Saturday: 6.30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am, 6.00pm
- **ST KEVIN - Serpentine**
Sunday: 9.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

- **ST FRANCIS XAVIER - Hilbert**
Monday & Thursday 8.00am
Tuesday 7.00pm
Wednesday & Friday 9.00am
Saturday 8.00am

ADORATION Saturday 8.30am to 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

- **ST FRANCIS XAVIER - Hilbert**
Saturday 8.30am—9.00am & 5.30pm—6.15pm
Sunday 5.15pm—5.45pm
- **ST KEVIN— Serpentine**

First Sunday of the Month after 9am Mass

BAPTISMS Available every Sunday at 11.00am.
Baptism Preparation Meeting 1st Thursday of the month at 6pm. Please contact the parish office to make a booking.

MARRIAGES By appointment please contact the office. Six months notice required.

SCHOENSTATT SHRINE

9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon
Phone: 9399 2349 www.schoenstattwa.org.au

Opening Hours: 7.00am - 8.00pm

Mondays: 6.45pm Rosary Cenacle & Divine Mercy
7.30pm - 8.30pm Silent adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays: 10.00am Holy Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.15pm

XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

271 Forrest Rd, Hilbert WA 6112
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SALVADO CATHOLIC COLLEGE

115 Abernethy Rd, Byford, WA 6122
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ST JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE

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READINGS

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-6, 21: 1-3

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look' up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put this faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

Antiphon to the Psalm:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promise had been made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.



GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord - observing what stands written in the law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord- and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected - and a sword will pierce your own soul too - so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, 28 December - Public Holiday

The Holy Innocents

09.00am - Mass

Tuesday, 29 December

07.00pm - Mass

Wednesday, 30 December

08.30am - Rosary

09.00am - Mass

06.00pm - Legion of Mary

Thursday, 31 December

08.00am - Mass

11.00pm - Adoration & Benediction at the Shrine

12.00pm - Mass at the Shoenstatt Shrine

Friday, 01 January - Public Holiday

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

09.00am - Mass at SFX Church

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for all those in our Parish 'Book of the Sick'. You are welcome to add names to this book in the church foyer and cross out names when prayers are no longer needed.

DEATH & ANNIVERSARY

*Prayers this week will be offered for... **Roy Jones, Bill Rosser, Eugene Brojanowski, Jean Hope, Paul Mridha** and all our dearly departed, those recently deceased and those who have their anniversaries around this time. May all our dearly departed rest in the Lord's peace.*

Year of St Joseph

Prayer to St Joseph from Pope Francis:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;

in you Mary placed her trust;

with you Christ became man.

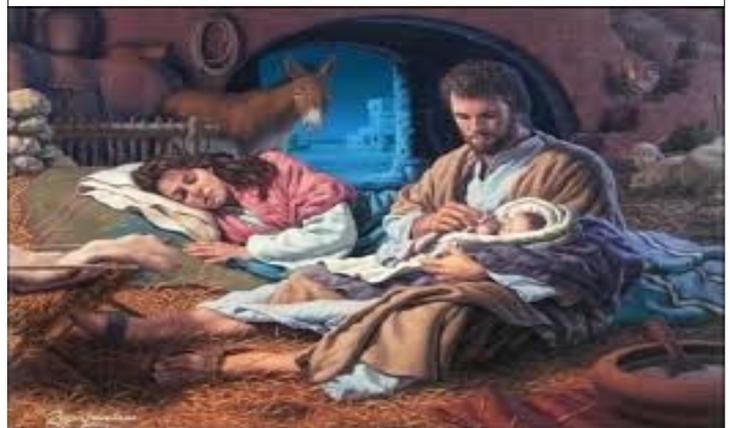
Blessed Joseph, to us too,

show yourself a father

and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,

and defend us from every evil. Amen.



PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM: We welcome in to God's family through the waters of Baptism this weekend:

- ♦ **Billie Louise Taylor, Jesse James Taylor and Quinn Violet Taylor**, Children of Damien and Stevie Taylor
- ♦ **Michael Joseph Capelo**, son of Neil and Sara Capelo
- ♦ **Leuvenna Rose Gasque**, daughter of Ramil and Ruth Gasque

PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Due to the Boxing Day public holiday, Mass will be celebrated at **9am** this **Monday 28 December**.

THANK YOU! For all your prayers, wishes, cards and gifts during this Christmas season. May God reward your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Fr Mark & Fr Matteo

WE WISH TO THANK ALL THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS AND MINISTERS OF OUR PARISH:

A very big thank you to all who helped during our Christmas Masses. Every year we are gifted with support of all kinds, from helping out in the carpark, to reading, singing, altar serving and many other behind the scenes tasks (such as altar preparation, setting out or packing away chairs, etc). *A warm and heartfelt thanks to you all!* The choirs sounded lovely and the children performed and read beautifully in the Nativity Play. It was a lovely Christmas and we thank Fr Mark, Fr Matteo and Deacon Patrick for their ongoing work in our busy and growing Parish. Have a very Happy and blessed New Year!

CONGRATULATIONS! To **Angie Tang** (Thursday secretary) who has secured a full time job as a Veterinary Nurse commencing on 29 December. We thank her for her service to the parish over the last two years and wish her all the best for the future. *Julie will be in the office on Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays commencing January 6.*

PARISH CHRISTMAS POST BOX: Please remember to check the Christmas Post in the foyer for any mail from your parish friends!

"FORMED" - The Catholic Faith on Demand: There are still some places available, includes children's programming, lives of saints, documentaries and bible studies, sign up today! **Please contact the parish office to register.**

COVID-19 UPDATE: As directed, we are required by the government to maintain a sign in of our visitors and patrons **at all Masses and events**. In order to streamline this process, you may log in your visits by **scanning the QR codes in the foyer** via the **SafeWA app**, which you can download on your smart phone from website: www.wa.gov.au/safewa

If you do not have a smartphone, You must leave your contact details on the sheets in the foyer.

Please continue to use the hand sanitizer and maintain safe distancing. Family groups may sit together.

All invited!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

NEW YEAR'S EVE MIDNIGHT MASS
Thursday, 31st December

SCHOENSTATT SHRINE
9 Talus Drive Mt Richon

Bring your thanksgiving for the past year and welcome the graces of the coming year!

Commencing at 11pm
with Eucharistic Adoration
and Benediction followed by
Midnight Mass.



All are invited for refreshments afterwards

OUTDOOR EVENT

so please bring your own chairs.

NEW YEARS DAY: Mass will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Church at the usual time of **9am** on **Friday 1 January 2021**.

We wish all parishioners a happy New Year and many blessings throughout 2021.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS: Please note that the parish office is **closed from Christmas Day 25 December until 3 January**. *The office phones will be checked daily.* Throughout January the office will be open from **9am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday**.

ARCHBISHOP COSTELLOE'S 2020 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: is available for viewing at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAJ02rTFzgA>

LEGION OF MARY: The Frank Duff Prayer group meets every first Tuesday of the month restarting on the *5 January* in the Parish meeting room at *2pm*. All are welcome! **Weekly meetings** recommence **Wednesday 6 January at 6pm** in the meeting room. *Please join us for Rosary every Wednesday and Friday before 9am Mass.*

THE RECORD MAGAZINE: The December edition highlights 'Good Works of the Church in Perth'. Featuring many of our Archdiocesan agencies such as IdentityWA, Catholic Outreach, Emmanuel Centre, Prison Ministry and Stella Maris. *Look for our own Deacon Patrick on the cover!*



FAMILY PRAYER

God made us a family
We need one another
We love one another
We work together
We worship together
Together we use God's word
Together we grow in Christ
Together we love all people
Together we serve God
Together we hope for Heaven
These are our hopes and ideals
Help us to attain them, O God
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

